

MASS INTENTIONS

July 12 – 17		No Daily Masses. Father Beresford will be joining his classmates for a reunion in Dublin. 42 priests were ordained from All Hallows on June 21, 1964.
Saturday, July 18	2:00 p.m.	Inurnment of Joseph Fitzpatrick at the graveside at the Front Cemetery.
Saturday, July 18	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
Saturday, July 18	5:00 p.m.	Frank Pendergast Sr. & Jr.; James, Anne & Tom Roberts & Mary & Kareem Farhat; James Quinlan & Deceased Family; Eneas Bickford; Maude & Henry McCarthy; Thomas Gear & Special Intention; John Sr. & Elizabeth Kavanagh
Sunday, July 19	2:30 p.m.	Cemetery Mass No 10:30 a.m. Mass.

HOLY SHOW CONCERT: This highly acclaimed show involving Catholic priests from various parishes in our diocese has been scheduled for **August 25, 2009**, at **St. Michael’s High School Gym** starting at **7 p.m.** This show promises to be unforgettable and its reputation precedes it. You are guaranteed a night of very high caliber entertainment—one you won’t likely forget! Tickets cost **\$20 each**. We already have requests for tickets from off the Island. We anticipate tickets selling out quickly, so get your tickets now. For tickets contact: Ros Hurley at 488-3809 and Ursula Lahey at 488-3015.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

JULY 5, 2009

Offertory (105 Envelopes)	\$1,403.60
Dues (6 Envelopes)	60.00
Cemetery Fund (5 Envelopes)	35.00
Donation in Memory of Susie Gorman	25.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, JULY 18--5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JULY 19--2:30 P.M.
READERS:	Kelsey Delaney, Colin Taylor	Ros Fitzgerald, Sid Rees
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Tom Spracklin, Art Whelan Cynthia Stoyles, Carol Clarke	Riv Fitzgerald, Bev Rees John Kent, Joey Somerton Pat Craig, Jody Whalen
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Lydia Brazil Family	
USHERS:	George Jackman, Keith Pitts Pat Murphy, George Hickey	Ray Kennedy, Alex Newell Ray Whalen, Charlie O’Brien

ST. MICHAEL’S PARISH ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE: The date for the Annual Dinner Theatre is **July 18, 2009**. Come and have a **“Shockin’ Good Time”** featuring **The Wabana Drama Players** plus a **3-course meal with a complimentary glass of wine** followed by a **dance**. Cost is **\$25 per person**. For tickets contact Rosanne Grant at 488-2190, Christine Quinlan at 488-3342, Ursula Lahey at 488-3015, or the Parish Office at 488-2525.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN’S DOUBLE HOME LOTTERY: **\$100.00 per ticket. Two draws—Two Grand Prize Homes (\$1 million value).** Each ticket eligible for **BOTH** draws. Telephone: (709) 738-3253 or Toll Free: 1-866-995-3253 or on the Web at www.doublehomelottery.com. Look for the coloured brochure at the back of the Church.

VOCATIONS – A CALL TO SERVICE: “Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ.” Are you discerning that the vocation which God has chosen for you in Christ may be to serve the Church in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the vocations office: st.johnsvocations@gmail.com.

CEMETERY MASS TIMES:

Bell Island, The Front	July 19, 2009	2:30 p.m.
Bell Island, Lance Cove	August 9, 2009	2:30 p.m.

WELCOME: NEW MEMBER OF OUR PARISH: We would like to welcome into our Parish Madison Michelle Kavanagh who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish. We wish her and her family many joys and God’s blessings and offer them our continued support.

FIFTH ANNUAL FLATROCK PENITENTIAL PILGRIMAGE: On Saturday, September 12, the St. Joseph Prayer Group will again be sponsoring the Annual Flatrock Pilgrimage under the honorary chaplaincy of Archbishop Wm. A. Carew. The walk will start at 11:00 a.m. at the junction of Windgap and Torbay Roads (Duffett's Parking Lot) and end at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at approximately 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available in the adjacent community hall. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 2:30 p.m. preceded by Confessions. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will follow. For information call 753-2681, 722-4842, 726-6727 or visit the website www.flatrockpilgrimage.org.

DID YOU KNOW?: The FAMILY LIFE BUREAU offers individual, couple and family counseling. The waitlist is minimal at present. One call to (709) 579-0168 brings help.

Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 19, 2010.

With the announcement of this Year for Priests, the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé of d'Ars.

On the following website, you will find a number of resources to aid your parish's celebration of the year for priests. The website is: www.usccb.org/yearforpriests. There is also information regarding events for priests that will occur throughout the Year for Priests. In honour of the Year of the Priests, Rome has a special website: www.annussacerdotalis.org.

Please pray for our priests that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling.

Prayer for Priests

Good and Gracious God,

Through Your priests,
Your people are sanctified and invited into the mysteries of Christ, Your Son.

We thank You for the gift of the priesthood to Your Church and we thank You for the generous service of Your faithful priests.

Fill them with a spirit of joy in their ministry and life. We pray also for those that You are calling into service even now, Give to them an openness to Your will and a love for Your holy people.

May all Your priests be renewed in holiness through the example of St. John Vianney, and filled with the fire of Your love. May they seek nothing but Your greater glory, and daily, be renewed in their consecration for the salvation of the world.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Amos 7:12-15

Go, seer, and prophesy to my people.

Amaziah speaks disdainfully to Amos. With great contempt, Amaziah orders Amos to be off and not dare to prophesy in a *royal* temple. Amos replies with equal pride. He is not a prophet as Amaziah understands the term; he is not a member of any guild or party of prophets. He was a humble shepherd and "dresser of sycamores," whom the Lord called to speak to his people Israel.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

Paul gives thanks to God for having chosen us and destined us for glory. Paul praises the people of Ephesus, who did not close their ears to the message, but who "heard the word of truth" and believed in the Gospel. We who have been called now "exist for the praise of his glory": our very being is a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus called the twelve and sent them out two by two.

Jesus sends the Twelve forth to do exactly what he has done: cast out demons, heal the sick, and preach repentance. They are to travel light, trusting in the Lord and the kindness of strangers to provide for them. That must have been a difficult act of faith for these men used to earning their keep. Two thousand years later, the followers of Christ don't find that advice any easier to follow.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF SUSIE GORMAN