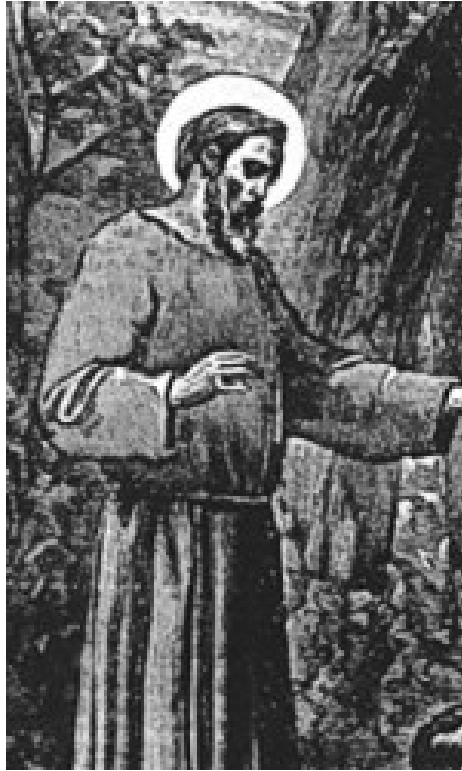


*Parish of Saint Leonard*  
*New Waterford & Area*  
*Nova Scotia*



*First Annual Report*  
*For 2009*

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**Parish of Saint Leonard**  
**Third Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 28, 2010 ♦ 2:00 PM**  
**Pastoral Centre**

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**AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introductory Remarks by Father Paul MacNeil, P.P.
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Catechesis & Youth
  - b. Liturgy
  - c. Pastoral Care of the Sick
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**-- Coffee Break --**

7. Questions & Discussion

# Welcome To The Parish of Saint Leonard

*Our mission:*

*To be a visible sign of the Body of Christ  
in our welcome, witness and  
celebration of all that we are  
as People of God.*

The Parish of St. Leonard was founded on the Feast of Pentecost, May 27, 2007, through a decree of the Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish. The Parish of St. Leonard is the result of an amalgamation of five parishes – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Agnes, St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph (New Victoria), and St. Michael's – and one mission – St. Joseph (Lingan). Together, community members have combined resources and are working toward a new sense of Church.

# Pastor's Message

March 2010

## Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

With heartfelt thanks to all of you and profound gratitude to God, I write this humble epistle offering a miniscule summary of the plethora of pastoral activities which have encompassed our vibrant faith community by the sea this past calendar year. One could say that our parish pilgrimage of uncertainty ended in June with our Bishop's final decision regarding our structural organization as a parish faith community. In many ways for many years we were like the Israelites wandering through the desert with Moses, uncertain of the future but fully aware of God's abiding presence and trusting and believing that we would eventually arrive at our destination with God's help and grace. Our definition as a parish was given to us by our former Bishop in June, bringing the end to one journey and initializing the beginning of another. Many were pleased, many were surprised, many were disheartened with the decision and for all of us it meant real change on a lived and practical level. As Pastor, I was truly grateful that a decision was made and that we as the People of God could try to rally behind this decision and build up the Body of Christ with one another and those in our local area. An Implementation Committee was selected and during the summer months met on a weekly basis to try to implement the change that was asked of us by our Chief Shepherd. With great sensitivity, care and creativity, this group discerned, reflected and chose wonderful modifications to our Parish Church of St. Leonard which would extend a spirit of inclusiveness and welcome for each and every parishioner in our parish. Taking statues of each of the patron saints from each of our former churches and placing them in the Baptismal Font area of St. Leonard's sanctuary shows the spirit of inclusiveness, respect and hospitality that we offer one another in our faith family. The statue of St. Agnes, the main altar, tabernacle and ambo from St. Agnes shows the esteem and reverence for that former church. The altar in our Day Chapel, along with the presider's chair

and statue of the Holy Family reflect the love and inclusion of that noble church in New Victoria. The Baptismal Font and statue of St. Michael, along with the pews located in our Day Chapel, reflect the love and esteem that we have for St. Michaels. The ambo and statue of St. Joseph offer our love and devotion to St Joseph's in Langan. Finally the statue of St. Alphonsus, the beautiful hanging sanctuary crucifix and the sanctuary lamp offer our honour to the church in Victoria Mines. Concluding liturgies were celebrated in all of our six church buildings in August. By early September we had our Opening Mass at the Parish Church of St. Leonard, blessing the newly rendered statue of St. Leonard with accompanying prisoner's chain and boulder of coal as his symbols. There was a new beginning for our parish, and we prayed for God's help and guidance as we set out together in this new way. The Annual Parish Picnic in September was another great success this year, reflecting who we truly are as People of God. The piñata, once again this year, had no chance with all of the great swings and hits of our beloved children. A new Parish Pastoral Council was elected in September and a new Finance & Administration Committee was chosen to reflect our new way of being as a parish. The amalgamation process, along with the pending diocesan lawsuit because of delinquent clergy, was difficult for many. But then with the news of possible criminal activity by our former bishop, our people locally, diocesan wide; and, indeed throughout the Catholic World, were deeply wounded and disheartened. Once again, we gathered together to call upon our God to show us the way, to bring justice where it is due and to bring healing to all concerned. As we concluded 2009 as a faith community, I must say that I am very pleased with *"where we now are"* as a faith community and believe that we are much stronger today than we were one year ago. We rely always on God's grace and help and the continued cooperation of one another to make our faith community a visible sign of God's love, mercy and compassion in our world. I pray for you all each day and depend upon your prayers as we journey together as members of this noble parish. I remain,

