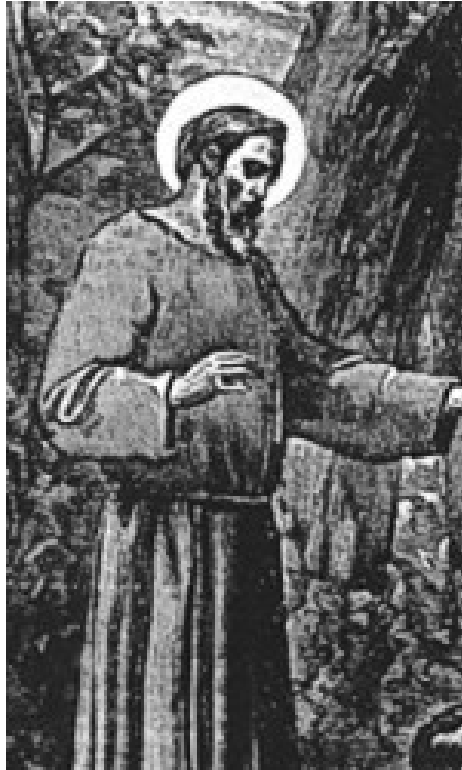


*Parish of Saint Leonard*  
*New Waterford & Area*  
*Nova Scotia*



*First Annual Report*  
*For 2008*

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**Parish of Saint Leonard**  
**Second Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 31, 2009 ♦ 2:00 PM**  
**Gaul 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 / Bereavement
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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 Most Reverend Raymond J. Lahey, 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. Currently, St. Leonard worships in five different church buildings. Work is underway to examine the facility needs of the parish.

# Pastor's Message

May 2009

## Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

It has now been eleven months since my arrival here in the Parish of St. Leonard. Spending the first month of July as a newcomer with Fr. Dan MacDonald was a wonderful time to get introduced to the parish, the team, the staff, the committees and the parishioners. In August, when Fr. Doug MacDonald arrived, the roles were reversed, this time I was the veteran (so to speak) and he was the neophyte to our faith community and indeed to priesthood itself. Both you and I have experienced a lot of change, challenge and opportunity in our vibrant Christian Community in the greater New Waterford region these past number of months. As I write this message, the very definition of our physical parish remains yet unsettled. Since last summer to the month of December, the Steering Committee met on a regular basis to try to formulate a way forward for our parish in regards to our physical structural needs. Their work was completed on January 2nd, 2009, when they submitted their unfinished recommendations and when they dissolved themselves. Parish Council took their unfinished work in January, completed it, and presented it to the people of our parish in the form of the *Discussion Document of the Parish of St. Leonard* in February of 2009. You the people had an opportunity to read it and make comments on it and then we gathered for our Parish Meeting on March 8, 2009 where over 450 of our parishioners attended. That meeting from my perspective was a very positive experience for our community for it provided an opportunity for all of us to gather under one roof and hear each other speak openly, honestly and passionately about our faith, our beliefs, our concerns and our hopes and fears as we journey

forward into the future. Fr. Paul Abbass' presence was very much appreciated as well, since he brought the diocesan perspective to our local community. By June 15th of this year, 2009, the Bishop, through the recommendation of his committee set up with Fr. Angus MacDougall V.G. will offer all of us a definite expression of who we will be, focusing upon our structural needs, as a faith community. This has not been an easy road for any of us and yet we have prevailed and moved forward with great confidence, for we know in the depths of our hearts that our God is with us on both the good days and the difficult days. The Parish Picnic held last September, the beautiful Sunday liturgies, our Parish Mission, Holy Week and the outpouring of love, support and prayer during tragedies and funerals has brought us all together in a powerful and positive way. Thank you for your support and your strong faith. The Kingdom of God has grown in the depths of my heart since I arrived in our parish. I thank God for you each day in prayer. I look forward to spending this next year together as we continue our journey of faith in this time of great opportunity and challenge. I remain,

Yours in our Risen Lord,

Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Pastor - Parish of St. Leonard

