

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Oct. 27	7:00 pm	Jack Newton; Madeleine Bonnette; Vince Fitzpatrick
Wednesday, Oct. 28	9:30 am	Margaret, John & Agatha Hynn; Christine Bown; Soul of Helen Kennedy
Thursday, Oct. 29	7:00 pm	Judy Whelan; Arthur Jackman; Roxy Childs
Friday, Oct. 30	9:00 am	Rita Yetman; James & Julia Butler & Deceased Family; Regina Hickey
Saturday, Oct. 31	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Oct. 31	5:00 pm	Vince, Mac & Janet Murphy; Frank Pendergast Sr. & Jr.; Kevin Moore; William Haynes; Ada & Stan, Mary & Mamie Craig; Jim & Judy Whelan; Norman & Mary Luffman
Sunday, Nov. 1	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

CALL TO SERVICE: “What do you want Me to do you for you?” Could your answer be the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the vocations office: stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

Welcome: New Members of Our Parish: We would like to welcome into our Parish Keira Dawn Marie Doherty and Logan Patrick Johnson 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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY CLASSES: Part of the Sacramental learning. Classes began Oct. 18th, Sunday mornings.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
OCTOBER 18, 2009**

Offertory (104 Envelopes)	\$1266.00
Dues (4 Envelopes)	\$70.00
Students for Priesthood (2 Envelopes)	\$25.00
Evangelization of Nations (20 Envelopes).....	\$195.00
World Missions (6 Envelopes).....	\$76.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, OCT.31 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, NOV. 1 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Kelsey Delaney Colin Taylor	Isabel Shulko Geraldine Fitzgerald
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Mary Power Cecilia Kent Pat Murphy Brenda Sweeney	Christine Quinlan Shirley Murphy Keith Kent Patricia King
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Bob Seward Family	Bev & Sid Rees
USHERS:	Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey	Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O’Brien

ASSOCIATES MEETING: -There will be a meeting of the New Group of Mercy Associates: Thursday, Oct. 29th, at the Sisters Residence.

ST. MICHAEL’S FALL FAIR: On **November 4th** we will be holding our Annual Fall Fair. **Eat-in or Eat-out Turkey and Roast Beef suppers** available at a cost of \$8.00 per ticket. To purchase tickets please contact: C. Quinlan (3342), Ros Hurley (3809), U. Lahey (3015), U. Lahey (3015), Joan Whelan (2182), or R. Grant (2190). The fair will conclude with a **Giant Card Game** (\$5) with 10 prizes to be won! We are asking for donations to our goods table: bake sale, vegetables, cookies, and rolls for supper. This is a major fundraiser for our parish. With everyone’s support, we can make this a truly successful parish event. Please help in any way you can!

SNOW CLEARING TENDER: 2009– 2010: We invite contractors to submit the type of equipment they use for snow removal and the expenses incurred for its hire. We will review the costs of the equipment per hour as well as the snow removal contract for the total winter season. The contract will include the clearing of snow around all church/hall property as well as the priests’ residence. All interested persons are asked to have their prices or contract **submitted by Oct. 30th**.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY! Thank you very much for your generous support! Your prayers and donations will make a huge contribution to the growth of the Church and to the well-being of the poor of our world. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ’s message of love to those they serve – the worlds most vulnerable.

MINISTRY LIST: Our new ministry list is being prepared for November – February. New ministers are welcome! If there are times those involved can't be available for ministry, please call 488-2190 this week.

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

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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: The Rosary of Our Lady will be prayed publicly in the Church 20 minutes before scheduled daily Masses. You are encouraged to pray the family Rosary at home.

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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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25TH 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

I am going to bring my people home - both those who are blind and those who are lame.

God will gather all his people, scattered to the “ends of the world.” Everyone will return, not just the strong and fit, but the most vulnerable – the blind, the lame, mothers, and pregnant woman. God will guide them safely and console them for the sufferings they have endured. God is not a judge, but a “father”, caring tenderly for his people as a father cares for his firstborn child.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5: 1-6

You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

In the letter of the Hebrews, Jesus is portrayed as the “high priest”. The writer demonstrates that high priests are “called by God”. Jesus is a true high priest, chosen by God, “according to the order of Melchizedek”.

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46-52

My teacher, let me see again.

Bartimaeus, though blind, sees something that others do not: Jesus is the “son of David,” the promised Messiah. Jesus summons him and he eagerly comes forward. He is ready for this encounter, and he knows what he wants: “Master, I want to see!” When his sight was restored, Bartimaeus begins to follow Jesus. In a sense, this blind man could already see.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Leo Young