Gratefully your brother in Jesus Christ,

Fr. Paul MacNeil

Pastor - Parish of St. Leonard

# Pastoral Council Message

## Present Pastoral Council Members:

John M. Angione (Chair)

Ron Beaton

Michael Campbell

Helen Dwyer

Tiny MacDonald

Francis MacLean

Ansie MacPherson

Ron Steele

Jody Sutherland

## Ex-Officio Members:

Fr. Doug MacDonald

Marcy MacKinnon

Fr. Paul MacNeil

Leo Penny

Viola Penny

The newly amalgamated Parish of St. Leonard (est. Pentecost Sunday, 2007) continued to discern its physical and structural needs in 2009 through the work of the Pastoral Council. On January 1st, the Chair of the Pastoral Council, also Interim Chair of Finance and Administration Committee, and Chair of the Steering Committee, resigned from all of these positions. On January 2nd, the remainder of the Parish Steering Committee resigned as members of that former committee. In letters to the Pastoral Council, these former committee members stated that they did not agree with the announcement made by the pastor at the Christmas 2008 Masses that the three churches closed during the winter heating season (Mt. Carmel, St. Agnes, St. Joseph's NV - in an effort to save on heating fuel costs) would be re-opened on Palm Sunday 2009. As a result, the Pastoral Team received the Steering Committee's nearly finished report and proceeded to complete it so that Pastoral Council and indeed the entire Parish of St. Leonard could examine its findings and provide feedback and comments for the document. After several meetings of Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee, the document was published and offered to all parishioners at Masses on Saturday & Sunday, February 21 & 22, 2009. An evaluation sheet was enclosed for parishioners to provide feedback on the document and two weeks were given for parishioners to respond. After that important moment in our parish, a General Parish Meeting was held on March 8, 2009, at Mt. Carmel Auditorium, which provided an open opportunity for all parishioners to gather and to publicly express themselves regarding the document.

This meeting was chaired by the Parish Priest, Fr. Paul MacNeil, and all comments were duly recorded by Fr. Doug MacDonald, Viola Penny and Marcy MacKinnon. Any parishioner could approach the microphone and offer comments for up to two minutes, with Deacon Leo Penny acting as the official time-keeper. Although there were lots of emotions and a great deal of passion shared by many individuals, the meeting was extremely helpful in that it allowed everyone present to express what they were feeling and thinking in an atmosphere of Christian respect and dignity. Fr. Paul Abbass, Chair of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee, was present and offered some helpful thoughts for our parish process which was unfolding. After that meeting, Pastoral Council met several other times to collate the comments expressed at the Parish Meeting and to also collate the individual responses on paper that our parishioners offered. Pastoral Council met several more times, after experiencing the parish meeting, after reading all of the comments offered by parishioners, and after discerning the Steering Committee Report itself to look for a way forward. After a time of prayer and reflection at St. Michael's Church, Pastoral Council Members were asked to write down on paper what they truly believed should happen for our parish as a way forward and to share it with the entire group. From that very open and frank discussion, Pastoral Council agreed to present to our bishop the following three options having equal status and for him and his diocesan colleagues to ultimately decide the future of our parish. The three options were: 1) St. Michael's as the single place of worship for our entire parish, 2) St. Michael's and one of the larger churches (St. Agnes or Mt. Carmel) to be two places of worship for our entire parish and 3) one of the larger churches (Mt. Carmel or St. Agnes) to be our sole place of worship with St. Michael's as our Pastoral Centre. The bishop received this communication from Pastoral Council and immediately set up a diocesan committee to evaluate these three options. Fr. Angus MacDougall, Fr. Norm MacPhee, Catherine Farrow and Rankin MacSween were appointed by the bishop to make a recommendation to him.

After visiting all of our churches, after meeting with the Pastoral Council and Pastoral Team, and after meeting with people from our parish, the diocesan committee made a unanimous decision, choosing Option 3 -- that Mt. Carmel Church be chosen as the sole parish church and place of worship and that the Pastoral Centre be relocated to Union Highway, the former St. Michael's Church, and that the Parish Hall be located on Convent Street, the former St. Agnes Centre. The Bishop accepted their recommendations and visited Fr. Paul and Fr. Doug on Friday, June 5, 2009, to offer his final decision. This was communicated on Saturday afternoon to Pastoral Council and Finance and Administration Committees and then to all parishioners at each of the Masses that weekend. The bishop asked that the move to our new Parish Church of St. Leonard on Mt. Carmel Avenue be executed in early September and the Pastoral Centre move to happen shortly thereafter. Pastoral Council was thanked for all of their hard work and it was agreed that we would have a general parish election for new members for our Parish Pastoral Council in September to reflect our new orientation and new way of being.

In September of 2009, the parishioners of our Parish elected a new Pastoral Council. The new Pastoral Council meets on a monthly basis to determine the needs of our Parish, the restructuring of our Halls, concerns of parishioners and a financial strategy for the future.

