

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 9	7:00 pm.	Julia, Rene & Brendan Pearl; Kevin Stone; Elizabeth Murphy
Wed., March 10	9:30 pm	James & Gertrude Quinlan; Fred Watson, Doherty & McCarthy Families; Dawn Cahill, Bart & Beryl Bartlett
Thursday, March 11	7:00 pm.	Monica Bugden; Mary Lahey; Gordon Stoyles Sr. & Bernard & Laura Murphy
Friday, March 12	9:00 am.	Helen, Ronald & James Dwyer; Billy Doyle; Glenn Newell
Saturday, March 13	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, March 13	5:00 pm	Vincent & Marion Sweeney; Edward Francis Hammond; Special Intention; Michael & Margaret McLean; Ed Ronayne; Riv Fitzgerald; Bart Ford
Sunday, March 14	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Flowers for Easter: This is the time of year when we place our order for the supply of flowers for the Easter season. If you wish to donate to the purchase of these flowers in loving memory of your loved ones, please submit your donation to the office or in an envelope in the Church collection with the names of those you wish to pray for at the Easter liturgies. Thank you for your continued support.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 20TH, 2010

Offertory (104 Envelopes)	\$1210.50
Dues (1 Envelope)	\$5.00
Ash Wednesday (73 Envelopes)	\$705.00
Initial (1 Envelope)	\$5.00
In memory of Rivlyn Fitzgerald	\$25.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 28TH, 2010

Offertory (115 Envelopes)	\$1380.50
Dues (43 Envelopes)	\$543.00
Ash Wednesday (4 Envelopes)	\$23.00
Initial (1 Envelope)	\$5.00
Insurance (1 Envelope)	\$10.00
Lenten (2 Folders)	\$40.00
In memory of Rivlyn Fitzgerald	\$25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, MAR. 13 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, MAR. 14 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	John Kent Harriett Taylor	Sid Rees Sister Phyllis
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Pat Craig Helen Pitts	Rosanne Grant Bev Rees
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Shirley Murphy Carol Clarke	William Newell Family
USHERS:	Leo Byrne Brian Tulk Chris Murphy Fred Carroll	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Teresita McCarthy

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES: To all the family and friends of James Lewis. Our prayers are with you.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 7: “I AM has sent me to you”. Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact: Fr. Steve Courtney 726-3660, or stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND: Will be held from March 20th – 22nd. We invite everyone to join in the fun and spirit of these events! Saturday we will have our Stew Supper at \$5.00, either eat-in or take-out. Sunday our concert promises a fun filled, entertaining evening! Monday we will finish our celebration with a card game at \$5.00. Come and make this a time to meet and enjoy an Irish weekend!

THE ARCHBISHOPS DINNER & AUCTION: Held Friday, April 30th at R. Gushue Hall, MUN. Tickets are \$150.00 each with a \$100.00 tax receipt issued. We are seeking donations for the live and silent auction. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact your parish office or Anne Marie or Linda at the Archdiocese office 726-3660.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Exemplification into the Patriotic 4th Degree on Saturday, Mar. 20th at St. Paul's School on Newfoundland Drive. All Brothers holding the 3rd Degree are asked to consider applying for entry into the 4th Degree – please seek further information from nearest 4th Degree Assembly. Feel free to contact Faithful Navigator James Murray 722-0444, Faithful Captain Don Byrne 753-3726, Faithful Comptroller Greg Richard 335-2515 for more info.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM: It is important that all parents have copies of the themes for lent (themes 13-17) and keep working on the beautiful scrapbook journals. We are delighted that so many are attending the Children's Liturgy each Sunday. We look forward to seeing you at the **next meeting of parents and children on March 21, 2010**. During lent we will be having special focus sessions for Years 2 and 3 for children only, and parents will be contacted with the dates and times of these meetings.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

March 14th, 10am – 4:30pm. Location: TBA by March 9th. “The Celebration of Confirmation” Session. What is the Sacrament of Confirmation? Why do we celebrate Confirmation before Eucharist? This gathering will hopefully give answers to some of those questions while helping prepare young children for the Sacrament. There is also an opportunity for young children to meet the Archbishop.

Youth: March 12th, 7pm – 8:30pm, and March 13th, 10am – 2pm. “Confirmation Retreat” Session. An opportunity for youth to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation through discussions and activities that will focus on Confirmation, The Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost etc., as well as witness talks from other youth and a discussion with the Archbishop.

MUN Chaplaincy: Weekly Mass held Sunday Evenings at 6:00 pm. Mass is celebrated at St. John's College Chapel (School of Social Work building). Spread the word to the students in your life who may not be aware of this. All are Welcome!

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES: Memorial University Chaplaincy is hosting the Festival Sale on Wednesday, March 10th, 10am – 7pm and Thursday, March 11th, 10am - 7pm at the University Centre, 3rd Floor. Admission is free. Gifts purchased will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information please contact the office at 726-3660 and speak to Noreen, Anne or MaryLou.

NEWFOUNDLAND CATHOLIC RENEWAL: Is sponsoring a weekend retreat entitled, “Return to the Father” at St. Catherine's Renewal Centre, Grand-Falls Windsor on April 16th -18th. The facilitator is Gerard MacDonald of P.E.I. For more information and to register call 747-9730.

BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR: For people who have lost a loved one. This two-hour seminar describes the grieving process and presents some information on things individuals and families can do to help themselves and others during the time of grief. Monday, March 22, 7pm – 9pm at the Health Science Centre in room 2J-618-19. No registration is necessary. For more information call 777-6959.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7TH, 2010

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

Moses, you will tell the children of Israel:

I AM has sent me to you.

In the revelation of his name, “I am who am”, God makes known his eternal and life-giving presence to his people. In the revelation of his nature, as a God of compassion and liberation, God makes known his tenderness and care for us. In entrusting his name to us, God assures his people that when they call upon him, he is present in compassion and power.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Our ancestor's experience in the desert under Moses is recorded to instruct us.

The followers of Moses were baptized in the Exodus, and shared spiritual food and drink; yet despite these gifts, many did not remain faithful to the Lord. The Christian community has been baptized into Christ and share in the spiritual food and drink of Eucharist; yet, these practices are no guarantee of our perseverance in fellowship with Christ. As believers, we need to allow our lives to reflect the gifts we celebrate.

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 1-9

Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did.

Disasters do not invade our lives as divine retribution for sin, yet remind us of life's frailty and of our need to remain in right relationship with God. The Lord's patience with us, the gift of time, provides opportunities for us to bear good fruit.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Special Intention