

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 29	7:00 pm	Dan, Vera & Colleen Dwyer; Thomas, James & Anne Roberts; Margaret, Albert, Nicky Ash, Jack & Shirley Snow
Wednesday, Sept. 30	9:30 am	James Fleming Jr.; Rita Yetman; Josephine Taylor; Ethel Burford
Thursday, Oct. 1	7:00 pm	John Doody; Mary Power; Evelyn Mansfield; Mark Potter
Friday, Oct. 2	9:00 am	William Murphy; Carl Nolan; Glen Newell; Richard Ryan
Saturday, Oct. 3	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Oct. 3	5:00 pm	Loretta & Reg Durdle; Darlene Boudreau; Wayne Koehler; William & Sarah Curnew; James & Maria Kelly; Charles & Rita O'Brien; Bernard Wade
Sunday, Oct. 3	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

CALL TO SERVICE: “Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His spirit on them.” All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to His truth as a priest, or in the consecrated life? Contact the vocations office: stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER 20, 2009**

Offertory (113 Envelopes)	\$1,466.00
Dues (2 Envelopes)	\$35.00
Needs of Canadian Church (1 Envelope).....	\$5.00

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, OCT. 3 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, OCT. 4 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Christine Tulk Pat Craig	Sharon Hammond Patricia King
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Rosemary O’Keefe Pat Murphy Lydia Brazil Brenda Sweeney	Christine Quinlan Shirley Murphy Keith Kent Riv Fitzgerald
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Bev & Sid Rees	Shirley Murphy Carol Clarke
USHERS:	Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen

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. 23rd, 6:30pm – 9:00pm and Saturday, Oct. 24th, 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.
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!

THANK YOU FROM REVEREND MARTIN CURRIE: “Thanks” to all who helped in organizing the Archbishop’s 2009 Financial Appeal Campaign! The funds are used to enable us to provide chaplaincy services in our hospitals and other institutions and counselling services to the needy. Thank you for your financial support! If you wish to make a contribution, you may send your donation through your Parish or directly to the Archdiocese.

BELL ISLAND BREAST CANCER AWARENESS GROUP: Announces a change in date for their annual weekend. Now held on Bell Island on **September 26th & 27th**. Sponsor sheets available from members of the group. **We need your help to make this a success and work for a cure for breast cancer!** Everyone is invited to participate in the following:

- **Sunday, Sept. 27th:**
 - 2:00 – 4:00pm Concert For the Cure at St. Augustine's (\$3.00)
 - 4:45pm Walk of Hope from St. Augustine's to St. Michael's
 - 5:30pm Ecumenical Service at St. Michael's. Reception to follow in the church hall.

GATHERING PLACE: Please visit www.thelantern.nf.net or call 753-8760 for details of programs beginning in September.

GROWING IN FAITH: Starting **Sept. 19th** 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.

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. 20th and Sept. 27th**. 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 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Numbers 11: 16a, 17c, 25-29

Are you jealous for my sake?

Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!

Moses does not cling to his prophetic office. Rather, he wishes it could be shared with everyone. The generosity of Moses reflects the generosity of God, who gives to whomever he wishes – even to those two “prophets without portfolio,” as I once heard them described in a homily.

SECOND READING: James 5: 1-6

Your riches have rotted.

James says, “you have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.” To cling to wealth, to withhold wages, to treat workers unjustly is to condemn Christ all over again.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Whoever is not against us is for us.

If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off.

Even the smallest act of kindness performed in Christ's name will be rewarded. But to lead another person into sin is the worst possible thing we can do: Jesus says, quite simply, that it would be better to die.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Frank & Muriel Hammond