Pastoral Council feels that transparency of operations is crucial. We are here to work on behalf of all parishioners. Council's goal is to continue to build our Parish into a strong faith community and to make parishioners knowledgeable about all that takes place within our Parish.

With the difficult times that we face, Pastoral Council will continue to persevere and represent our Parish to the best of our ability. Pastoral Council members are always open to questions, suggestions and advice from our parishioners.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
John M. Angione (Pastoral Council Chair)*

# Pastoral Council Committee Reports

# Catechesis & Youth Report

For 2009

## **The Objective of Our Committee is:**

Commitment to the ongoing faith formation and development of all parishioners.

**Activities in 2009:** Faith development for all ages in our parish continued to be a goal for us in 2009. From January through April, we continued our Households of Faith gatherings, where all ages were invited to come together every Tuesday evening to reflect on the Gospel of the coming week and to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Most weeks we held our Breaking Open the Word, where the Gospel for the coming Sunday was proclaimed and reflected upon. Adults remained in the main body of St. Michael's Church to do this, while the children were taken downstairs with catechists to hear the Gospel from the children's lectionary and to have age appropriate discussions. The last Tuesday of each month was our Spaghetti Night, where all ages shared a meal together and examined specific aspects of our faith. This year our theme for our Spaghetti Nights was "The Creed".

In the Fall of 2009, our Faith Formation Coordinator, Marcy MacKinnon, began a one-year maternity leave. We have been fortunate to employ Mary Clare Sampson on a part-time basis to help out with our programs in the 2009-2010 season, along with Willena Blackwood, who has been providing administrative support.

Breaking Open the Word, our Tuesday evening gatherings for parishioners of all ages, began on October 20. As in the past, all gather in the upstairs of the Pastoral Centre and, following an opening prayer, the children are invited downstairs with our catechists.

Once again in 2009, family-centred programming guided our First Eucharist and First Reconciliation preparation programs. Each preparation program had both a family component and a community component. The family component consisted of a series of topics for families to explore together at home and the community component was comprised of workshops in which children and their parents/caregivers participated together. First Eucharist was

Celebrated over three weekends in the Easter Season, from April 19 to May 3, 2009, with families choosing the date on which they wished to take part. In total, 70 children celebrated First Eucharist in 2009. First Reconciliation was celebrated with 34 young people on December 11, 2009. This celebration was part of a community Advent reconciliation service.

Preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** began again in the fall of 2008. The decision was made in the fall to lower the age at which Confirmation is celebrated in our community to the grade nine age-level. This is more consistent with the practice of most other parishes in our region. Lowering the age meant having a double group in the 2008/2009 pastoral year, with more than 100 young people registered. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2009 consisted of monthly online activities, participation in Youth Night (every second Sunday), personal interviews, and a Retreat for Confirmands. The Bishop was in our community on May 21, 2009, to confer the sacrament upon 109 of our young people.

In the fall of 2009, we began to offer **Children's Liturgy of the Word** each week at our 11:00 AM Sunday Liturgy. This is an opportunity for our young children (age 4 up to those preparing for First Eucharist) to hear and understand the readings of the day in a separate space during Mass. Since the program began on October 4, 2009, we have seen a steady increase in the number of children attending this mass, and their enjoyment is evident.

On November 1, we began to have a 6:00 PM **Sunday Evening Mass** on the first Sunday of each month. Although this Mass focuses on our youth, and in particular, our Confirmation Candidates, parishioners of all ages are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Our Confirmation Candidates have been taking an active role in the various ministries for these masses.

As we move forward, we are committed to continually evaluating and enhancing our program offerings in attempts to provide quality growth opportunities for parishioners of all ages. We encourage community members to come out and share their many gifts with us in our various programs, understanding that the responsibility for catechesis lies with each and every one of us.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Clare Sampson

# Liturgy Committee Report

For 2009

## Present Committee Members:

Bryan McDonald (Chair)	Lorette Campbell	Angela McKinnon
Trickie Madden (2 <sup>nd</sup> Chair)	Helen Dwyer	Irene Obracay
Charlotte Jurcina (Sec't)	Florence Fraser	Winnie Odo
Fr. Paul MacNeil	Marcy MacKinnon	Leo Penny
Fr. Doug MacDonald	Eunice McCarthy	Viola Penny
Barbara Baker	Emma McLeod	Shirley Rockett
		Jack Reid

## The Objective of Our Committee is:

The objective or mission of the Liturgy Committee is to promote the full, active and conscious participation of the People of God in the praise and worship of God. To this end, we seek to create a prayerful and welcoming environment where people feel part of a community of prayer.

## Activities in 2009:

The Liturgy Committee met on nine (9) occasions in 2009.

- Each year, after every major celebration and Liturgical Season, the Liturgy committee reviews the celebrations in terms of church capacity, scheduling, attendance, resources, ease of access and liturgical function. Each review helps us improve future celebrations and can be a reference for future planning. Remembering always our Mission: To be a visible sign of the Body of Christ in our welcome, witness, and celebration of all that we are as a people of God.
- A workshop for Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist was facilitated by Fr. Doug MacDonald. People of both ministries attended, new information was presented, and some changes were made to the ministries.
- A Mission was held in our parish in March. Father Bedford led this mission ... "Journey of Lent; Journey of Life." It was very uplifting and a time for spiritual growth for all who attended. During Lent Father Paul presented eight video sessions on St. Paul. Each session was one hour and discussion ensued after each

video. All who attended learned a great deal about St. Paul.

