

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Sept 28	7:00 p.m.	Florance Stone; Hank Sight; Theresa Lahey
Wed., September 29	9:30 a.m.	Ryan Family; Pat McCarthy; Rita Yetman
Thurs., September 30	7:00 p.m.	Judy Whelan; Joseph Somerton; Molly Delahunty
Friday, October 1	9:00 a.m.	Gabriel & Elizabeth Maddigan; William Dohey; Rivlyn Fitzgerald
Saturday, October 2	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
Saturday, October 2	5:00 p.m.	Kevin Stone; Steve & Mary Hawco; Edward, Terrance & Joseph Butler; Mary & Peter Conway; Finton Hammond; Bart Ford; Joanne Gamberg
Sunday, October 3	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

GREETINGS FOR SISTER PHYLLIS: Sister Phyllis is recovering well after surgery! If you wish to send a get well card, her address is: McAULEY CONVENT 250 Waterford Bridge Rd. St. John's NL. A1E 1E3. Please keep Sister Phyllis in your prayers.

20 MILLION PEOPLE SUFFER THE FLOODS OF PAKISTAN: *"...as often as you did it to one of these, even the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."* (Matthew 24:40) Many have lost family members; many are hungry, sick and homeless. If you wish to express gratitude to God and solidarity with the suffering people of Pakistan, make an offering, mark it for "The Pakistan Victims" and the Canadian Bishops will ensure the Canadian government matches every dollar you give.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - SEPT. 19, 2010

Offertory (97 Envelopes)	\$1228.00
Dues (2 Envelopes)	\$40.00
Pakistan Relief Fund (4 Envelopes)	\$50.00
In memory of Florence Murphy	\$25.00
Roof Fund	\$50.00
In memory of Jim & Lucy Reardon	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Pat Craig Cathy Tulk	Ros Hurley Patricia King
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Helen Pitts Tom Spracklin	Christine Quinlan Keith Kent
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Shirley Murphy Carol Clarke	Tom Cole Family
USHERS:	George Jackman Keith Pitts Pat Murphy George Hickey	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen

INVITATION TO A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: On Oct. 4th Father Beresford will celebrate his 70th birthday. After Saturday evening Mass on Oct. 2nd, we invite everyone to come to the hall where we will have an opportunity to offer good wishes to Father Beresford and have a small social. Please come and join the celebration – (best wishes only)!

VISITS TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN: Father Beresford will be visiting the sick and shut-in on Friday, Oct. 1st. Please contact the Parish Office if you will not be home for his visit.

FROM ARCHBISHOP MARTIN W. CURRIE - FOSTERING A CULTURE OF LIFE:
SUNDAY, OCT. 3RD is “Respect Life Sunday”. This day calls on all Christians to reflect on what it means for us to proclaim abundant life in our complex age and world. To be “pro-life” is more than to be “anti-abortion”. To hold a consistent ethic of life means that we are called to measure every personal action, every public policy and every governmental decision by how its agenda touches human life or affects human dignity. We must be pro-life on all issues, whether they be capital punishment, racism, poverty, war, human trafficking, or human rights violations. Underneath all these issues is life, and Jesus’ promise to all people: life to the full. This concept of a “consistent ethic of life” is rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and in the social teaching that has been such a strong and inspiring component of our Catholic faith Tradition. In the Gospels, Jesus shows himself to be sensitive toward vulnerable people at all stages and from every walk of life. Because of this, he was often at odds with society’s standards and its leaders. As His followers, we are called to do likewise.

MUN: Mass will be celebrated each week at the St. John's Chapel with priests from the Archdiocese presiding. All Are Welcome!

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM: Registration forms for the Home Religion Program are now available for pickup at the back of the Church. Please complete the registrations for your children and return them to the Church as soon as possible. Registration for your child/children will take place on **Sunday, September 26**, at the Parish Hall at 2 p.m. We are hoping that the Catechetical Director from the Archdiocese will attend. The registration fee this year will be \$15 per child. We anticipate the return of all candidates who are continuing their programs from last year, and we encourage you to remind your friends of the registration dates.

For your information, the program is broken down as follows:

Children's Liturgy: This takes place during the celebration of Mass on Sundays and is recommended for children ages 5 years and older. At these sessions, children will focus on the liturgy of the day in a language they will understand. They will be completing activities related to the readings of that particular Sunday, and parents are encouraged to register their children for this program.

Year 1 Program: This is a faith preparation program only. Children will not receive sacraments during this year of the program. It is a very crucial year in their faith development and should be completed prior to moving into their sacramental preparation in Year 2 of the Home Religion Program. Children should be at least 5 years old (with birthday being before December 31 to turn 6) or 6 years of age.

Year 2 Program: During this year, children will continue their faith development while preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Year 3 Program: During this year, children will continue their faith development while preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/Penance.

After having been fully initiated in the Church with the receipt of the sacraments completed, we encourage the participation of youth in various activities within the Church on an ongoing basis. We encourage them to sign up for any of the ministries for which they may be interested.

Please Note: It is vital that all children and families attend the celebration of Mass weekly and we encourage families to make the necessary efforts to do so regularly. As parents/guardians, you are the role models for your children and set the example they will likely follow throughout their entire lives. This is a great responsibility and involves a commitment on your part that won't go unrewarded.



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2010

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: *Amos 6: 1a, 4-7*

You that lounge and sing shall now go into exile.

Amos prophesies against those who are consumed and captivated by their own wealth and so neglect the needs of their brothers. Prosperity can blind us by covering over and falsely satiating our deeper needs for universal solidarity with our sisters and brothers and peace with God.

SECOND READING: *Timothy 6: 11-16*

Keep the commandment until the manifestation of the Lord.

Paul exhorts his listeners to a life of faithful witness modeled on the witness of Jesus before Pilate. As Jesus bore witness to the truth, so believers who professed their faith in the assembly of the Church are called to do so before the world. Our faith, while deeply personal, is not a private matter. We are called to witness to it in word and deed.

GOSPEL: *Luke 16: 19-31*

You receive good things, but Lazarus received evil: now he is comforted, while you are in agony.

Although Jesus spoke frequently and passionately of God's mercy, he speaks in today's parable of a day when the choices we make in life will be irrevocably sealed. The rich man's neglect and lack of awareness, even of Lazarus' presence, results in his eternal separation from God and his people. May our eyes be open to the needs of our sisters and brothers and may our hearts be generous in acts of loving kindness.