

MASS INTENTIONS

May 2 – 6, 2011		NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK
Sat., May 7	4:00. p.m.	PROM Ecumenical Service
Sat., May 7	7:00 p.m.	Rita Yetman; Jim & Judy Whelan; Jack & Rhoda Kent; Albert & Frances Haley; Metcalf, Roberts & Farhat Families; Jude Pearson; Peter Nolan, Sr., Peter Nolan, Jr. & Carl Nolan
Sun., May 8	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

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. **ALL KNIGHTS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.**

MERCY ASSOCIATES MEETINGS: The **New Group** of Mercy Associates will meet at the Sister's residence on **Thursday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m.** The **Original Group** will meet on **Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p.m.**

PARISH COMMITTEES MEETING DATES:

Liturgy Committee	Tue., May 10, 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICES: will be at the **Basilica** and **St. Francis of Assisi** at **3:00 p.m.** on **May 1st**. **John Paul II is to be beatified in Rome on May 1st**. **All are welcome.**

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM: 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.**

Practice for First Penance	May 12, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
First Penance Celebration	May 19, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, MAY 7 7:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, MAY 8 10:00 A.M.
READERS:	Amanda Curnew John Kent	Ros Hurley Diana Durdle
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Karen Seward Jody Whelan Tom Spracklin Bonnie Spracklin	Keith Kent Christine Quinlan John Kent Rosanne Grant
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Lydia Brazil Family	Bill Newell Family
USHERS:	George Jackman Keith Pitts Pat Murphy George Hickey	Bill Ford Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Teresita McCarthy

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - APRIL 24, 2011

Offertory (83 Envelopes)	\$736.00
Lenten Folders (13)	271.00
Children's Lenten Folders	18.00
Stations of the Cross (44 Envelopes)	422.00
Easter (112 Envelopes)	3122.25
Dues (32 Envelopes)	892.00
Roof Donation	290.00
Holy Thursday (78 Envelopes)	420.00
Good Friday (74 Envelopes)	730.00
Additional Flower Donations	95.00
In Memory of: David & Alice Kennedy; Gerald & Mary McCarthy; Charles & Margaret O'Leary; Ed Hurley	
In Memory of Lloyd & John Pitts	50.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: Please support *Our Families, Our Community, Our Church*—by making a gift to the Archbishop's Appeal on **Sunday, May 8th and Sunday, May 15th, 2011**. Your gift, large or small, can make a difference. Many will continue to be affected by the good works provided for them, their lives improved and their faith strengthened. Envelopes supplied by the Archdiocese are available at the entrances to the Church for this collection. Please use the envelopes provided.

CONDOLENCES: It is with regret and sadness that we inform you of the death of Archbishop Currie's mother, Mabel, who passed away suddenly on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. Mrs. Currie was 90 years old and leaves to mourn a large family, extended family and friends. Please remember Archbishop Currie and the Currie family in your prayers. Resting at D.S. Crowell's Funeral Home, 22558 Main Street, Sheet Harbour, NS B0J 3B0. E-mail: crowells.fh@ns.aliantzinc.ca Tel (902)885-2411.

CALL TO VOCATIONS: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Call Fr. Steve Courtney, Director of Vocations, 279-1625 or vocations@nf.aibn.com

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC: The ceremony will commence at 3 p.m. at the main Cenotaph on Memorial Drive on Sunday, May 1, 2011. Anyone wishing to lay wreaths are asked to please notify the Royal Canadian Legion on Bell Island.

SERVICE IN HONOUR OF STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE: Fr. Guy Derochers, C.Ss.R. from the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre will be at *St. Teresa's Parish* on **Wed. May 18/11, at 7 pm**. There will be a mass, candlelight procession and Veneration of St Anne's Relic. Together let us ask for the most powerful intercession of the grandmother of Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Choir Practices for Mother's Day (All parishioners are welcome)	
Sunday, May 1, 2011	2:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 5, 2011	7:30 p.m.
First Penance Practice & Celebration	
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY)

MAY 1, 2011

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: *Acts 2.42-47*

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

This account of the early Church comes like a brief interlude of peace in the dramatic ups and downs described in the Acts of the Apostles. Learning, living together, and liturgy are the focus of their lives. And out of this way of life flow “awe,” “wonders and signs,” amazing generosity, and a miraculous growth. The Holy Spirit, newly given to the Church, finds in this “devoted” community willing and eager collaborators.

SECOND READING: *1 Peter 1.3-9*

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The community rejoices to have found “new birth” in Jesus Christ. And yet there are shadows—for they have already experienced “various trials,” which will prove their faith as gold is tried in a furnace.

GOSPEL: *John 20.19-31*

After eight days Jesus came and stood among them.

We hear the story of the doubting Thomas and his faith. Even seeing will not be enough for Thomas—he wants to put his finger into the nail marks in Jesus’ hands, and to put his hand into his pierced side. Jesus grants his prayer. The words of the Gospel are written for us, that hearing may lead us to faith, and faith to live through Jesus Christ.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of James & Julia Butler & Daughters Mary, Beth, and Alice