- On Good Friday, Father Paul showed the video “The Passion of the Christ” in the Church.
- Stations of the Cross were held on Thursdays during Lent at 6 PM, followed by Mass at 6:30 PM. Angela McKinnon secured leaders for the Stations.
- Celebration of the Easter Triduum was well attended.
- Opportunities for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament were provided on Monday mornings following daily mass.
- All Souls Mass was held on November 2.
- The Feast of St. Leonard was celebrated on November 6 at the weekday liturgy.
- The new Pastoral Centre opened in November. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel there was opened on November 16. The hours for the chapel are Mondays from 1:30-4 PM and Tuesday-Friday from 9 AM-12 Noon and 1:30-4 PM.
- Rose MacKinnon resigned as chair of the Liturgy Committee, and Bryan McDonald was elected as new chair. Bryan resigned as Coordinator of Hospitality Ministry, and Helen Dwyer accepted this position. Patricia McDonald accepted the position of Coordinator of Lectors. Angela McKinnon is coordinator for Sacristans and Trickie Madden will assist. Emma McLeod is Coordinator for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.
- Altar Servers are being coordinated by Jack Reid, with the assistance of Barbara Baker.
- A Reflection Evening for Pastoral Council & Committees was held on October 6. Its purpose was to re-orient all of us as parishioners and leaders in our roles in building up the Body of Christ in our Parish and in our world.
- Patsy MacDonald served as coordinator for decorating the church for Christmas. Many thanks to all who assisted!
- An Ecumenical Advent Service was held on December 6, at 2 PM in our parish.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who give of their time for all ministries in our Parish.

*Respectfully submitted by Bryan MacDonald (Chair)*

# Pastoral Care of the Sick Report

For 2009

The care of one another is embedded in what it means for each baptized person. It is the role of all to care for the sick, shut in and bereaved. As a parish the ministry is part of everyday life and certainly part of the role of pastoral agents in the parish. The ministry is supported by a committee coordinated by Deacon Leo and Viola Penny.

In addition to regular visits to the sick at home or in hospital the Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated when requested. Communion to the sick from Sunday Eucharist and on First Fridays is offered. Funerals are celebrated in a variety of ways outlined by the rites of the Church.

In 2009 we supported the celebration of 146 funerals. On November 2, 2009 (the Feast of All Souls), the liturgy gathered families who had lost a loved one during the previous year. Preparation for this liturgy is shared with the Liturgy Committee.

Bereavement calls and visits to the sick take place at home or in hospital, as requested by families. In October of this year, we began a monthly Grief Support Group for those individuals and families who have experienced the death of a loved one. These gatherings take place on the third Wednesday of each month at the Pastoral Centre. This program is offered in conjunction with Bereaved Families of Cape Breton.

Support to the Maple Hill Manor and the New Waterford Consolidated Hospital is ongoing. Formation of ministers visiting the sick on behalf of the parish is ongoing throughout the year.

*Respectfully submitted by Deacon Leo & Viola Penny  
Pastoral Assistants*

# Social Justice Report

## For 2009

This goal of our Pastoral Plan is one that is recognized as needing further development and energy. Under this group falls our commitment to Christian Service, issues concerning justice and peace, issues concerning our environment and care for the earth. Internally the parish supports and collaborates with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and Combined Christmas Giving. In addition to spiritual support the parish supports this work in the provision of financial, administrative and space support. Locally we also provide emergency aid on a case by case basis through a Christian Service initiative. Looking outwardly, the parish also supports the work of Development and Peace, initiatives in Social Justice on a diocesan level and ongoing learning of global issues. During Advent this year, our parish adopted a child through the Chalice Organization. He is from the Phillipines.

# Finance & Administration Committee

## Report For 2009

### Present Committee Members:

Jody Sutherland (Chair)  
Charles Campbell  
Roseanne Kennedy  
Winnie Odo  
Ambrose White

### Ex-Officio Members :

Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Fr. Doug MacDonald  
Leo Penny  
Viola Penny

### The Objective of Our Committee is:

To oversee the temporal management of the Parish and to support the Pastoral Plan.

### Activities in 2009:

This past year our parish has gone through a very rigorous discernment and implementation period in regards to embracing the structural needs of our faith community. In January of 2009, in an effort to reduce expenditures during the worst of the winter heating season, three of our churches were temporarily closed, namely Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Agnes and St. Joseph's in New Victoria. All celebrations in the parish from January 2nd until Palm Sunday were held mostly at St. Michael's Church and one per week on Sunday morning at St. Joseph's in Lingan (to provide for barrier free access). A total of \$5,628.00 was saved in the temporary closing of these churches for that time period. Several meetings looked at budgeting for our parish, both revenues and expenditures. Because of the uncertainty of our parish situation structurally, it was very difficult to predict with any measure of certainty what the future might look like financially for our parish. Joint meetings were held with Pastoral Council and the Pastoral Team to finalize the Steering Committee Report and offer it to our people. A General Parish Meeting was held on March 8, 2009, to discuss the Steering Document and to get comments and feedback from all of our parishioners. A good attendance resulted with approximately 450 parishioners present and a sincere and open discussion unfolded with those at the meeting. A feeling was held by the committee that *"until we know who we are,"* it was extremely difficult to make any financial decisions about anything. Knowing who we were was