# Pastoral Council Message

## Present Pastoral Council Members:

Barbara Carrigan	Agnes MacEachern	Marcy MacKinnon
Melissa Caume	Rita McEachern	Leo Penny
Anna Caverzan	Sr. Anne Marie McKinnon	Viola Penny
Trickie Madden	Fr. Doug MacDonald	

Father Paul MacNeil (Interim Chair)

The Pastoral Council of the Parish of St. Leonard has been meeting on a regular basis this past year. Along with engaging in the many ongoing pastoral needs of our newly formed parish as of May 27, 2007, we have also spent a great deal of time and energy reflecting upon our structural needs and ongoing financial abilities and challenges concerning our faith community. Inspired by a motion presented by the Finance and Administration Committee of our parish in October of 2008, Pastoral Council passed a motion which encouraged the closing of three of our five church buildings (Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Agnes and St. Joseph's, New Victoria) from January 1, 2009 until the end of the heating season. Bishop Lahey was aware of this initiative and was supportive of it as long as it was acknowledged and understood that this was a temporary measure to reduce heating costs for our worshipping community over the coldest period of our winter and not a permanent closure. On December 24th and 25th, as pastor, I announced that the churches that were going to close during the coldest part of the heating season would be reopened on Palm Sunday 2009. This announcement caused some concern for some members of Pastoral Council and some offered their resignation. Since that time we have a total of seven parishioners plus five ex-officio Pastoral Team members. After our parish receives notification by June 15th of this year from our bishop as to who we are and what we are going to look like structurally, a new call for nominations and an election is going to be extended to our entire faith community seeking new members to join in August or September of this year.

*Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,*

*Fr. Paul MacNeil (Interim Chair of Pastoral Council)*

Pastoral Council  
Committee Reports

# Catechesis & Youth Report

For 2008

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

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

**Activities in 2008:** Faith development for all ages in our parish continued to be a goal for us in 2008. From January through April, we continued our Households of Faith gatherings, where all ages were invited to come together every second Tuesday evening to learn more about our theme for that pastoral year, "The Church Year". In the fall of 2008, the decision was made to continue to focus on whole community catechesis, with Tuesday evenings being dedicated to such efforts. We changed the format of the gatherings, choosing to have something every Tuesday evening, rather than every second week. So, in September 2008, we began our weekly Tuesday night Parish Nights, open to parishioners of all ages. 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 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". Prior to the end of 2008, we held three Spaghetti Night gatherings, where we explored what various parts of our Creed mean to us. Those who participated regularly in our Tuesday night Parish Nights seemed to find it a fruitful experience. We therefore intend to continue these gatherings and hope that a larger number of parishioners choose to connect with them.

Once again in 2008, 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 Reconciliation was actually held twice within the 2008 calendar year. In order to make the time of preparation more manageable for those families with children taking part in both programs, we decided to move our First Reconciliation preparation and celebration to the fall of the year. Reconciliation was celebrated with 26 young people on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and again with 25 young people on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Each celebration of the sacrament was preceded by a retreat for the candidates. The fall celebration was part of a community Advent reconciliation service. Currently our plan is to continue to hold First Reconciliation preparation in the fall of the year. First Eucharist was celebrated over five weekends in the Easter season, from April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 through May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, with families choosing the date on which they wished to take part. In total, 52 children celebrated First Eucharist in 2008.

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in 2008 consisted of a number of retreat-style modules that candidates had to complete. We had a strong Confirmation team that facilitated these modules. Bishop Lahey was in our community on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to confer the sacrament upon 57 of our young people. 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.

In the fall of 2008, we began a Youth Night held every second Sunday evening. Some of these gatherings were more social in nature, while others focused on learning more about various aspects of our faith. We hope to be able to direct more effort to the area of Youth Ministry in the coming year and we encourage more adult parishioners to come forward to assist with this effort.

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 your 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 Marcy MacKinnon, Pastoral Assistant*

# Liturgy Committee Report

For 2008

## Present Committee Members:

Rose MacKinnon (Chair)	Marcy MacKinnon	Gloria MacKinnon
Barbara Baker	Emma MacLeod	Eileen Muise
Lorette Campbell	Fr. Paul MacNeil	Irene Obracay
Helen Dwyer	Karen MacSween	Winnie Odo
Florence Fraser	Margorie Marsh	Leo Penny
Charlotte Jurcina	Eunice McCarthy	Viola Penny
Fr. Doug MacDonald	Rita McEachern	Shirley Rockett
Shirley MacIntyre	Angela MacKinnon	

## 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 2008:

The Liturgy Committee met on nine (9) occasions throughout the year.

