

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Oct. 13	7:00 pm	Jack Andrews & Tom Coombs; Mary Farhat; Dick Cummings
Wednesday, Oct. 14	9:30 am	Gordon Power; Sandra Byrne; Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, Oct. 15	7:00 pm	Ronald K. Kavanagh; Yvonne Stone (Kavanagh); David Foley Jr.
Friday, Oct. 16	9:00 am	Joe Somerton; Edward Hickey; Jack May Davis & Deceased members of the Davis Family
Saturday, Oct. 17	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Oct. 17	5:00 pm	Pendergast & Bown Family; Billy Furey; Edward Nolan; Thomas Gear & Margaret & Charles McCarthy; Joel Thornhill; William Moore; Elaine Somerton
Sunday, Oct. 3	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

CALL TO SERVICE: “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” If you ask the Lord this question in prayer, are you ready to respond with a joyful “yes” or will you turn from Him with a heavy, unyielding heart. Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Contact the vocations office: Fr. Steve Courtney at 726-3660 or email: stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES: To all the family and friends of Patrick Pomroy, our prayers are with you.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - OCTOBER 4, 2009

Offertory (102 Envelopes)	\$1,185.47
Dues (4 Envelopes)	\$28.00
Students for Priesthood (12 Envelopes)	\$107.00
Memoriams: Joanne Gamberg	\$25.00
Leo Young	\$25.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, OCT. 17 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, OCT. 18 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Jody Whelan Cathy Tulk	Ros Hurley Sid Rees
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Tom Spracklin Carol Clarke Pat Craig Helen Pitts	Sister Phyllis Connie Cole Sarah Burt Rosanne Grant
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Irene & Kevin Delahunty	Valerie Gorman Family
USHERS:	George Jackman Keith Pitts Pat Murphy George Hickey	Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O’Brien

ST. MICHAEL’S FALL FAIR: Our Parish is preparing for the Fall Fair being held on **November 4th**. If you are planning to make a donation of Baked Goods, Knitted Goods or Crafts etc., now is the time to prepare. We have a lot of gifted individuals in the community who can help make this fall fair a great success. Thank you for your support!

SNOW CLEARING TENDER: 2009– 2010: This is the time of the year when we prepare for the upcoming winter. 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. For further discussion, please call the office. All interested persons are asked to have their prices or contract **submitted by Oct. 30th**.

OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSIONS MONTH!: World Mission Sunday is on October 18th this year. This is a world wide collection for the missionary church that provides emergency aid when disasters strike, cares for refugees in war torn nations, and provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday. Posters with more information can be found on the church bulletin board and pamphlets at the church are available.

THANKSGIVING: - It is hard to give thanks when so few have so much and so many have so little. Let us change it so as the goods of the earth are shared more equally. **Saturday, October 17th is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.** **Next Sunday**, your local Religious Social Action Coalition of NL will be asking you to take a concrete step for change by signing a letter to all five federal political leaders, asking that their party pledge to work towards the elimination of poverty by ending policies that have made the rich richer and the poor poorer for more than three decades, and replacing them with policies that close the gap between rich and poor. Look for the letter next Sunday and begin a process for which we can truly be thankful.

A CONFERENCE ON CREATION SPIRITUALITY: Held at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Waterford Bridge Road on **Friday, Oct. 23rd, 6:30pm – 9:00pm and Saturday, Oct. 24th, 9:30 – 2:30.** Cost is \$30.00 Adults, \$10.00 Students. Come listen to Jim Conlon from the Sophia Centre, Holy Names University, California. Register to: Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 220 Waterford Bridge Road, St John's A1E 1E2; or phone 722 0082 or email: teersm@hotmail.com. Sponsored by: Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice

THE RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER: “Celebrate Life” Saturday Oct. 24th, 7:00pm at the Hub, 21 Merrymeeting Road. Guest speaker: Michael Coren - award winning journalist, broadcaster, author and T.V. host. Tickets are limited - \$30.00 each. Choice of Prime Rib or Cornish Hen. Please call the Right to Life office for tickets at 579-1500. Deadline for tickets is Oct.8th!

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.

GROWING IN FAITH: 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.

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 interested, please contact Lori Hann (3250) or Joe Somerton (2811). Thank you!



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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11TH, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 7: 7-11

I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison to wisdom.

Wisdom is personified as a beautiful woman, more precious than gold or silver. The wise man prefers wisdom to everything else – power, money, health; he even prefers her to the light. In the end, seeking wisdom, the wise man finds “countless riches” though not the kind of riches that can be weighed, like silver or gold.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4: 12-13

*The world of God can judge
the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

Here God's word is compared to a two-edged sword, which can lay bare the “reflections and thoughts” of every heart. God knows everything we think or do. Through God's word, we can begin to know ourselves.

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 7-30

Go, sell what you own: then follow me.

“For human beings it is impossible, but not for God”. It is only with God's help that we can respond to the Gospel call, the call of radical self-abandonment to God's will. Jesus tells his disciples that they will “receive a hundred times more” than they gave up.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Tom & Gerald Coombs & Marjorie Sweeney