

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Tues., March 8</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Marion Gear; Shirley Edwards; Neil Maloney &amp; Deceased Family</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday Wed., March 9</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Theresa Fardy; Mary Ann &amp; Bill Young; Jessie Hammond</b>
<b>Thurs., March 10</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dawn Cahill &amp; Bart &amp; Beryl Bartlett; Gordon Stoyles Sr.; Bernard &amp; Laura Murphy</b>
<b>Fri., March 11</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Raymond Pomeroy; Helen Dwyer; Vincent &amp; Marion Sweeney</b>
<b>Sat., March 12</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sat., March 12</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Family and Friends of Victoria Carbage</b>
<b>Sun., March 13</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** - **First Sunday of Advent through the Feast of Christ the King:** “Only the one who does the will of My Father” will enter the kingdom of heaven. Is your path to heaven that of proclaiming God’s Kingdom as a priest of in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Steve Courtney Director of Vocations, 279-1625 or email: [stjohnsvocations@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsvocations@gmail.com).

**COUNTDOWN FOR LENT:** The season of lent begins on **March 9<sup>th</sup> with the liturgy of Ash Wednesday.**

**Fridays** are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one’s obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.** Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Dinner Theatre July 23rd, 2011  
Cemetery Mass at The Front – July 24th, 2011  
Cemetery Mass at Lance Cove – August 7th, 2011  
Fall Fair – November 9th, 2011

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 12 5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 13 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>READERS:</b>	<b>The Carbage Family</b>	<b>Patricia King Rosanne Grant</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	<b>Cecilia Kent Marion Scanlon Christine Quinlan Pat Craig</b>	<b>John Kent Geraldine Fitzgerald Connie Cole Joey Somerton</b>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</b>	<b>The Carbage Family</b>	<b>The Ruth Bennett Family</b>
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>Leo Byrne Brian Tulk Chris Murphy Fred Carroll</b>	<b>Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b>		<b>Diana Durdle</b>

**HEALING REFLECTION & PRAYER:**

**A** MEN I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. --Mk 10:15-16

**REFLECTION:** Because of their innocence children feel that God will grant whatever they desire. We must be like children and bring before the Father our heart's desires.

**PRAYER:** *God the Father, increase my faith so that I can come to You like a child knowing that Your immeasurable love for each of us is our heart's desire. Let me feel Your loving embrace today.*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION - FEB. 27, 2011**

<b>Offertory (89 Envelopes) .....</b>	<b>\$1331.95</b>
<b>Dues (32 Envelopes).....</b>	<b>\$442.75</b>
<b>Roof Fund (1 Envelope).....</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Initial (1 Envelope) .....</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>In Memory of Peter Kent .....</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Alex Newell .....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Peter &amp; Karl Kent .....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Elizabeth &amp; James Ryan &amp; Family.....</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!</b>	

**HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!** In honor of her upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Mrs. Victoria Carbage will be having a celebration at St. Michael's Hall on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> following 5:00 p.m. mass. Family – Friends – Everyone is invited to attend. Best wishes only!

**“MARRIAGES FOR MARY” Couples retreat in Medjugorje and St. Joseph's Oratory (April 25-May 5, 2011).** The retreat will begin with a one day visit to St. Joseph's Oratory on April 25th. The retreat will be led by Father Tim Devine, CC along with other speakers/religious. The cost of the retreat is \$4200. per couple. This cost includes airfare, accommodations, meals, English speaking tour guide and transportation to Holy Mass. For further information call Gerard and Rita McCarthy @ 747- 9730 or email us [marriagesformary@hotmail.ca](mailto:marriagesformary@hotmail.ca).

**FAMILY LIFE BUREAU:** For Counseling services or to register for any of the following classes: Anger Management and Spiritual Book Club, please call Sr. Loretta Walsh, Director, or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168 or email: [flb@nf.aibn.com](mailto:flb@nf.aibn.com) –Website: [www.stjohnsarchdiocese.ca/flb](http://www.stjohnsarchdiocese.ca/flb).

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM VOLUNTEERS:** One of the most important ministries in our parish is being present to the families who deal with the death of a loved one. We need more people to be part of our Bereavement Teams. Please volunteer to help with this invaluable service.

**K OF C MEETING:** There is a meeting for all members on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

**ST. GERTRUDE'S EMPORIUM:** Will be having a social on St. Patrick's Day to express sincere gratitude to the customers of St. Gertrude's Emporium for their support. There will be Irish stew, soda bread and door prizes! March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. 10 Forbes Street, Suite 101, St. John's.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION:** On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> we invite everyone to join in the fun and spirit at our Concert & Stew Supper! This year you can enjoy either: take-out from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. - \$5.00, eat-in & concert from 6-7 p.m. - \$10.00, or concert only at 7 p.m. - \$5.00. Please come join the fun and make this a successful Parish event!

**\*\*\*ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFICE:** Please note that the Parish office secretary is no longer available due to commitments. She will miss her time at the Parish office greatly.



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### ***NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**MARCH 6, 2011**

#### ***REFLECTION:***

#### **FIRST READING: *Deuteronomy 11.18: 26-28, 32***

*See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse.*

Moses addresses the chosen people who are finally about to enter the Promised Land, under the leadership of Joshua. Moses urges them to treasure “these words of mine” – the Law of God – and to keep them close always, wearing them like an ornament, a treasure. There is always a choice before them: will they choose the blessing or the curse? That choice is not made just once, but again and again by everyone who hears God’s word.

#### **SECOND READING: *Romans 3: 21-25, 28***

*Man is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the Law.*

Our relationship with God is restored not by “works of the law”, but by the free grace of God – it is not our actions that justify us, but God’s.

#### **GOSPEL: *Matthew 7: 21-27***

*The house built on rock and the house built on sand.*

To hear the word, and to act, is to lay a solid foundation that will withstand the wind and the floods. But without action, the house has no foundation and the storm sweeps it away. If the word does not influence our daily actions, we are lost.

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: This Bulletin is dedicated to Victoria Carbage on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! :  
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