- 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 referenced for future planning.

- Weekday liturgies are held at St. Michael's Church. Priority was given to Funerals and Memorials. Daily mass is replaced by a funeral or memorial mass in the parish.

- Easter Triduum celebrated at St. Agnes, with the overflow of Good Friday at Mount Carmel.

- Opportunities for private prayer before Blessed Sacrament takes place on Mondays.

- Breaking Open of the Word is held on Tuesday evenings.

- All Souls Mass was celebrated at St. Agnes Church.

- The Feast of Saint Leonard (November 6, 2008) was celebrated at Weekday Liturgy. A collection of supplies for Talbot House was received at this celebration.

- Parish Mission took place March 1-5, 2008, with Father Paul Abbass presenting. Theme was “Keepers of the Flame.”

- Blair Murray resigned as Chair for the Liturgy Committee. Rose MacKinnon began her role of Chair in September, 2008.

The formation for the various ministries is ongoing. We hope that our effort enriches the community as it gathers for prayer.

*Respectfully submitted by Rose MacKinnon (Chair)*

# Pastoral Care of the Sick / Bereavement Report For 2008

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 2008 we supported the living of 131 funerals. 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. November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Feast of All Souls) liturgy gathers families who have lost a loved one during the past 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.

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

# Social Justice Report

For 2008

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.

# Finance & Administration Committee

## Report For 2008

### Present Committee Members:

Barbara Carrigan	Marcy MacKinnon	Viola Penny
Gary Fancey	Norman MacLean	Valerie Poirier
Fr. Doug MacDonald	Kevin McVarish	Tom Sullivan
Janette MacKinnon	Leo Penny	Pleman Woodland

Father Paul MacNeil (Interim Chair)

### The Objective of Our Committee is:

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

### Activities in 2008:

"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's" Luke 20:25. This concise verse from the Gospel of Luke reminds us of our earthly and spiritual responsibilities as Christians. For us to gather and celebrate our Christian faith on a regular basis requires the spiritual and material offerings and sacrifices of all members of our faith community. The bread and wine along with the collection each week are the offerings of God's people. They enable us to break bread together and to sustain and enhance the various activities, liturgies, celebrations, projects and gatherings of our faith community. Because of real financial concerns in our community, and realizing a running deficit to date, the Finance and Administration Committee in October made a motion to suspend services in three of our five church buildings during the winter heating season. This was brought to Pastoral Council and was moved and passed that this happen from January 1, 2009 for the duration of the winter heating season. Because of these measures, a total of \$5,628 was saved comparing costs for this period with those of last year in our church buildings. Please refer to our comprehensive Financial Statement for 2008 for details of our financial year. As with every other aspect of our parish life, the Finance and Administration Committee is waiting for the Bishop's declaration and letter due mid-June which will more clearly define who we are as a parish.