handed over to our parish on Saturday June 6, 2009, when the Pastoral Team had a joint meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee along with members of Pastoral Council. The Bishop's decision was rendered and was final. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church was chosen to be The Parish Church of St. Leonard, St. Michael's Church was named to become the Pastoral Centre for the Parish, and St. Agnes Hall was to become the Parish Hall of St. Leonard. Some members of the Finance and Administration Committee were disappointed by this decision and worked through meetings with the bishop and through a public petition to get this final decision changed. Recognizing that this decision was difficult for some members to embrace, and recognizing that new structures and committees needed to be in place to reflect the new orientation of our faith community, the members of the Finance and Administration Committee were asked to resign by pastor, Fr. Paul MacNeil, in consultation with the bishop.

After a Pastoral Council election was held in September, a new Finance and Administration Committee was selected with Jody Sutherland chosen as Chair, as well as liaison with Parish Council, along with members Roseanne Kennedy, Winnie Odo, Charles Campbell and Ambrose White. This dedicated and active Committee has assumed their duties and are meeting on a monthly basis to assist in decisions concerning the day-to-day operation of the parish and with modifications to bring our buildings up to code.

The Finance Committee is committed to keeping parishioners informed of all financial matters relevant to the operation of our parish.

*Respectfully submitted by,*

*Jody Sutherland, Chair*

# Parish of Saint Leonard Financial Report 2009

<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>Contributions Ordinary</b>		
Catechesis & Youth	5,224.50	
Church Upkeep	9,624.50	
Sunday Envelopes	318,227.19	
Loose	27,448.68	
<b>Total Ordinary Cont's</b>		<b>360,524.87</b>
<b>Contributions Special</b>		
Cemetery Collections	11,258.00	
Cemetery Donation	1,806.06	
Memorial	20,986.80	
<b>Total Special Coll's</b>		<b>34,050.86</b>
<b>Diocesan Spec Coll's</b>		<b>7,677.25</b>
<b>Local Special Coll's</b>		
Combined Christmas	5,203.70	
Diocesan Levy	718.00	
Family Service	2,407.30	
Social Justice	4,480.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	1,924.00	
<b>Total Local Special</b>		<b>14,733.00</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Parish Activities	534.00	
Function Income	48,094.38	
From Committees C.W.L.	6,000.00	
<b>Total Fundraising</b>		<b>54,628.38</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>		<b>3,135.70</b>
<b>Carmel Centre Donations</b>		<b>6,015.00</b>
<b>Rentals</b>		
Sangaree	10,000.00	
Hall Rentals	7,437.31	
<b>Total Rentals</b>		<b>17,437.31</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Miscellaneous Receipts	30,671.68	
Student Grants	2,653.00	
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>33,324.68</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>531,527.05</b>
<b>Transferred from Savings/Investments</b>		<b>47,307.90</b>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Interest / Bank Charges		<b>3,637.38</b>
Capital/Equipment		<b>7,000.09</b>
Capital Repairs		<b>36,721.60</b>
Carmel Centre Reimburse		<b>6,015.00</b>
Cemetery Collections		<b>13,064.06</b>
Social Justice		<b>4,520.00</b>
Diocesan Levy		<b>718.00</b>
Diocesan Spec. Coll.		<b>7,897.25</b>
<b>Local Sp. Collections</b>		
Combined Christmas	5,203.70	
Food Bank	1,196.83	
St. Vincent de Paul	1,924.00	
Talbot House	30.00	
Family Services	2,407.30	
<b>Total Local Collections</b>		<b>10,761.83</b>
<b>Office</b>		
General Office Expense	16,364.66	
Telephone	6,313.02	
<b>Total Office</b>		<b>22,677.68</b>
Professional Dev.		<b>1,285.74</b>
<b>Program Materials</b>		
Book/Resources	2,200.87	
Catechesis	7,567.11	
Parish Activities	1,523.14	
Fund Raising	35,062.50	
<b>Total Program Material</b>		<b>46,353.62</b>
Liturgical expense		<b>11,595.91</b>
Payroll		<b>209,288.78</b>
Stipends		<b>13,892.27</b>
Heat, Lights, Water		<b>61,524.35</b>
Household		<b>15,330.52</b>
Insurance		<b>17,987.00</b>
Taxes		<b>5,702.11</b>
<b>Repairs/Maintenance</b>		
Snow Removal	4,777.56	
All Other Maintenance	10,424.76	
<b>Total Maintenance</b>		<b>15,202.32</b>
Transport (car, travel)		<b>12,054.41</b>
Meetings		<b>2,721.17</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>525,951.09</b>
<b>RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>5,575.96</b>

<b>Current Financial Position</b>	
<b>Financial Position January 1, 2009</b>	<b>9,571.72</b>
Add: Total Receipts	531,527.05
Subtotals:	541,098.77
Less: Total Expenses	525,951.09
Levy 2009	55,215.35
<b>Financial Position December 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$-40,067.67</b>

