

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., March 29	7:00 p.m.	Ron Murphy, Bill Powell, Marjorie Bishop; Margaret, Albert, & Nicky Ash; Charles Bown, Sr. & Jr.
Wed., March 30	9:30 a.m.	Maria Dwyer; Bart Ford; Arthur French
Thurs., March 31	7:00 p.m.	Fronie & Richard Kent; Margaret Brown; Ronald, Ricky & Marie Brown
Fri., April 1	9:00 a.m.	Gregory & Elizabeth Gorman; Fintan Hammond; Helen & John Hann
Fri., April 1	Following 9 a.m. Mass	Public Way of the Cross
Sat., April 2	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
Sat., April 2	5:00 p.m.	Theresa Lahey, Theresa Fitzgerald, Lynn Purcell; Rita Yetman; John Kennedy; Jim Lewis; Bridget Lewis; Elizabeth Murphy; Jane Shea
Sun., April 3	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

MQP HOUSEKEEPER POSITION: Mary Queen of Peace Parish in St. John's requires a housekeeper to perform evening meal preparation and light housekeeping. This is a part-time position (20 hours weekly) Mon. to Fri. Call Susan Perry at MQP 726-9924 for details.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM: Next meeting date will be Sunday, **March 27, 2011**, at **St. Michael's Parish Hall** at **2:00 p.m.** for **all** children and parents. Please remember to bring your scrapbooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION: We are seeking to fill the position of Administrative Assistant currently available at the Parish Office. This is a part-time position requiring competency in various computer software programs, including DOS, Simply Accounting, Excel, & Word Processing as well as knowledge of accounting and general office procedures and practices. Interested persons should forward their applications to the Parish Office no later than March 31, 2011.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, APRIL 2 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 3 10:00 A.M.
READERS:	Harriett Taylor Karen Seward	Christine Quinlan Sharon Hammond
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Pat Murphy Carol Clarke Loretta Byrne Brenda Sweeney	John Kent Rosanne Grant Connie Cole Joey Somerton
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Lydia Brazil Family	Diane O'Rourke Family
USHERS:	Leo Byrne Brian Tulk Chris Murphy Fred Carroll	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Patricia King

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: "But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Steve Courtney Director of Vocations, 279-1625 or email: vocations@nf.aibn.com

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - MARCH 20, 2011

Offertory (102 Envelopes)	\$1148.00
Dues (2 Envelopes)	\$12.00
Roof Fund (1 Envelope)	\$10.00
Advent Folder - Children's	\$7.00
In Memory of Peter K. Kent	\$20.00
St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser	\$3455.00
Proceeds: (Suppers, Door Prize & Concert - \$1870.00)	
(Booklet: \$1585 - (\$460 collected to date)	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!	

THIRD ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER AND AUCTION: Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at R. Gushue Hall, MUN, St. John's. Tickets are \$150 each with a \$100 tax receipt issued. A limited number of tickets are still available. Contact your Parish Office or call Elizabeth Walsh at the Archdiocese Office, telephone 726-3660. This is always a wonderful evening with many great items to be obtained on both the live and silent auctions. Come and join in the fun! We are seeking donations for the dinner and auctions. All donations are greatly appreciated. A tax receipt will be issued for the value of the donated item, if requested. All funds go directly to support the pastoral work of the Archdiocese.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS: The 2011 concert & stew supper was a great success! We wish to thank all the participants, donors, attendees, and anyone who helped in any way. It would not be possible without the support of the entire Parish, and we are very grateful to you all! It's not every day we can have such a high-spirited get together & put \$3,000 in the bank. Thank You!

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Very Rev. Francis Puddister, V.G. has been diagnosed with cancer and will begin chemotherapy treatment in the very near future. Please keep Father Puddister in your prayers.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: 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 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.

WAY OF THE CROSS: The Church will be open from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day during Lent for those who wish to pray the Way of the Cross privately.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE & YOUTH WORKSHOP - CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE: St. John's - April 12, 2011. Intervention attempts with youth who are struggling with substance abuse are often met with resistance. While some youth choose not to use substances, or their use stays as experimentation, for others, their use quenches a much larger unmet need; and a pattern of use and abuse develops. Participants of this workshop will examine the needs underlying youth's choices to use substances. They will also consider issues that make working with youth different than working with adults and explore short term and longer term intervention strategies. For details, please visit <http://www.ctrinstitute.com>.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2011

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: *Exodus 17.3-7*

Give us water to drink.

Moses and the chosen people are in the desert. This is a moment of decision. The people are weary and their thirst makes them desperate. Moses fears for his life and pleads with God. God responds by working a great wonder for the people. Now, at God's word, Moses' staff splits the rock so that water pours forth for the people to drink.

SECOND READING: *Romans 5.1-2, 5-8*

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps the key concept for this Third Sunday of Lent is the point on which the passage ends: that Christ died not for the righteous but for sinners. God does not wait for us to come to him. Instead, he reaches out to us in our sinfulness.

GOSPEL: *John 4.5-45*

The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well was at a time when there was an age-old enmity between Jews and Samaritans. They hated each other the more, perhaps, because they had so much in common. But their differences drove them apart, and for a devout Jew contact with a Samaritan was enough to incur ritual uncleanness. In reaching out to the Samaritan woman, Jesus breaks down many barriers.

Bulletin in Memory of Peter K. Kent