*Respectfully submitted by Fr. Paul MacNeil (Interim Chair)*

Parish of Saint Leonard  
Financial Statement  
2008

# Parish of Saint Leonard

## Financial Report 2008

RECEIPTS		
<b>Contributions Ordinary</b>		
Catechesis & Youth	5,796.61	
Church Upkeep	7,581.65	
Sunday Envelopes	337,360.60	
Loose	31,801.14	
<b>Total Ordinary Cont's</b>		<b>382,540.00</b>
<b>Contributions Special</b>		
Cemetery Collections	11,799.75	
Cemetery Donation	2,655.91	
Memorial	19,836.10	
<b>Total Special Coll's</b>		<b>34,291.76</b>
<b>Diocesan Spec Coll's</b>		<b>11,013.35</b>
<b>Local Special Coll's</b>		
Combined Christmas	4,782.00	
Diocesan Levy	948.00	
Family Service	2,648.50	
Social Justice	2,079.05	
St. Vincent de Paul	2,239.52	
<b>Total Local Special</b>		<b>12,697.07</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Parish Activities	854.00	
Function Income	30,267.67	
From Committees C.W.L.	2,670.00	
Ways & Means	5,219.73	
<b>Total Fundraising</b>		<b>39,011.40</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>		<b>5,693.51</b>
<b>Carmel Centre Donations</b>		<b>7,990.00</b>
<b>Rentals</b>		
Sangaree	10,000.00	
Hall Rentals	6,270.00	
<b>Total Rentals</b>		<b>16,270.00</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Church Replica	800.00	
	100,870.09	
Sale of Buildings	9	
Pastoral Centre Sr.	105.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	30,169.03	
Reimbursements	655.32	
Student Grants	5,697.00	
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>\$ 138,296.44</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 647,803.53</b>
<b>Transferred from Investments</b>		<b>\$40,375.22</b>

DISBURSEMENTS		
Interest / Bank Charges		<b>3,999.59</b>
Capital/Equipment		<b>2,414.27</b>
Carmel Centre Reimburse		<b>7,990.00</b>
Cemetery Fees 2007		<b>2,431.75</b>
Cemetery Collections		<b>14,455.66</b>
Social Justice		<b>2,104.05</b>
Diocesan Levy		<b>55,423.64</b>
Diocesan Spec. Coll.		<b>11,013.35</b>
<b>Local Sp. Collections</b>		
Combined Christmas	4,782.00	
Food Bank	1,226.26	
St. Vincent de Paul	2,239.52	
<b>Total Sp. Collections</b>		<b>8,247.78</b>
<b>Office</b>		
General Office Expense	20,525.18	
Telephone	5,012.36	
<b>Total Office</b>		<b>25,537.54</b>
Professional Dev.		<b>2,950.13</b>
Professional Fees		<b>50,254.07</b>
<b>Program Materials</b>		
Book/Resources	1,851.99	
Catechesis	11,911.56	
Ways & Means	408.18	
Fund Raising	21,960.90	
<b>Total Program Material</b>		<b>36,132.63</b>
Liturgical expense		<b>10,873.56</b>
Payroll		<b>223,058.17</b>
Stipends		<b>35,412.00</b>
Heat, Lights, Water		<b>90,321.91</b>
Household		<b>13,697.96</b>
Insurance		<b>23,853.60</b>
Taxes		<b>5,527.93</b>
<b>Repairs/Maintenance</b>		
Snow Removal	7,023.16	
All Other Maintenance	11,918.12	
<b>Total Maintenance</b>		<b>18,941.28</b>
Transport (car, travel)		<b>12,602.00</b>
Meetings		<b>2,633.11</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$659,875.98</b>
<b>NET INCOME /LOSS</b>		<b>\$-12,072.45</b>
<b>Transferred to Cemetery Society</b>		<b>\$32,388.17</b>

<b>Current Financial Position</b>	
<b>Financial Position January 1, 2008</b>	<b>56,032.34</b>
Add: Total Receipts	647,803.53
Subtotals:	703,835.87
Less: Cemetery Receivables	2,000.00
Less: Total Expenses	659,875.98
Less: Transfer to Cemetery Society	32,388.17
<b>Financial Position December 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$9,571.72</b>

<b>Assets as of December 31, 2008</b>	
Current Account	-10,365.02
Investments	127,052.16
Savings	13,164.94
Petty Cash	600.00
Building	9,416.24
Accounts Receivable HST	14,073.05
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$153,941.37</b>

<b>Liabilities 2008</b>			
Beginning Balance		Ending Balance	
Prior Levies	34,927.08	Unpaid Levies	34,927.08
Loan 2002	33,057.24	Loan 2002	33,057.24
Loan (Hall)	86,840.33	Loan (Hall)	76,385.33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$154,824.65</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$144,369.65</b>

<b>Miscellaneous Receipts</b>	
Missals	1,031.60
Hymn Books	690.00
Donations	9,026.24
Hall Close-outs	7,805.33
Bow Tree	4,233.15
Mission	1,387.30
Literature/Votives	3,588.10
Food Bank	1,226.26
K.O.C. Donation	400.00
Flea Market	781.05
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$30,169.03</b>

