

# Parish of Saint Leonard

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The Parish Church of Saint Leonard is located at 3180 Mount Carmel Avenue, New Waterford, Nova Scotia

Our Pastoral Centre is located at 5310 Union Highway, River Ryan, NS, B1H 1B2

**OFFICE HOURS - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9:30 AM - 12 NOON AND 1:30 – 4:00 PM**

**CHAPEL HOURS –TUESDAY TO FRIDAY - 9:30 AM - 12 NOON AND 1:30 – 4:00 PM**

*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.*

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**Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 12, 2017**

Reading I: Genesis 12.1-4 (The calling of Abraham)

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10 (God called us to be holy)

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9 (Jesus' face shone like the sun)

## We Remember... Our celebrations of Christian Burial ...

We pray for those who have died, especially ... *Hattie (Fraser) Dearing, June Doren (B.C.), Gladys Head, Bob MacMillan, Anna MacSween and Charlie McCarthy.*

## We Celebrate ...

### Our Sunday Gatherings for Eucharist

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Saturday | 4:00 PM  |
| Sunday   | 9:00 AM  |
|          | 11:00 AM |

**LENT**  
PRAY + REPENT + FAST

### Our Daily Gatherings This Week

|           |                 |                                     |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 10 AM - 6:00 PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 AM        | Daily Mass                          |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM         | Daily Mass                          |
|           | 7:00 PM         | Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion |
| Thursday  | 10:00 AM        | Funeral Mass                        |
| Friday    | 9:30 AM         | Stations of the Cross               |
|           | 10:00 AM        | Daily Mass                          |
|           | 10:30 AM        | Divine Mercy Chaplet                |

*In case of a funeral on Monday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 1:00 PM.*

*In the case of a funeral Tuesday to Friday, daily mass and devotions will be cancelled.*

*In the case of inclement weather, if school is cancelled, then all parish activities will be cancelled, except for funerals.*

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are usually held on the third weekend of each month, at our 4 PM Saturday and 11 AM Sunday Liturgies.

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Pastoral Centre (862-2255).

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Weekday Masses ♦ Saturday from 3-4 PM ♦ By Appointment.

### Sacrament of Marriage

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Pastoral Centre at least 6 months in advance.

**We Believe ...** The Second Sunday of Lent always gives us an account of the transfiguration. Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with him to the mountain top, where, Jesus was transfigured and became dazzling white before them. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The voice of God announced that Jesus was his son and that all should listen to him. The disciples were frightened, but Jesus calmed them. When Peter, James and John looked up, Jesus was the only one left . . . the one to whom we need to listen. As it was for the disciples, it's hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try to accept with joy, the changes you face.

### Questions of the Week

Adults: What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Children: What does it mean to you to be a holy person?



# Our Lenten Journey

## Our Parish Mission

### *“Words of Wisdom for an Age of Anxiety”*

As part of our Lenten Journey, everyone is invited to participate in our Parish Mission, beginning at the weekend masses on April 1 & 2 and ending on Wednesday, April 5. Father Ray will lead the Mission, which will focus on some insights from contemporary spiritual writers which offer consolation and hope during difficult and uncertain times.

Please note that all Mission Sessions will take place in the Parish Church of St Leonard (Mount Carmel Avenue) and the closing Social will take place in the Parish Hall (Convent Street).

#### Saturday & Sunday (April 1 & 2)

- Homily at all Weekend Masses

#### Monday, April 3, 2017

- 6:30 PM Mission Session- *Healing Service*

#### Tuesday, April 4, 2017

- 6:30 PM Mission Session- *Reconciliation*

#### Wednesday, April 5, 2017

- 6:30 PM Closing Mass and Mission Session  
Followed by a Social at the Parish Hall

*Please pray for the success of our Parish Mission,  
asking God to touch our hearts and lead us closer to Jesus.*

## Share Lent 2017



Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign ... *Women at the Heart of Change* ... you are invited to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow — women at the heart of change. This week, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is taking you to Indonesia to meet Risya, a 22-year-old Indonesian woman who has been blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by our partner the Association of Independent Journalists (AJI), this courageous young woman started to use her blog to write about the discrimination faced by women with disabilities and to encourage these women to believe in their potential. AJI has offered media workshops to 170 women and now they can make their voices heard! Remember! In 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations.

