

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 2	7:00 pm	Mass for All Souls
Tuesday, Nov. 3	9:30 am	Michael, Margaret & Jack McLean; Jack Newton; Madeleine Bonnette; Vince Fitzpatrick
Thursday, Nov 5	9:30 am	Tom Brazil; Blair Dalton; Jim Fleming; Mary Power
Saturday, Nov 7	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Nov 7	5:00 pm	Edna & Freddie Dwyer; Art Cummings; Mary Catherine McCarthy & Daughters; Irene, Maud, Rita & Veronica Andrews; Frank & Muriel Hammond; Josephine Taylor; William Murphy; Bill Bursey
Sunday, Nov. 8	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

CALL TO SERVICE: “He is able for all time to save those who approach God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” Are you being called to help others approach the mercy of God as a priest, or in the consecrated life? Contact the vocations office: stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

WELCOME: NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH: We would like to welcome into our Parish Chloe Sarah Sheppard-O'Rourke and James Henry Martin who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish. We wish them and their families many joys and God's blessings and offer them our continued support.

COMMUNIONS CALLS TO THE SICK: Father Jim & Sister Phyllis will visit sick and shut-ins on Thursday, Nov. 5th beginning at 10:00am. Please note the change of Thursday instead of Friday.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
OCTOBER 25, 2009**

Offertory (123 Envelopes)	\$1460.00
Dues (38 Envelopes)	\$527.00
Heating (1 Envelope).....	\$5.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, NOV.7 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, NOV. 8 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Amanda Curnew Colin Taylor	Valerie Gorman Rosanne Grant
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Art Whelan Jasmine Brazil Fred Carroll Loretta Byrne	Bev Rees Sarah Burt Connie Cole Sister Phyllis
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Lydia Brazil Family	Diana Durdle Family
USHERS:	George Jackman Keith Pitts Pat Murphy George Hickey	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Teresita McCarthy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Friday, Nov. 20th at 7:30pm. All members are asked to attend.

ARENA PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE: Can be found on community posters or by telephoning 488-2111. Adult skating will be held on Mondays at 7:00pm and Wednesdays at 1:30pm. The cost of adult skating is \$3.00.

LEST WE FORGET: Nov. 11th is the anniversary of the end of World War 1. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #18 will gather at St. Michael's Church at 10:00am for church service. At 10:45am there will be a parade to the Memorial memorial for the Laying of the Wreath ceremonies. We encourage the whole community to join in this anniversary and Nov. 11th commemorations.

ALL SOULS! Monday, Nov. 2nd is the commemoration of All Souls. All your deceased relatives and friends will be remembered at the 7:00pm mass. Please include your loving departed souls in the book of remembrance. The Annual Remembrance for loved ones who died during the past year will be held in the last week of November. Please watch your bulletin for specific details.

GATHERING PLACE: The Gathering Place **Annual Flea Market** is taking place from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Located at 172 Military Road. Admission is .25cents. All proceeds in support of the Gathering Place.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS: Held at St. Michael's High school on Nov. 3rd from 8:00am – 8:00pm. Please take the time to vote this day!

LEGION OF MARY: On Wednesday, Nov. 18th from 2:30 to 3:30pm the Legion of Mary are hosting an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This hour of exposition and benediction is to be held at St. Teresa's Church, everyone is welcome to come and pray for the needs of the Legion of Mary. All Legion members and auxiliary members who are able to attend are reminded of this Holy Hour.

RELIGIOUS SOCIAL ACTION COALITION OF NL: Take a concrete step to help eradicate poverty by letting our Federal political leaders know of your support. Take a moment to sign the letter at the back of the church and let your voice be heard.

THE BELL ISLAND FOODBANK: We are asking for donations of canned and boxed goods. If you wish to donate, a box can be found at the back of the church. We are also looking for volunteers to help at the Foodbank, either with daily operations or to join the members of the Board of Directors. If interested, please contact Lori Hann (3250) or Joe Somerton (2811). Thank you!

MARY QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH RETREAT: Open retreat Nov. 17th-20th. Each night from 7:30-9:00pm a different young adult from the Archdiocese will present their personal conversion experiences and share the important role that faith has played in their lives. The four talks will revolve around the parable of the Prodigal Son. There is no cost and all are welcome. It will be held upstairs in the Church and St. Matthew's Chapel.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE OF CANADA: The Catholic Civil Rights League of Canada, in union with the Magisterium, promotes and defends Catholic values in the media, governments, courts, and other organizations. We have been active for over 20 years on issues such as religious rights and freedoms, faith in public, education, family values, human life, marriage, and anti-defamation. We participate in numerous legal challenges and legislative committees related to these issues. We work with the media for the fair and balanced portrayal of Catholicism. To join or support the League, visit <http://www.ccrl.ca> or call the national office at 416-466-8244. Patrick Hanlon, the Provincial Director, may be reached at 709-726-5012.

ANNUAL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FALL CONVENTION: Held Nov. 6th, 7th, 8th at Holy Cross Elementary on St Claire Ave. There will be a Public Information Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 8th at 3:00pm. For further information please contact 579-5215.



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ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1ST 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.

A large and diverse assembly is gathered before God's throne: the countless people come from "every nation, race, people, and tongue". Standing in the presence of the Lamb of God, they all wear white robes and hold palm branches. "Full conscious and active participation" is the order of the day. They are all saints – the holy ones. In John's vision, sainthood is not for a few. It is for everyone.

SECOND READING: John 3: 1-3

When God is revealed, we will see God as he is.

We do not know what we will be in the future, but we know enough: "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is". Someday, we will resemble God. Secure in this knowledge, we strive to be "pure" because God is pure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12a

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

The Beatitudes show us the way to holiness in an incredibly simple yet challenging way. The last of the Beatitudes is perhaps the most challenging of all. "Blessed are you," Jesus says at last, when you are persecuted and falsely accused. "Rejoice and be glad!" For then, you most closely resemble the saints.