<b>Parish Committees Financial Reports for 2008</b>				
	<b>Mount Carmel Auditorium</b>	<b>St. Michael's Men's Club</b>	<b>Lingan Hall Committee</b>	<b>Cemetery Society</b>
Balance January 1	<b>944.72</b>	<b>2,423.48</b>	<b>1,723.54</b>	<b>24,366.22</b>
Income	4,777.05	4,155.03	1,670.03	
HST Rebate				601.16
Burial Fees				54,942.58
Collections/Donations				14,705.66
Interest on Savings				20.46
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,777.05</b>	<b>\$4,155.03</b>	<b>\$1,670.03</b>	<b>70,269.86</b>
Function Expenses	1,332.16	4,099.79	158.72	
Equipment Expenses				28,221.54
Property Expenses	248.60		1,849.42	4,437.29
Office Expense	257.79	16.00	228.56	68.16
HST Paid on Purchases				223.77
Wages				22,184.02
Other Expenses				1,464.39
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,838.55</b>	<b>4,115.79</b>	<b>2,236.70</b>	<b>56,599.17</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,938.50</b>	<b>39.24</b>	<b>-566.67</b>	<b>13,670.69</b>
Transferred to Parish	3,883.22	2,462.72	1,156.87	
Transferred from Savings				32,413.90
<b>Balance</b>	<b>(June 30, 2008) 0</b>	<b>(Sept. 30, 2008) 0</b>	<b>(June 30, 2008) 0</b>	<b>(Dec. 31) \$70,450.81</b>

<b>Parish of Saint Leonard Sacramental Statistics – 2005 to 2008</b>																			
<b>Baptism</b>				<b>First Eucharist</b>				<b>Confirmation</b>				<b>Marriage</b>				<b>Death</b>			
05	06	07	08	05	06	07	08	05	06	07	08	05	06	07	08	05	06	07	08
101	91	78	75	86	70	75	52	120	87	66	57	34	24	29	16	122	125	112	131

Finance & Administration  
Sub-Committee Reports

# Cemetery Committee Report

For 2008

## Present Committee Members:

Wilfred Boudreau	Fr. Doug MacDonald	Naish Matlock
Florence Campbell	Martin MacKinnon	Basil McGillivray
Michael Campbell	Maureen MacLean	Kevin McSween
Phil Donovan	Betty Anne MacMillan	Leo Quinn
Thomas Gale	Fr. Paul MacNeil	Pius Stephenson
Brian Grechuk	Greg MacSween	Tom Sullivan
		Pleman Woodland

Janette MacKinnon (Chair)

## The Objective of Our Committee is:

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

## Activities in 2008:

Janette MacKinnon was welcomed in May as the new Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee. After much discussion, it was decided at the May Meeting that the mandate of the Mount Carmel Cemetery Society would be expanded 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. We have applied to the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Companies and the Charities Directorate of Canada, to have the name of the Mount Carmel Cemetery Society changed to the "New Waterford & Area Cemetery Society."

In 2008, the Cemetery Committee invested in the purchase of new equipment in the amount of \$26,229.22. This purchase includes 1 small tractor, 1 large tractor, 2 trimmers, 2 push mowers and 1 trailer, which will be used to transport the equipment between sites. All equipment has been stored for the winter in rented space, but the committee will be looking at options for permanent storage during the upcoming season.

The Cemetery Committee 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.

*Respectfully Submitted by Janette MacKinnon (Chair)*

# Auditorium Committee Report

For 2008

## **Present Executive Members:**

Bernard Chiasson (Jr.) (Chair)

Paul Pembroke (Vice-Chair)

John Hutchinson (Secretary)

Raymond Jessome (Treasurer)

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

To oversee the operation and maintenance of the Auditorium, Multi-Purpose Rooms and Club Room, and reporting to the Finance & Administration Committee of the Parish.

## **Activities in 2008:**

The Auditorium Committee hosted several weddings, anniversaries, Breast Friends and Rotary Fundraisers, and their own Coal Dust Days Dance. They also set up and accommodated various parish and community activities.

