

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Tuesday, Sept. 8</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>James, Leonard &amp; Margaret Metcalfe; Michael Whalen; Billy Doyle; William J. &amp; Diane Ford</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 9</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Jerry Snow; Warrick George; Mary Power</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept. 10</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Peter Shea; Ethel Burford; Patrick Hurley</b>
<b>Friday, Sept 11</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Gerald &amp; Sarah Reid; Marg Ashford; William Kevin Kent</b>
<b>Saturday, Sept. 12</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday, Sept 12</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Mary &amp; Kareem Farhat; William Doyle; Leonard, Margaret &amp; James Metcalfe; Father Richard McHugh; Wally Highmore; Evelyn Murphy; William Murphy</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 13</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**Congratulations:** To Margaret and James Beckford who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Deepest Sympathies:** To Monsignor Doody for the loss of his brother, John Doody. (St. Patrick's Parish, St. Patrick Street, PO Box 7368, St. John's, NL, A1E-3Y5)

**Holy Show Concert:** **A sincere Thank You to all those who made our Holy Show Concert such a success!** To the Archbishop and Priests who came, all the volunteers, and to all who came and supported our Parish; Your generosity was truly appreciated. We are forever grateful!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
AUGUST 30, 2009**

**Offertory (104 Envelopes) .....\$1,232.50**  
**Dues (34 Envelopes) .....\$445.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 5.00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>READERS:</b>	<b>Colin Taylor Amanda Curnew</b>	<b>Sister Phyllis Christine Quinlan</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	<b>Tom Spracklin Carol Clarke Pat Craig Jody Whelan</b>	<b>Joey Somerton John Kent Patricia King Riv Fitzgerald</b>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</b>	<b>Lisa Fitzgerald &amp; Linda Fitzgerald Kent</b>	<b>Bev Sid Rees</b>
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey</b>	<b>Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien</b>

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL:** Open for students in grades 1-6 on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the regular time. Busses will start their runs at the usual time. Students in Kindergarten will start on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please follow the schedule that was sent home to parents prior to the end of school in June.

Next week, only heat-up lunches available starting on Wednesday. Our regular school lunch program will start Monday of the following week. We are seeking volunteers from the parents and guardians of our school community to offer our hot lunch program five days per week. If we are unable to recruit new volunteers we will have no choice but to reduce our lunch program. If you are able to help out please call the school at 488-3349.

**ST. MICHAEL'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL:** **Registration starts Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!** Senior high students register at 8:30am, grade 7-9 students register at 12:30pm, level 4 students register on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Buses will begin their run at 8:00am and 12:00pm.

**CALL TO SERVICE:** “Be strong, do not fear!” With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest, or in the consecrated life, contact the vocations office: [stjohnsvocations@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsvocations@gmail.com).

**GATHERING PLACE:** Please visit [www:thelantern.nf.net](http://www.thelantern.nf.net) or call **753-8760** for details of programs beginning in September.

**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!

**ST. PATRICK'S MERCY HOME FOUNDATION:** Is hosting its 2nd Annual Emerald Auction and Dinner in support of the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. Join us on **Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**, at Murray's Pond. Cost is \$60.00, tax and gratuity included. For tickets, call Jim at 726-2687, Ext 229

**FIFTH ANNUAL FLATROCK PENITENTIAL PILGRIMAGE:** Pilgrimage in reparation to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts to Flatrock Grotto, **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 11:00am at junction of Torbay and Windgap Roads. Mass to be held at St. Michael's Church at 2:30pm, followed by Benediction. For information call 722-4842 or visit:[www.flatrockpilgrimage.org](http://www.flatrockpilgrimage.org).

**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. 20<sup>th</sup> and Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:mjopower@hotmail.com) or Linda Maher, 726-3660.

**HOYLES ESCASONI / GLENBROOK LODGE PASTORAL CARE:** Over the past few months some very dedicated new and seasoned ministry volunteers have been coming together and working hard to enhance and strengthen the beautiful Pastoral Care Team for HEC-Glenbrook Lodge. After a lovely summer break, we will commence our building and growing of this team. Our first fall meeting will be at 7:30pm. on **Wednesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>** at Mary Queen of Peace Church. Hope to see everyone on the team back again and new members are always welcomed! For more info contact Linda Maher at 726-3660.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:** In conjunction with Archdiocesan celebrations honoring the "Year of the Priest" under the patronage of St. John Vianney, the vocations office will be having a Holy Hour, praying for vocations. This will take place at Mary Queen of Peace Church **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. Benediction will follow, please note that incense will be used.



## *St. Michael's Parish*

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### **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

#### **REFLECTION:**

##### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 35: 4-7**

*The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.*

When God comes among his people, he brings healing and life: the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame dance, and the mute sing. The desert is no more as streams of water flow from the "thirsty ground".

##### **SECOND READING: James 2: 1-5**

*Has not God chosen the poor to be rich in faith, and be heirs of the kingdom?*

James reminds the early Christians of one of Jesus' basic teachings: the last shall be first, and the first shall be last. James reminds them that worldly distinctions have no place in the church. In categorizing people this way, they have judged them.

##### **GOSPEL: Mark 7: 31-37**

*Jesus has done everything well; he even makes those who are deaf to hear and those who are mute to speak.*

Jesus often heals with a word; but he heals the deaf and mute man by stages. First, he leads them away from the crowd. Then, he touches the man's ears and anoints them with his saliva. He prays and last of all he speaks the mysterious word, Ephphatha. "be opened". The healing takes place in a sacramental way, not only with words, but with silent prayers and ritual gestures. The man immediately begins to speak and spread the word of what Jesus has done. The people recognize that a prophet is in their midst.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Richard & Martin Ryan