## parish Retreat

*“Innér Peace In Divine Love”*

Many thanks to those who have signed up for Our Parish Retreat! Retreat Sessions continue this **Sunday, March 12, from 2:00-3:30 PM** at the Pastoral Centre. Please continue to pray for the participants of this retreat!

## Lenten Box for Newborns

Once again this year, during the season of Lent, the parish will be accepting donations for newborn babies. A basket has been placed at the church entrance for **disposable diapers (all sizes), baby clothing (sleepers, etc.), baby blankets and baby food. Monetary donations** will also be welcomed, and will be used to purchase specific baby formulas, as needed. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will collect the items and distribute them to new mothers in need. We thank them and you, the parishioners, for your support!



## Lenten Resources

*“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart ... (Joel 2:12). As we observe our season of Lent, consider daily acts of kindness and prayer that bring us closer to God and each other. For resources to help in this journey, go to <http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/index.php/news-to-you/upcoming-events/91-lent-2017>.*



## The Way of the Cross During Lent

On the Fridays of Lent, we will celebrate the Way of the Cross **at 9:30 AM** before Mass in our Church. Please join us!

## The Permanent Diaconate in Our Diocese

Vatican II restored the Permanent Diaconate in the Catholic Church. Diaconate is the ordained ministry of Altar, Word and Charity. This vocation is a call to single or married men aged 35-65. We presently have nine deacons serving in parishes in our diocese serving in ministries to the poor, sick, prisoners, youth, visitation, palliative care, shut-ins, renewal movements, chaplaincies, social justice projects, etc. We also have nine candidates in the Diocesan Formation Program who are discerning a call to ordained ministry. If these ministries are attractive to you, if you sense a call to the ordained threefold ministry of deacons or if you want more information, please contact Fr. Bedford Doucette, at 902-539-6188 ext. 235, or toll free 1-800-656-5311, ext. 235. Or email: [bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca).



## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions take place in our church on **Wednesdays at 7 PM, immediately following the daily mass**. The special intention for this time of prayer is for those suffering from addictions. Prayer pamphlets will be provided. Please join us for this time of prayer for those who suffer!




# Tending The Flock

## Supporting Ourselves As Parish



**Sunday, March 5, 2017:** Envelopes (356) \$4,810.70 + Loose \$145.50 = \$4,956.20

 **Hymn Book Donation:** IMO Doreen "Rene" Coakley from Laurie & Bobby Gillis & Family.

You are reminded that **income tax receipts for Church Contributions in 2016 are available to be picked up** at the back of the Church. If you are not able to pick up your receipt, please call or email the Pastoral Centre.

*Thank-you for your continued support!*

### Upcoming Meetings

|                                       |           |          |      |    |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------|----|-----------------|
| St. Leonard Pastoral Council          | Wednesday | March 15 | 7:00 | PM | Pastoral Centre |
| St. Leonard Liturgy Committee         | Thursday  | March 16 | 1:00 | PM | Pastoral Centre |
| New Waterford & Area Cemetery Society | Thursday  | April 27 | 7:00 | PM | Pastoral Centre |

### Preparation for the Sacraments

**Confirmation** – The regular session for Confirmation Candidates will be cancelled this week for March Break, but will resume on **Monday, March 20, 2017, at 7:30 PM** at the Pastoral Centre. **Parents / Guardians of Candidates** are asked to attend a meeting on the last Monday of each month – **next on March 27 -- at 7:00 PM** at the Pastoral Centre.

**First Eucharist – Bread Making Workshops** took place on March 10 & 11. At that time, parents were asked to indicate the date and time they would like their child to receive First Eucharist (**Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 4:00 PM** or **Sunday, April 23, 2017, at 11:00 AM**). If your child did not attend, please phone the Pastoral Centre (902-862-2255) with this information. Please note: Parents of First Eucharist Candidates who were unable to attend the Learning Centres and the Bread Making Workshops will be notified of the alternate dates set for these activities.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

At our **4 PM Saturday and 11 AM Sunday liturgies**, children are invited to take part in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This provides children with the opportunity to hear the readings of the day from the Children's Lectionary and to discuss these readings with catechists. We encourage all parents/caregivers of children **ages 4 to 12 years** to bring them to the 4 PM Saturday or 11 AM Sunday liturgy and give them the opportunity to know and understand God's Word. Children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult.



### Breaking Open the Word

Breaking Open the Word will be cancelled this week for March Break, but will resume on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 6:30 PM** at the Pastoral Centre (5310 Union Highway).



