

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Dec. 13	9:30 a.m.	Margaret Fahey; Karl Kent; Craig Pendergast
Tue., Dec. 14	7:00 p.m.	Sr. Marie Michael Power; Mary Ann Turner; John, Annie & Sandra Byrne
Wed., Dec. 15	9:30 a.m.	George Cole; Bill King; James Hunt
Thurs., Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	Joanne Gamberg; Michael Kelly; Evelyn Mansfield
Fri., Dec. 17	9:00 a.m.	Roxy Childs; Tom & Bride Manning; Peter Nolan, Jr. & Sr. & Carl Nolan
Sat., Dec. 18	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
Sat., Dec. 18	5:00 p.m.	Fred Watson, Doherty & Managhan Families; Susan Gorman; Frank & Frankie Pendergast; Charles & Margaret McCarthy & Special Intention; Peter & Agnes Quigley & Deceased Family
Sun., Dec. 19	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donations are now being received for Flowers to be used to adorn the Altar and Sanctuary for the Christmas Masses. In order for us to acknowledge your loved ones in the Christmas Mass, it will be necessary to have your names and donations submitted by Tuesday, December 21. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or anonymously.

HOURS OF CHRISTMAS MASSES:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH (**CHRISTMAS EVE**) 8:00 P.M. & 11:00 P.M.
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH (**CHRISTMAS DAY**) 10:00 A.M.
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH (**FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY**) 10:00 A.M.
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST (**NEW YEAR'S EVE**) 5:00 P.M.
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST (**NEW YEAR'S DAY**) 10:00 A.M.
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND (**FEAST OF EPIPHANY**) 10:00 A.M.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 10:00 A.M.
READERS:	Rosemary O'Keefe Amanda Curnew	Rosanne Grant Patricia King
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Pat Murphy, Carol Clarke Loretta Byrne, Brenda Sweeney	Sarah Burt, Connie Cole Christine Quinlan, Keith Kent
PRES. OF GIFTS:	Mary Power, George Jackman	Bev & Sid Rees
USHERS:	George Jackman, Keith Pitts Pat Murphy, George Hickey	Alex Newell, Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Teresita McCarthy

THE ADULT CHOIR will lead the celebration of Mass at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The all-important practice for the Hymns and Psalms of Christmas Mass will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 3:30 p.m.

AWAY IN A MANGER - AN EXHIBIT OF NATIVITY SETS FROM AROUND THE

WORLD: Explore the meaning of Christmas by walking through a lovely old room filled with over 100 nativity sets from around the world. Come, join us! Where? Mullock Library- Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. John's (right next to the Basilica of St. John the Baptist). When? Tuesday through Sunday, 1- 4 p.m.; Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. For more information or to arrange a group visit, contact Anne Walsh at 726-3660 or amwalsh@nf.aibn.com.

CALLING ALL YOUTH FOR THE 8 P.M. MASS, CHRISTMAS EVE:

The young people of our parish will be joining the Youth Choir to fully celebrate Christmas at Evening Mass on December 24th. Please attend our practice on Sunday, December 12, at 2 p.m.

VISITATION OF SICK AND SHUT INS: Father Jim will be visiting the Sick and Shut-in's of the Parish on Friday, Dec. 17th. Please prepare for your December visit. If you are not going to be home on that day, please notify the Parish office at 488-2525, as this will give him extra time to spend with others who are in need.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – DEC. 5, 2010

Offertory (112 Envelopes)	\$1,407.00
Dues (7 Envelopes)	\$80.00
Heating (2 Envelopes)	\$20.00
Advent Folders (2 Folders).....	\$20.00
Christmas Flower Donations	\$300.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

THE BELL ISLAND FOOD BANK: Please support your local food bank! 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.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM UPDATE:

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Deadline of December 5 has already passed. Parents should now be planning on registering their child in September, 2011.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: February 27, 2011, 2. p.m., for all parents and children at the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S SKATING PARTY: For children already registered in the Home Religion Program and completing their themes and scrapbooks, there will be a skating party at the Monsignor Bartlett Memorial Arena on **Sunday, December 12th** from 1 - 2 p.m., followed by treats and refreshments from 2 - 3 p.m. in the heated room provided at the arena. Come and enjoy!

YOUTH CHOIR AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: All young people involved in the Home Religion Program are invited to be part of the youth choir at the Christmas Eve Mass (8 p.m.). First Practice Date: December 12 at 2 p.m. (Please see Youth Choir Notice.)

HELPERS FOR THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY SESSIONS: We are still in need of helpers for the Children's Liturgy sessions during Sunday Mass. If you would like to help, please let us know. Anyone who might be interested can feel free to accompany the children with their leader at any of the Sunday celebrations to familiarize themselves with the program in order to help them make their decision.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2010

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10*

God himself will come and save us.

The prophetic imagination of Isaiah sees a world of abundant life. All of this is simply the outward sign of what the Lord does for his people when he comes among them, bringing strength for the weak, joy for the sorrowful, healing for the broken.

SECOND READING: *James 5: 7-10*

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

James urges the Christian community to wait with patience for the Lord's coming, just as farmers must wait for their crops to grow. He offers wise counsel for how to live in this between-time: patiently, not judging each other, and taking as our models the prophets, who endured such hardships for the Lord's sake.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 11: 2-11*

Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?

John is nearing the end of his course—he is already in prison and will soon be put to death. But hearing of the deeds of Jesus, he sends his followers to ask if he is the Messiah. And Jesus in reply sends back words that echo the vision of Isaiah. Jesus knows that John will understand: the words of the prophets are being fulfilled; “the one who is to come” is here.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Michael, Margaret &

*****Please note that Sunday Mass has been changed to 10:00 a.m.*****