Repairs carried out during the year included minor electrical repairs, re-organization of storage rooms, updating of secure areas, cleaning of all coolers and an inventory of tables and chairs.

We are looking forward to a busy year, as we have 16 events booked so far, as well as the return of our New Year's Dance.

The Financial Report for Mount Carmel Auditorium is contained in the Parish Financial Report.

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

# Ways & Means Committee Report

## For 2008

### **Present Committee Members:**

Gary Fancey           Maureen MacLean           Denise White  
Arlene Fancey       Stan Poirier  
Valerie Poirier (Chair)

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

To raise funds to support the activities of the Parish of Saint Leonard and report to the Finance & Administration Committee.

### **Activities in 2008:**

The Ways & Means Committee coordinated several parish activities during 2008. The largest of these activities was the annual Horyl's Pancake & Sausage Brunch, along with the sale of Christmas Wreaths, a Bake Sale and a Quilt Ticket Draw. As The Parish of Saint Leonard, this group continued to refocus their mission toward our now expanded parish community. In doing so, the committee has made efforts to broaden its volunteer base by inviting parishioners from throughout the parish to become actively involved. As a result of their efforts and the support of those that participate in the activities, \$4,811.55 was raised and dedicated to meeting the facility needs of the parish.

*Respectfully submitted by Valerie Poirier (Chair)*

# Men's Club Report

## For 2008

### **Present Executive Members:**

Gerald Burke (Chair)

Michael Campbell (Secretary)

Joe Boudreau (Treasurer)

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

To raise funds to support the activities of the Parish of Saint Leonard and report to the Finance & Administration Committee.

### **Activities in 2008:**

The Men's Club is comprised of five men who operate the bar during rental functions that take place at the Gaul Centre. As of August 1, 2008, St. Michael's Gaul Centre was designated for Parish Function use only. Therefore, the Men's Club is now in hiatus. \$2,462.72 was turned over to the Parish for general use at the end of 2008. A float in the amount of \$1,406.50 reverted back to the Parish Current Account in 2009.

# Lingan Hall Report

## For 2008

### **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 2008:**

The Hall is rented throughout the year, on a regular basis, by such groups as the C.B. Residential Society for Employee Training, Annual General Meeting and Resident Parties. Nova Scotia Power for Employee Training, Community Concerts as well as rental of tables and chairs for functions at Power Plant, Lingan Ladies Group (meetings and fundraisers), Elections Canada, Lingan Harbour Association, McLellan Heights Residents Group, 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.

*Respectfully submitted by Ronnie Kelly (Chair)*

# St. Agnes Centre Report

## For 2008

### **Present Committee Members:**

Wayne Clancey	Helen Dwyer	Pius Stephenson
Ron Desveaux	Sandra MacNeil	Tom Sullivan
Patsy Champion (Chair)		

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

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

### **Activities in 2008:**

Although the committee has been inactive in 2008, the operation of the Centre is made possible through the work of the CWL and one key volunteer who manages the bookings as well as the cleaning and maintenance. The basement of the hall remains vacant while the main floor is used for rental purposes and to support parish activities.

# Reports of Associated Organizations

# St. Joseph's (NV) Altar Society Report

## For 2008

### **Present Executive Member:**

Coleen Ryan (Chair)

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

Working to oversee the operation and maintenance of the kitchen of the hall, provide receptions for funerals and occasional functions is the focus of the St. Joseph's Altar Society.

### **Activities in 2008:**

The Society has continued to maintain the kitchen facilities of the hall throughout 2008 until the winter closure in November. As well, it has also covered the cost of the telephone in the Church building. Receptions for funerals have been supported through the work of the Society.

# Catholic Women's League Report

## For 2008

At present, we have two Councils of the Catholic Women's League of Canada in the Parish of Saint Leonard – Mount Carmel C.W.L. and St. Agnes C.W.L.

