

Who Are We?

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 Roman Catholic Diocese of Antigonish in Nova Scotia, Canada. 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.

What Is 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.

Our Worship Schedule

Effective January 1, 2009

Weekend Eucharist

Saturday:

- 4:00 p.m. - St. Michael's Church, River Ryan
- 5:30 p.m. - St. Michael's Church, River Ryan

Sunday:

- 8:30 a.m. - Saint Joseph's Church, Lingan
- 10:00 a.m. - St. Michael's Church, River Ryan
- 11:30 a.m. - St. Michael's Church, River Ryan

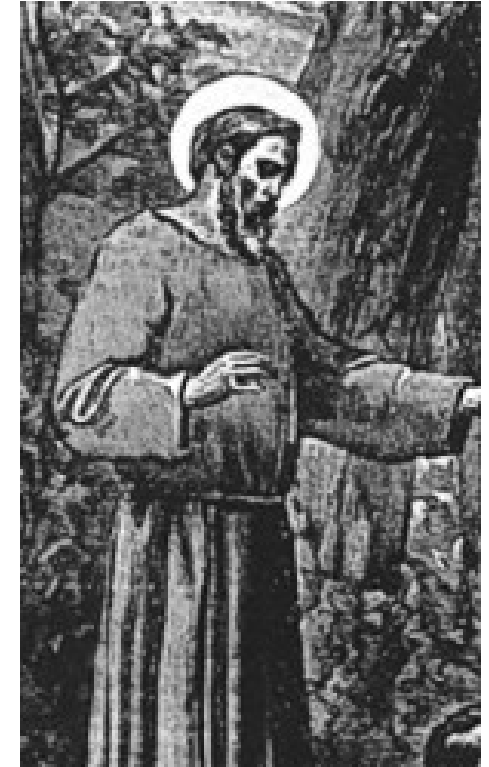
Weekday Gatherings at our St. Michael's Site

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| Monday: | 9:00 AM | Eucharist, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Rosary and Benediction |
| | 6:30 PM | Liturgy of the Hours |
| Tuesday: | 9:00 AM | Eucharist |
| | 6:30 PM | Breaking Open The Word |
| Wednesday: | 6:00 PM | Reconciliation |
| | 6:30 PM | Eucharist |
| Thursday: | 6:00 PM | Reconciliation |
| | 6:30 PM | Eucharist |
| Friday: | 9:00 AM | Eucharist |



Please Note ... In the case of a funeral in any of our church buildings, or school cancellation, daily mass (morning or evening) and exposition are cancelled.

Welcome to the Parish of Saint Leonard New Waterford & Area Nova Scotia



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Our Pastoral Centre is located at
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Office Hours - Mondays to Fridays
9:30 AM - 12 Noon & 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
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Our Organization

Pastoral Team

Father Paul MacNeil, Pastor

Father Doug MacDonald, Associate Pastor

Marcy MacKinnon, Pastoral Assistant

Leo & Viola Penny, Parish Deacon

Parish Staff

Florence Campbell, Parish Secretary

Mary Grechuk, Parish Bookkeeper

Willena Blackwood, Administrative Support

Barb Baker, Pastoral Centre Volunteer

Wilfred Boudreau, Caretaker

Brian Grechuk, Caretaker

Cheryl MacDonald, Rectory Cook

Valerie Muise, Rectory Cleaning

Pastoral Council & Committees

The Council acts in an advisory capacity to the Pastoral Team, and through that means, to the Pastor.

Catechesis & Youth Committee – Governs all activities involved in the ongoing faith formation and development of all parishioners.

Liturgy Committee – Oversees the promotion of full, active and conscious participation in the praise and worship of God.

Pastoral Care of the Sick / Bereavement Committee – Oversees the pastoral care of the sick, shut-in and bereaved in our Christian community.

Social Justice Committee – Promotes our commitment to Christian Service through our St. Vincent de Paul Societies and to issues concerning justice and peace, our environment and care for the earth.

Finance & Administration Committee -- Oversees the temporal management of the Parish.

Faith Development

The faith journey is ongoing throughout our lives. Recognizing this, we strive to offer faith development opportunities for parishioners of all ages, with a particular emphasis on intergenerational and family ministry.

Parish Nights

Parishioners of all ages are invited to gather together on Tuesday evenings to grow in faith with one another. With the exception of the last Tuesday of the month, we gather at 6:30 PM at St. Michael's to reflect on the Gospel of the coming Sunday. These gatherings run approximately an hour long. On the last Tuesday of the month, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, all are invited to our Spaghetti Night where we share a meal with one another and explore our theme for the year, "The Creed". All are welcome to participate in these Parish Nights that replace the traditional religion classes. No registration is required to take part; simply drop by on a Tuesday night to experience this faith development opportunity.

Youth Ministry

In addition to our Parish Nights, youth in grades 9 and up are invited to come together every second Sunday throughout the pastoral year. Once a month we have a Gathered Youth Night at the Gaul Centre, exploring aspects of our faith. Once a month, on the alternate second Sundays, we have a Gym Night at Mount Carmel Gym. All of these gatherings run from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM. There are also a number of other events throughout the year in which our youth are invited to participate. The 'Youth Corner' page of our parish website keeps our youth updated on all gatherings.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of each month, with preparation on the second Sunday. Families can connect with the Pastoral Centre, or visit the 'Sacraments' link of our parish website to register.

Eucharist: Eucharist is celebrated daily in our faith community. Celebration of First Eucharist typically takes place in the Easter season each year for those in grades two and up. Preparation involves both home and community components. A parent/caregiver meeting to explain the preparation and to register will be held on Sunday, January 18th at 7 PM at the Gaul Centre.

Confirmation: Confirmation is typically celebrated in the Easter season each year. The preparation process begins with registration (grades 9 and up) in early fall. Candidates are expected to be actively involved in parish life throughout the year and beyond. Confirmation is scheduled to be celebrated on May 21st, 2009.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation can be celebrated prior to evening weekday masses, or by appointment. Communal celebrations are held in Advent and Lent. Preparation for First Reconciliation is held in the fall of the year. First Reconciliation was held this year on December 12th, 2008.

Marriage: Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to connect with the Pastoral Centre at least six months in advance. Preparation is required for this sacrament.

Sacrament of the Sick: The sacrament of the Sick is celebrated as requested when one is ill and needing comfort. It is often confused with the last rites which are prayers and rituals when a person is near death. To access the celebration of the sacrament contact the Pastoral Centre.