<b>Miscellaneous Receipts</b>	
Missals	834.00
Hymn Books	880.00
Donations	7,922.06
Advent Coin Folders	3,429.00
Bow Tree/Decorating	3,757.50
Mission	2,244.33
Literature/Votives	6,253.66
Food Bank	1,196.83
K.O.C. Donation	400.00
Insurance Claim	3,754.30
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$30,671.68</b>

<b>Assets as of December 31, 2009</b>	
Current Account	35,606.40
Investments	97,522.66
Building Fund	4,802.78
Petty Cash	600.00
Accounts Receivable HST	10,985.49
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$149,517.33</b>

<b>Liabilities 2009</b>			
Beginning Balance		Ending Balance	
		Levy 2009	55,215.35
Prior Levies	34,927.08	Prior Levies	34,927.08
Loan 2002	33,057.24	Loan 2002	33,057.24
Loan (Hall)	76,385.33	Loan (Hall)	66,385.33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$144,369.65</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$189,585.00</b>

<b>Breakdown of Outside Collections 2009</b>	
Antigonish Diocesan Society	1,662.00
Development & Peace	3,501.25
Latin America	1,510.00
Shepherd's Trust	240.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	984.00
<b>Total Outside Collections:</b>	<b>\$7,897.25</b>

<b>Sunday Contributions 2009 (884 Contributors)</b>		
Annual Total	Avg. Per Week	No.
\$0.00 - \$104	0 - \$2.00	219
\$105 - \$208	\$2.01 - \$4.00	179
\$209 - \$312	\$4.01 - \$6.00	183
\$313 - \$416	\$6.01 - \$8.00	64
\$417 - \$520	\$8.01 - \$10.00	81
\$521 - \$780	\$10.01 - \$15.00	75
\$781 - \$1040	\$15.01 - \$20.00	49
\$1041 - \$1300	\$20.01 - \$25.00	13
\$1301 - \$1560	\$25.01 - \$30.00	5
\$1561 - \$1820	\$30.01 - \$35.00	5
\$1821 - \$2080	\$35.01 - \$40.00	2
\$2081 - \$2600	\$40.01 - \$50.00	4
\$2601 - \$3395	\$50.00 - \$65.00	4
\$3400 - \$5000	\$66 - \$100.00	1

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose Offerings 2007-2009</b>	
2009	\$360,524.87
2008	\$382,540.00
2007	\$412,214.87

<b>Parish of Saint Leonard Sacramental Statistics – 2006 to 2009</b>																			
Baptism				First Eucharist				Confirmation				Marriage				Death			
06	07	08	09	06	07	08	09	06	07	08	09	06	07	08	09	06	07	08	09
91	78	75	94	70	75	52	71	87	66	57	109	24	29	16	21	125	112	131	146

Notes:

\* Of the 94 persons baptized in 2009, 25 (27%) were children of former parishioners who no longer reside here.

\*\* Of the 21 couples married in 2009, 18 (86%) were visitors or former parishioners who no longer reside here.

\*\*\* Of the 146 people who died in 2009, 37 (25%) were former parishioners who no longer reside here

\*\*\* Of the 146 persons who died in 2009, 19 (13%) were sole envelope holders (no surviving spouse).

# Finance & Administration Sub-Committee Reports

# Halls Committee Report

For 2009

**Present Executive Members:**

Butch Chiasson, Jr. (Chair)	Chris Nemis	Allie Leadbeater
Paul Pembroke (Vice Chair)	Hugh MacKay	Steve Madden
Ray Jessome (Treas.)	Lloyd MacLeod	Tom Hines
John Hutchinson (Sec't)	Ken MacLeod	Gaye Desveaux
Butch Chiasson, Sr.	Lowell Cormier	Roger Guyaux, Jr.
Marshall Desveaux	Mark Walzak	Brian MacEachern

**The Objective of Our Committee is:**

To oversee the operation and maintenance of all halls within the parish. We also facilitate any other functions which the parish involves us in outside of the Halls. We report to the Parish Council, Finance Committee and Priests of the Parish.

**Activities in 2009:**

The Halls Committee facilitated fifteen events last year, which included the Rosary Fundraiser, weddings, anniversaries, dances and the successful return of our New Year's Dance. We also facilitated some non-bar functions for the Parish and its various groups. We carried out minor electrical and furniture repairs, including upgrading of our Gym side lights (which help light up the hall when the overhead lights are out). All coolers were once again cleaned and all inventories updated. In December, we met with Father Paul and members of the Parish Council and we first agreed, as a group, to take over all halls within the parish and run them. With this new responsibility, we also agreed to adopt and enforce the new accountability rules developed by Parish Council and the Halls Committee Executive. As a result, we facilitated two functions at the Parish Hall (St. Agnes). After this, our group met and cleaned the entire hall, from top to bottom. We are currently expanding our Committee, as we have ten (10) new members coming aboard. We are also looking forward to another busy year, as we have 18 functions scheduled. The Financial Report for Mount Carmel Auditorium and St. Agnes Hall can be found in the Parish Financial Report.

*Respectfully submitted by Bernard "Butch" Chiasson, Jr. (Chair)*

# Lingan Hall Report

## For 2009

### **Present Committee Members:**

Ronnie Kelly (Chair)  
Shirley Rockett

### **The Objective of Our Committee is:**

To oversee the operation and maintenance of the Lingan Hall and report to the Finance & Administration Committee of the Parish.

