

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 22	7:00 pm	Bride Fitzgerald; Edward Frank Hammond; John & Ellen & Deceased Family
Wednesday, Sept. 23	9:30 am	Ethel Burford; Mark Potter; Richard Ryan
Thursday, Sept. 24	7:00 pm	Mary & Philip Hunt; Peter Shea; Linda Pipher
Friday, Sept 25	9:00 am	Esther Burke; Lena Cahill; Gerald Conway
Saturday, Sept. 26	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Sept 26	5:00 pm	Fred Watson, Doherty & McCarthy Families; Annie Gosine; Roxy Childs; Marg Ashford; Gerald & Sarah Reid; Michael Whalen; Billy Doyle
Sunday, Sept 27	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES: To the family and friends of Leo Young, for the loss of their father, grandfather, brother and friend.

MERCY ASSOCIATES MEETING: Both groups of Mercy Associates will meet at the Sisters' Residence on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 7:00pm. A guest speaker will be in attendance.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2009**

Offertory (112 Envelopes)\$1,232.50
Dues (3 Envelopes)\$20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Rosemary O'Keefe Jasmine Brazil	Rosanne Grant Valerie Gorman
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Mary Power Cecilia Kent Jasmine Brazil Raymond Whelan	Teresita McCarthy Des McCarthy Geraldine Fitzgerald Vanita Bartlett
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Lydia Brazil Family	Tom Cole Family
USHERS:	Leo Byrne Brian Tulk Chris Murphy Fred Carroll	Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whelan Charlie O'Brien

BELL ISLAND BREAST CANCER AWARENESS GROUP: Announces a change in date for their annual weekend. Now held on Bell Island on **September 26th & 27th**. Sponsor sheets available from members of the group. **We need your help to make this a success and work for a cure for breast cancer!** Everyone is invited to participate in the following:

- > **Saturday, Sept. 26th at 12:00pm** – Flea Market at St. Augustine's School (donations can be dropped off at the school Friday, Sept 25th from 7:00pm – 9:00pm) Canteen services available.
- > **Sunday, Sept. 27th:**
 2:00 – 4:00pm Concert For the Cure at St. Augustine's (\$3.00)
 4:45pm Walk of Hope from St. Augustine's to St. Michael's
 5:30pm Ecumenical Service at St. Michael's. Reception to follow in the church hall.

BISHOPS COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA: Will be held in most Parishes in Canada next weekend. Monies raised will be sent to our diocese, to help pay its annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops which is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity. It also provides a forum for the Bishops to share their experiences and insights on life of the Church and major events that shape our society. The Bishops of Canada wish to thank you in advance for your generosity.

CALL TO SERVICE: “Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield.” Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ’s choice of you, should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the vocations office: stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

GATHERING PLACE: Please visit www.thelantern.nf.net or call 753-8760 for details of programs beginning in September.

GROWING IN FAITH: Starting **Sept. 19th** St. Teresa’s Church in St. John’s is offering a series of sessions for adults who wish to grow in wisdom, faith and knowledge. Call the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre at 726-3660 or email Anne Walsh at amwalsh@nf.aibn.com. See more information on the bulletin board in the Church.

FAMILY LIFE BUREAU COUNSELLING SERVICES: Individual, couple and family counselling available. One call brings help. **Fall 2009 Courses Starting!** Register now for courses such as Power of Positive Parenting, Marriage Enrichment, Boundaries, Separation and Divorce. To register call Sr. Loretta Walsh at 579-0168.

THE BELL ISLAND FOODBANK: We are asking for donations of canned and boxed goods such as: beans, peanut butter and pasta (macaroni, spaghetti, sauce, etc.) to help with our cause. 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 you are interested, please contact Lori Hann (3250) or Joe Somerton (2811). Thank you!

MAKE YOU THINK YOUTH PROGRAM: Attention youth in Gr. 9 and older! Would you like support in dealing with challenges in your own life or in the lives of your friends? Join us at St. Patrick’s Church from 12:00 – 1:30pm on **Sunday, Sept. 20th and Sept. 27th**. Explore ways to help yourself and friends deal with life’s challenges. Bring your friends! Open to youth of all faith denominations. To register contact Mary Jo Power at mjopower@hotmail.com or Linda Maher at 726-3660.

THANK YOU FROM THE PRESENTATION SISTERS: Our sincere thanks to all those who came from many parishes throughout the Archdiocese to join with us in celebrating a Eucharistic Liturgy of Thanksgiving at the Basilica on August 27. We were honored and humbled by your presence and your support as we celebrated 175 years among the people of this Archdiocese. A special thank you to Archbishop Currie, Father Kelly, the planning and liturgical committees, the choir, the musicians, the sacristans, the social committee and all who in any way assisted in making this such a wonderful celebration of thanksgiving.



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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2.12: 17-20

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Christians have always heard the First Reading as a prophecy of what would happen to Jesus. Like Jesus, the just man described in the reading has boldly condemned those who have strayed from God’s ways. In punishing the just man, the wicked are really putting God to the test: “for if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him”.

SECOND READING: James 3.16: 4-3

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace.

Ambition that does not aim for the good of the community is destructive. Self-interest and jealousy lead to conflicts of all kinds – even to war. James gives us ways to recognize true wisdom – it is “pure, then peaceful, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconsistency or insincerity”. True wisdom leads to peace.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30 - 37

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Jesus takes a child and tenderly puts his arms around it. To receive “one child such as this” in his name is to receive Jesus; and to receive Jesus is to receive God. Jesus places a child in their midst because children had no rights, no rank – they were utterly dependant on their parents, Jesus calls his disciples to depend on God as a child depends on its parents.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Valerie, Veronica & Jack Andrews