

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>PRIEST'S RETREAT: MAY 29 – JUNE 3 NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK</b>		
<b>Sat., June 4</b>	4:00. p.m.	Confessions
<b>Sat., June 4</b>	5:00 p.m.	Vince, May & Janet Murphy; Fred Watson & Doherty Families; Kathleen Lane Hand; Daniel & Veronica Dwyer; Gordon Power & Deceased Family & Neil Maloney & Deceased Family; Mary Penney; Ronald Stanford
<b>Sun., June 5</b>	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Choir Practice for Confirmation ..... Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Practice for Confirmation ..... Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
- First Eucharist & Confirmation Meeting ..... Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
- First Eucharist & Confirmation Mass ..... Sunday, June 12, 2011, 2 p.m.
- Dinner Theatre ..... July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011
- Cemetery Mass at The Front ..... July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Cemetery Mass at Lance Cove ..... August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Parish Fall Fair ..... November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**HOME RELIGION PROGRAM UPDATE:** The **meeting** originally scheduled for **May 29, 2011, at 2 p.m.** has been **cancelled**. The meeting originally scheduled for June 5, 2011, at 2 p.m. has been rescheduled to **June 8, 2011, at 6 p.m.** This will be an Immediate Preparation for receipt of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. The actual Celebration of Mass for **First Eucharist & Confirmation** candidates will be celebrated on **June 12, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.** This is for children registered in **Years 1 and 2** of the program. Everyone is invited to celebrate this event with the children and their families.

**VISITATION OF SICK AND SHUT-INS:** Father Beresford and Sister Phyllis will be visiting the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish on **Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please prepare for that visit. If you are not going to be home on that day, please notify the Parish Office at 488-2525, as this will give them extra time to spend with others who are in need.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 4 5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 5 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>READERS:</b>	Des McCarthy Teresita McCarthy	Angela Kitchen Valerie Gorma
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Karen Seward Ros Hurley Tom Spracklin Bonnie Spracklin	Sister Phyllis Rosanne Grant Geraldine Fitzgerald Vanita Bartlett
<b>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</b>	Lydia Brazil Family	Bill Newell Family
<b>USHERS:</b>	Leo Byrne Brian Tulk Chris Murphy Fred Carroll	Bill Ford Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b>		Diana Durdle

**MERCY ASSOCIATES MEETING:** The meeting for the **Original Group** of Mercy Associates will take place on **Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.**; and the **New Group** on **Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.** Both groups are asked to bring along their copy of their Reflection Guide on Global Citizen, Peruvian Ministry, and Global Mercy in preparation for the **General Assembly** to be held on **Friday, August 26, 2011, in St. John's**. On that same evening, all Mercy Associates are invited to the special celebration for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Mercy Ministry in Peru.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION - MAY 22, 2011**

<b>Offertory (98 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>\$1434.26</b>
<b>Dues (3 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>16.00</b>
<b>Roof Fund (2 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Papal Charities (1 Envelope)</b> .....	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Archbishop's Appeal (3 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>65.00</b>
<b>In Memory of Jesse White</b> .....	<b>10.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** “Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Steve Courtney Director of Vocations, 279-1625 or email [vocations@nf.aibn.com](mailto:vocations@nf.aibn.com).

**EVENING PRAYER/HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:** On June 14 at 7pm at the Basilica there will be evening prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are welcome to attend this evening praying for vocations and for Deacon Cecil Critch who will be ordained the next day.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** The Archdiocese of St. John's joyfully invites you to attend the Ordination of Rev. Deacon Cecil R. Critch to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ by The Most Reverend Martin W. Currie, Archbishop of St. John's, on **Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the Baptist, St. John's, NL.** *All diocesan music ministers are invited to participate in the Ordination.* We will have one **practice on Wednesday, June 8**, in the Choir Room at the Basilica, and a **warm-up at 6:30 on Wednesday, June 15.** Both times, you may come in the back door, through the Parish Room, and then past the Marian Chapel and upstairs to the Choir Room..

**ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL:** To those of you who have already made a gift to the Archbishop's Appeal – thank you. To those who haven't, please give prayerful consideration as to how you will show your love for God and neighbor through a gift to the Appeal in support of our Pastoral Care Services.

**COUNSELLING SERVICES:** The **Archdiocesan Family Life Bureau** offers individual, couple, family and group counselling available upon request. For more information call: Sister Loretta Walsh, Director, or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168 or email: [flb@nf.aibn.com](mailto:flb@nf.aibn.com) or visit our **NEW** website: [sjrc.org](http://sjrc.org).

**MORGAN BROTHERS CONCERT:** The Morgan Brothers will be holding a concert at St. Michael's Church on **Sunday, June 26, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.** in aid of the Roof Fund. **Admission is \$10.** Tickets available from Lorraine Cahill at 488-2048 and Ruth Bennett at 488-3873. (Tea and coffee to follow the concert.) Come along and enjoy the fabulous entertainment! Read the posters at the entrances to the Church for more information.

**MINISTRY LIST UPDATE:** The ministry list for July – October, 2011, will be prepared within the next week. If you would like to add your name to one of the ministries or will be away during this time, please inform Rosanne at 488-2190.



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### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 29, 2011

#### REFLECTION:

**FIRST READING:** *Acts 8.5-8, 14-17*

*Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

In today's reading, the faith breaks down the age-old barrier between Jews and Samaritans (think of the reaction of Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well). Philip brings them the Gospel, and amazing things happen. Great numbers are baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. It all begins with Philip's preaching. Listening to God's word can lead to wonders.

**SECOND READING:** *1 Peter 3.15-18*

*Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.*

Peter is full of good advice to Christians living in a hostile world. “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,” he tells them, “but do it with gentleness and reverence.” The faith is not something to be forced on others.. Instead, we treat those who do not share our hope with reverence. In other words, we are to be like Christ, who suffered for doing what was good.

**GOSPEL:** *John 14.15-21*

*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.*

The disciples do not understand how they can follow Jesus, how they can go where he is going. Jesus responds with the promise of the Advocate who will come to lead them more deeply into the mysterious relationship of Father and Son. Through the Holy Spirit, they will see Jesus again, for he promises to reveal himself to them. The binding force of this relationship is love—and the sign of love is action, the keeping of the commandments.