### **Activities in 2009:**

The Hall is rented throughout the year, on a regular basis, by various groups for community activities, Lingan Ladies Group (meetings and fundraisers), as well as to others for Baby/Bridal Showers, Birthday Parties, Anniversaries, etc. The Hall is also used for Funeral Receptions.

The Financial Report for St. Joseph's Hall, Lingan, is contained in the Parish Financial Report.

*Report not submitted*

# Reports of Associated Organizations

# Cemetery Society Report For 2009

## **Present Society Members:**

Janette MacKinnon (Chair)		Naish Matlock
Wilfred Boudreau	Tom Gale	Basil McGillivray
Florence Campbell	Fr. Doug MacDonald	Leo Quinn
Michael Campbell	Martin MacKinnon	Pius Stephenson
Phil Donovan	Maureen MacLean	Denise White
Rod Fraser	Fr. Paul MacNeil	Pleman Woodland

## **The Objective of Our Committee is:**

To provide for the maintenance and upkeep of our six Parish Cemeteries.

## **Activities in 2009:**

The Cemetery Society acknowledges with great thanks the contributions of all those who make offerings and volunteer, and our local Funeral Directors who continue to support us as we continue to work to maintain these holy grounds. All members of the Cemetery Committee work well together toward the common goal, which is to do what is best for all six cemeteries of the Parish of Saint Leonard. Last summer, four workers were hired and were supervised at the different sites. The vault at Mount Carmel Cemetery was sand blasted and cleaned to make it more presentable. A much needed drainage system was installed in St. Agnes Cemetery. This work was done very economically by using our own equipment and with the assistance of our student workers. Approximately 90-100 yards of screened topsoil was purchased. Many headstones were straightened up and graves were leveled. All equipment is stored in rented spaces. The committee will be addressing a permanent storage building in 2010. The process of expanding mandate of the Mount Carmel Cemetery Society to include the care and maintenance of St. Agnes Cemetery, St. Alphonsus Cemetery St. Joseph's Cemetery, Lingan, St. Joseph's Cemetery, New Victoria and St. Michael's Cemetery was completed and a Board of Directors has been implemented. The name of the Registered Charity is now New Waterford & Area Cemetery Society. The Annual Cemetery Masses took place in each of our cemeteries during the last week of July and the first two weeks of August. The weather was very pleasant for all masses, and a large number of parishioners were in attendance at the masses. The Society Members extend thanks to our Parishioners for their support and cooperation. It makes our work more enjoyable and helps to insure that all necessary work is carried out.

*Respectfully Submitted by Janette MacKinnon (Chair)*

# New Waterford & Area Cemetery Society Financial Report For 2009

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Church & Cemetery Mass Collections	\$11,874.06
Burial Fees	49,890.50
Grave Preparation Fees	1,150.00
Private Donations	875.00
Interest on Savings	5.38
HST Refund for 2009	1,885.18
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$65,680.12</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Maintenance & Supplies	\$4,153.82
Nova Scotia Power	345.46
Insurance (Vault)	71.00
Major Repairs	1,811.89
Truck Purchase	10,266.32
Equipment Insurance	1,016.00
Equipment Repair	1,515.05
Caretaker & Administrative Fees	17,266.68
Student Wages	9,899.42
Office Expense	147.35
HST Paid on Purchases	1,885.18
Societies Registration	28.03
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$48,406.20</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,273.92</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	
Bank Balance January 1	\$70,450.81
Add Deposits to December 31	\$65,680.12
	\$136,130.93
Less Expenses to December 31	\$48,406.20
Balance December 31	\$87,724.73

# Catholic Women's League Report

For 2009

## Present Executive Members:

<b>President</b>	Mary MacKenzie
<b>Vice-President</b>	Anna Caverzan
<b>Secretary</b>	Mary O'Quinn
<b>Treasurer</b>	Charlotte Jurcina
<b>Past President</b>	Rita MacEachern
<b>Community Life</b>	Leona MacNeil
<b>Spiritual Development</b>	Maureen Finlayson
<b>Christian Family Life</b>	Trickie Madden
<b>Education &amp; Health</b>	Connie Boone
<b>Legislation &amp; Resolutions</b>	Sherry Timmons
<b>Communications</b>	Becky Smith

## The Objective of the Catholic Women's League is:

- To unite Catholic women of Canada
- To achieve individual and collective spiritual development
- To promote the teachings of the Catholic Church
- To exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
- To recognize the human dignity of people everywhere
- To protect the sanctity of human life
- To enhance the role of women in Church & Society

## Activities in 2009:

- Monthly Meetings (September to June)
- World Day of Prayer Service
- Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 26, with Eucharist and a social gathering.
- Attended the CWL Fall Conference on October 16 & 17 at St. Augustine's Parish, Sydney.
- Assisted with hospitality for Parish celebrations such as First Communion, Confirmation, our Parish Picnic and Funeral Celebrations.
- Attend Parish Wakes.
- Attend and financially support weekly Bingo at Maple Hill Manor
- Action has been taken by members by mailing letters to Ottawa re: child pornography, Bill C-384 on Euthanasia, Abortion and Cell Phone usage while driving.

