

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Wednesday, Oct. 7</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Dan, Vera &amp; Colleen Dwyer; Elizabeth Maddigan; John &amp; Annie Byrne</b>
<b>Thursday, Oct. 8</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Jenny Sweeney; Richard, Veronica &amp; Sister Paschal Dwyer; Bren Ryan</b>
<b>Friday, Oct. 9</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Joe Somerton; Edward Hickey; Jack May Davis &amp; Deceased members of the Davis Family</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 10</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 10</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Patrick &amp; Gary Murphy; Vincent McGrath; Patricia McGrath; Stephen Warren &amp; Deceased members of the McGrath &amp; Cole Family; Mary &amp; Joseph Normore; Stephen &amp; Gertrude Hickey &amp; Deceased members of Family</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 11</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**CALL TO SERVICE:** “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them.” Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, sister, or brother? Contact the vocations office: Fr. Steve Courtney at 726-3660 or email: [stjohnsvocations@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsvocations@gmail.com).

**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES:** To the family and friends of Chesley Gosse. Our prayers are with his family and friends.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009**

<b>Offertory (114 Envelopes) .....</b>	<b>\$1,474.20</b>
<b>Dues (37 Envelopes) .....</b>	<b>\$387.00</b>
<b>Needs of Canadian Church (13 Envelopes).....</b>	<b>\$121.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 10 5.00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, OCT. 11 10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>READERS:</b>	<b>Des McCarthy Teresita McCarthy</b>	<b>Ros Fitzgerald Jean Williams</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	<b>Loretta Byrne Fred Carroll Jasmine Brazil Art Whelan</b>	<b>Patricia King Bev Rees John Kent Joey Somerton</b>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</b>	<b>Shirley Murphy &amp; Carol Clarke</b>	<b>Diana Durdle Family</b>
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>George Jackman Keith Pitts Pat Murphy George Hickey</b>	<b>Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien</b>

**OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSIONS MONTH!:** World Mission Sunday is on October 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A CONFERENCE ON CREATION SPIRITUALITY:** How does our spirituality engage us to live and act so that the stories of our lives can become congruent with God's story of creation? **Where:** Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Waterford Bridge Road  
**When:** Friday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm – 9:00pm and Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 2:30  
**Cost:** \$30.00 Adults, \$10.00 Students  
**Speaker:** Jim Conlon, 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](mailto:teersm@hotmail.com).  
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**THE RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER:** “Celebrate Life” Saturday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.8<sup>th</sup>!

**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.

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

**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](mailto: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. 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 at 726-3660.

**YOUTH CONVENTION AT GANDER - THANKSGIVING WEEKEND: OCTOBER 10**  
Please phone Noreen or Ann at 726-3660 for further details.



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

**OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

#### **REFLECTION:**

#### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2: 7ab, 8b, 18-24**

*The two become one flesh.*

Adam needs someone like himself – he needs someone else made in God’s image and likeness. While Adam is asleep, God creates Eve. Adam does not witness her creation, but when he wakes he recognizes at once that she is part of him. This is the first marriage, and that flash of recognition is repeated again and again, as men and women leave their parents to “become one flesh.”

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 2: 9-11**

*For the one who sanctifies  
and those who are sanctified all have one Father.*

Jesus is one like us: “he who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin”. Jesus becomes human – “lower than the angels” so that we might be perfected. Having taken on our flesh, Jesus knows all the sufferings we endure.

#### **GOSPEL: Mark 10: 2-16**

*What God has joined together, let no one separate.*

Jesus, citing the Genesis story, says that divorce is a human invention: it was not part of God’s plan from the beginning. It is not that Jesus does not understand the struggles that married people go through. Jesus forbids divorce because in the way he understands marriage, it’s simply impossible.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Gerald & Edward Nolan