### Present Executive Members:

	Mount Carmel CWL	St. Agnes CWL
<b>President</b>	Anna Caverzan	Rita McEachern
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ann MacSween	Sherry Timmons
<b>Secretary</b>	Connie Boone	Marjorie Wilson

### 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 2008:

- Monthly Meetings (Sept.-June) dealing with various issues, but priority is toward spiritual life.
- Participation with women from all churches in World Day of Prayer Service during the month of March. Each year, this service is held in a different church, with representatives from each congregation participating.
- Delegates participated in the CWL Diocesan Convention, held in Glace Bay in April, 2008; as well as the Provincial Convention in June. The Fall Conference (a 1-day meeting) was held in Louisdale. These are opportunities to learn and bring back information to our members.
- Councils celebrated together on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (April 26), with Re-Affirmation of Officers, Eucharist and a social gathering.
- Mount Carmel CWL Closing Gathering was held in June at the Sisters' Bungalow.

- Assist with hospitality for Parish celebrations such as First Communion, Confirmation, our Parish Picnic and Funeral Celebrations
- In October, our CWL Councils sponsored a Workshop to learn more about the League. Guest Speakers were in attendance to outline the many contributions the League makes to our Parish; and, as we say, “at home and abroad”. An invitation was extended to all women of our parish (16 yrs. & up).
- Attend parish wakes.
- Participate in Mass for Shut-Ins
- Attend and financially support Weekly Manor Bingo
- Action has been taken by members by mailing letters to Ottawa re: child pornography, Bill C-47 on Euthanasia, Abortion and Cell Phone Usage while driving.
- 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 Councils 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 Childhood Association, Canadian Cancer Society, Kiwanis Speech Festivals.

### Financial Summaries for 2008:

	Mount Carmel CWL	St. Agnes CWL
<b>Revenue</b>	\$3,726.00	\$14,331.99
<b>Expenses</b>	\$2,889.93	\$13,669.06
<b>Balance</b>	\$836.07	\$5,816.43

# St. Vincent de Paul Society Report

For 2008

## Present Executive Members:

	Mount Carmel	St. Agnes/St. Michael
<b>President</b>	Leona Power	Danny MacMullin
<b>Vice-President</b>	Tom Hines	Brenda Corbett
<b>Treasurer</b>	Eileen Roach	Billy MacMullin
<b>Secretary</b>	Elaine Parsons	
<b>Spiritual Advisor</b>	Deacon Leo Penny	

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

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

## Activities in 2008:

At the present time, two Food Cupboards operate in our Parish. Mount Carmel SVDP at Carmel Centre and St. Agnes/St. Michael's SVDP in St. Agnes Church. A clothing room which also offers household goods and furniture is available to clients on Mondays from 11 AM - 3 PM at St. Michael's Church. 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. In addition to their charitable service to those less fortunate, members of our St. Vincent de Paul Societies visit the residents of the Braemor Home monthly and participate in their annual Christmas Celebration. In 2008, Mount Carmel SVDP has changed its aggregation and Registered Charity Title to "St. Leonard St. Vincent De Paul."

## Financial Summaries for 2008:

	Mount Carmel	St. Agnes/St. Michael
<b>Jan. 1 Balance</b>	\$2,970.28	\$3,141.20
<b>Revenue (donations)</b>	\$8,345.40	\$7,161.00
<b>Overhead Expenses</b>	\$2,953.26	804.49
<b>Groceries Purchased</b>	\$3,340.78	\$6,291.51
<b>Dec. 31 Balance</b>	\$5,021.64	\$3,206.20
<b>Served in 2008</b>	542 total calls	85-90 families/month

# Carmel Centre Society Report

For 2008

## 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 2008:

Groups which used the Centre for community events include St. Vincent De Paul Society, Aging Gracefully, Coastal Art Group, Junior Achievement, Women's Wellness Clinic, Drug Awareness Group, Gaelic Society, Rotary Re-Entry Program, Credit Union, Maple Hill Manor, Lingan Committee, Anti-Litter Group, Mount Carmel CWL, Funeral Receptions and some private functions.

Revenue has come from rent, 50/50 ticket draw, grants, donations and patrons. This year, the roof of the building was replaced. We are presently in partnership with the Medical Doctors of New Waterford in an attempt to provide a Community Health Centre. It is our hope that the project would lead to a sustainable situation which would be a big plus for our community in these tough economic times.

The Society acknowledges, with deep gratitude, the cooperation of the Parish of Saint Leonard.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary MacMillan (Board Chair)*

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