- Participate in Mass for Shut-Ins
- CWL sponsored a Walking Program which was held twice weekly over the winter months at Mount Carmel Gym. This was very well attended.
- Used eyeglasses and postage stamps are collected to benefit Third World Countries.
- CWL Council raise funds through such means as funeral receptions, take-out suppers, ticket sales, etc. This enables them to make donations to the running of the parish/facilities and to other Charitable Organizations such as RC Legion (Remembrance Day Wreath), Mass for Shut-Ins, Transition House, Talbot House, Mater Care (Women in Africa), Maple Hill Manor, Fire Victims, BEC Scholastic Trust, St. Agnes School, Bow Tree (in memory of deceased members), Relay for Life, Holy Children Association, Cancer Society and Kiwanis Speech Festivals.
- During the final meeting of Mount Carmel CWL, six members were awarded service pins for their outstanding contribution over the years.
- New linens were purchased for use in the Parish Church of Saint Leonard.
- St. Agnes CWL and Mount CWL joined together to form a new CWL under the name of St. Leonard CWL on November 6, 2009. The Parish of Saint Leonard hosted a lovely supper for the two joined groups. Also present was Tousje Vandersande, CWL Diocesan President, Peggy MacNeil, President Elect, Fr. Jim Oliver, Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul MacNeil and Fr. Doug MacDonald.
- In December, the newly formed St. Leonard CWL celebrated our amalgamation with a Pot Luck Supper. Everyone enjoyed the evening.
- Prior to the closing of the Financial Accounts of Mount Carmel & St. Agnes C.W.L., a number of donations were made to various Church and Community organizations. As well, both Councils made monetary donations to the Parish of Saint Leonard, each paid a portion for the new St. Leonard CWL banner and a \$500.00 deposit to the new account of St. Leonard CWL was made by each.
- Meetings and Activities of the newly formed St. Leonard CWL will begin in January, 2010.

# St. Vincent de Paul Society Report

## For 2009

### Present Executive Members:

<b>President</b>	Leona Power	
<b>Vice-President</b>	Anne Marie MacPherson	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Eileen Roach	
<b>Secretary</b>	Elaine Parsons	
<b>Spiritual Advisor</b>	Deacon Leo Penny	
<b>Clothing Room</b>	Brenda Corbett	
<b>Purchasing</b>	Elaine Parsons	John Power
	Sonny MacPherson	Grant Cogswell
<b>Furniture</b>	Dan MacMullin	Alice Aucoin

### The Objective of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul is:

To help those less fortunate with groceries, clothing and furniture.

### Activities in 2008:

Until September of 2009, two St. Vincent de Paul Societies operated in our Parish – Mount Carmel & St. Agnes/St. Michael's. In April, 2008, Mount Carmel St. Vincent de Paul changed its name to "*St. Leonard St. Vincent de Paul*" and in 2009, the two societies joined forces to create a single St. Vincent de Paul for the Parish of Saint Leonard. The St. Agnes Food Cupboard closed in September of 2009, and food services for our entire parish are now housed at the Carmel Centre. A clothing room offering household goods and furniture is still available to clients on Mondays from 11 AM - 3 PM at the new Pastoral Centre (back entrance). Food Cupboards are stocked through the generosity of the Parishioners of Saint Leonard and the people of New Waterford, as well as through Food Drives and other donations. Our Societies benefit from participation in the Feed Nova Scotia Program, which provides delivery of various goods twice monthly.

Members of our SVDP attend monthly meetings with the St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council in Glace Bay and participate in an Annual Day of Reflection on the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul in September. All conferences take part in this Day of Reflection.

In addition to their charitable service to those less fortunate, members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society visit the residents of the Braemor Home monthly to provide lunch and a social gathering with music. Members of the Society also help out with weekly bingo at Maple Hill Manor. In addition, members of our St. Vincent de Paul celebrate Mass for Shut-Ins once a year.

**Financial Summary for 2009:**

<b>Jan. 1 Balance</b>	\$2,970.28
<b>Revenue (donations)</b>	\$8,345.40
<b>Overhead Expenses</b>	\$2,953.26
<b>Groceries Purchased</b>	\$3,340.78
<b>Dec. 31 Balance</b>	\$5,021.64
<b>Served in 2009</b>	887 total calls 1,171 Adults 594 Children

# Carmel Centre Society Report

For 2009

## Present Board of Directors:

Sr. Margie Gillis (Executive Director)	Joe Aucoin
Mary MacMillan (Board Chairperson)	Marg Berger
Gord Peckham (Vice-Chairperson)	Janette MacKinnon
Dan Willie MacKinnon (Treasurer)	Sr. Anne Marie McKinnon
Viola Penny (Secretary)	Leo Penny
Brian Duguid (Board Employee)	

## The Objective of the Society is:

To maintain and operate Carmel Centre as a gathering place which will stimulate social, cultural, economic and spiritual development opportunities for the citizens of New Waterford & Area.

## Activities in 2009:

The Carmel Centre Society gratefully acknowledges the positive support of the Parish of Saint Leonard in the endeavours that we undertake.

Progress is being made toward the establishment of a caring community centre available to all residents of the community.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary MacMillan (Board Chair)*

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