

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., April 18	9:30 a.m.	Michael & Margaret McLean Edward Wiseman Richard & Veronica Dwyer
Tue., April 19	7:30 p.m.	Mass of Chrism at Basilica
Wed., April 20	7:00 p.m.	Arthur & Gwen Grant; Lawrence Ryan; Ralph Sheppard
Thurs., April 21 Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Monica Bugden; Marie Cole; Annie, John & Sandra Byrne
Fri., April 22 Good Friday	3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Fri., April 22 Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat., April 23 Easter Vigil	8:30 p.m.	Richard & Jackie Dalton & Thomas Stoyles & Family; John & Mary Littlejohn; Norman & Mary Luffman; Jack Matthews; Pat & Mary Murphy; Kevin Stone; Ellen Lahey
Sun., April 24 Easter Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

PARISH COMMITTEES MEETING DATES:

Liturgy Committee	Tue., May 3, 2011	7:30 p.m.
Finance Committee	Wed., May 11, 2011	7:30 p.m.
Parish Council	Thurs. May 12, 2011	7:30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL K OF C ROSARY AND LIGHT PROCESSION will take place on **Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Basilica**. **All are welcome!** A reception will follow at St. Bon's.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM UPDATE: Our last meeting was a very successful one. We thank Father Beresford for his reflection on the relationship between Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance and the enlightened tour of St. Michael's Church. We wish to remind parents that in order for their children to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Confirmation and Penance, they must have attended most of the regular meetings and it is vital that the work on the themes be completed and submitted no later than Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day). **Please note the revised dates for First Penance Practice and Celebration on the last page of the bulletin.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, APRIL 23 8:30 P.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 24 10:00 A.M.
READERS:	R1: Karen Seward R3: Jody Whelan R5: John Kent R7: Christine Quinlan Epistle: Harriett Taylor	Ros Fitzgerald Sharon Hammond
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Pat Murphy Carol Clarke Loretta Byrne Brenda Sweeney	Geraldine Fitzgerald Patricia King Sister Phyllis Corbett Rosanne Grant
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Lisa Fitzgerald Linda Fitzgerald-Kent	Diana Durdle Family
USHERS:	Brian Tulk Leo Byrne Chris Murphy Fred Carroll	Bill Ford Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Crystal Clarke

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: If you wish to donate to the purchase of flowers in memory of your loved ones, please submit your donation to the Parish Office or put it in an envelope and place it 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 - APRIL 10, 2011

Offertory (93 Envelopes)	\$1296.88
Dues (1 Envelope)	5.00
Lenten Folders (1)	70.00
In Memory of Ellen Lahey	50.00
Development & Peace (16 Envelopes)	154.00
Roof Fund (3 Envelopes)	1015.00
Flower Donations	170.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

VISION TV: The National Catholic Mission 2011, "The Heart of the Matter," will be broadcast on VISION TV on Monday, April 18 (Part 1) and Tuesday, April 19 (Part 2) at 8:30 p.m. and repeated at 11:30 p.m. It will feature Fr. Jack Lynch, SFM; Fr. Donald Senior, C.P.; and Sister Melannic Svoboda, SND. Fr. Senior will talk about the challenge of reconciliation in our families, our Church, and in our world.

MASS OF CHRISM: The Annual Mass of Chrism will be held at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist on **Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 7:30 pm - 9:00 p.m.** At this celebration, the Archbishop will bless the Holy Oils to be used throughout the Archdiocese during the year. During this Mass the Priests of the Archdiocese will renew the promises and commitments they made at Ordination. A Reception will follow at St. Bon's, School.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: **Sunday, May 8th And Sunday, May 15th, 2011.** Please give generously in support of the Pastoral Services, which benefit every parish community.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: After the celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday night, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Small Chapel of the Church. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time in quiet reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We will have night prayer at 11:30 p.m.

RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION will hold its annual Good Friday Vigil on April 22nd at 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the **west parking lot of the Health Science Centre**. This vigil is a peaceful and prayerful gathering to witness to our belief in the sacredness and value of all human life from conception to natural death. All are welcome. For information call 579-1500.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Choir Practices for Holy Week (All parishioners are welcome)	
Sunday, May 1, 2011	2:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 5, 2011	7:30 p.m.
Lenten Penitential Service	
Sunday, April 17, 2011	7:00 p.m.
First Penance Practice & Celebration	
Practice for First Penance	May 12, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
First Penance Celebration	May 19, 2011, 7:30 p.m.



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 17, 2011

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 50.4-7*

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The faithful servant has been given a gift—a “well-trained tongue,” which has the power to “rouse” the weary. He has endured pain and humiliation, but in spite of everything, he remains faithful to God. In a most memorable image, the servant says, “I have set my face like flint.” These words are a prayer for patient endurance. Jesus will respond to his accusers not with bitterness or anger, but with simple words, and with silence.

SECOND READING: *Philippians 2.6-11*

Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.

Jesus, equal with God, emptied himself, and came among us. He became obedient to death, and “because of this” God raised him up. “He emptied himself”: what better image is there for what happens to Jesus in the Passion narrative, as he gives up freedom, friends, and finally life itself?

GOSPEL: *Matthew 26.14-27.66*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In recounting the story of Jesus’ passion, Matthew emphasizes Jesus’ willing acceptance of his Father’s plan for him. He reveals the link of that plan to the fulfillment of Scripture. He also underlines the definitive break of the Christian Church from Israel.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Ellen Lahey