### Calling Youth in Grades 6, 7 & 8

Faith Formation Sessions for Youth in Grades 6-8 will be cancelled this week for March Break, but will resume on **Thursday, March 23, 2017, from 7:00-8:00 PM**, downstairs at the Pastoral Centre, 5310 Union Highway.



### Ad Limina Visit

In order for the Bishop of Rome to fulfill his special role of ensuring the unity of the church, he needs reliable and authoritative information on the actual situation of the various Churches, including their problems, initiatives undertaken, difficulties encountered, and the results of any projects that have been completed. Each bishop prepares a quinquennial report regarding at least twenty different areas of ministry within the diocese, e.g., priests, laity, consecrated life, vocations, consultative councils, finances, social justice issues, ecumenism, etc. This report makes an effort to identify the bishop's experience regarding the principal issues concerning the diocese, how these issues have been addressed, and some of the conclusions that have emerged. Numerous people throughout the diocese provided some assistance in completing the report, which was sent to Rome last October. During the *ad limina* visit, the bishops visit numerous offices in Rome to discuss various sections of the report. These visits will take place from March 13 to 21. Please pray for Bishop Dunn as he makes his *ad limina* visit to Rome.



### Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples

The following courses are being offered by Family Service of Eastern NS and our local deaneries. Fee: \$100. Register by calling 902-849-4772.

- April 29 & 30, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River
- June 24 & 25, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River

### Ministries in the Parish of Saint Leonard

Those serving in ministries in our parish are reminded that copies of schedules are always available at the back of the church and also on our parish website ... [www.parishofsaintleonard.com](http://www.parishofsaintleonard.com). **Lectors are asked to pick up a copy of the new schedule as soon as possible.**



We send out very Happy Birthday Wishes to **Rita MacEachern**, on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Thank you for many years of faithful service in our Parish! May God continue to bless you with joy and peace.



# St. Vincent De Paul Society

- ◆ **Emergency Food Service** - Call 862-3779 (leave a message).
- ◆ **Clothing Room** – Behind the Gaul Centre (on Christy Lane) – Mondays at 10 AM for drop-offs and Mondays at 11 AM for pickups.
- ◆ **Good, Used Furniture Needed** – Please Phone Dan MacMullin at 862-8832.



**St. Leonard St. Vincent de Paul Society** meets the first Thursday of each month (**next on April 6**) at 11:30 AM at the **Carmel Centre**.

Any parishioners who are willing to help out in this worthy cause are invited to attend our next meeting!

*Jesus said, "The least you do to these my brothers and sisters, you do to me."*

***A Free Will Offering for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank is taken up  
At our liturgies on the last weekend of each month.***

## Diocesan & Community Activities

### ● Opportunities for Prayer

- ✦ **Mass for Shut-Ins** – Sundays at 11:30 AM on ATV.
- ✦ **Vision TV** – Daily Mass is broadcast **Monday to Saturday at 9:00 AM and repeated at 1 PM**. Devotions in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on **Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**.
- ✦ **NBC - Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM**
- ✦ **EWTN - Rosary at 8:30 AM, 12:30, 4:30 & 10:30 PM**

- **Support & Share Grief Support Group** – for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Upcoming Sessions:  
**March 14 - 7-9 PM – 188 George St., Sydney**  
**March 22 - 7-9 PM – Town House, Glace Bay**  
**April 6 - 7-9 PM – Miners Memorial Manor, Sydney Mines**  
Everyone is welcome and no registration is required.

- **Knights of Columbus Regular Meeting** – **Tuesday, March 14, at 8 PM** at the KOC Rooms. The Executive will meet at 7 PM. A large turnout is requested.

- **Living With Cancer Support Group** – **Wednesday, March 15, from 1:30-3:30 PM** at RC Legion, Victoria Rd., Sydney. For those with a diagnosis of cancer, their family or caregivers. Facilitator: Tom McNeil.

- **Canada 150...eh?** – **Thursday, March 23, 2017, from 7-9 PM** at CBU Campus Multi-Purpose Room CE241. CBU Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Program & Sydney Credit Union are sponsoring an evening of celebrating Canada through food, drinks, entertainment and more! Adm. \$25. Advance tickets required. Email [stephanie\\_macpherson@cbu.ca](mailto:stephanie_macpherson@cbu.ca) or call 902-563-1992. Entertainment by Mary Beth Carty & Howie MacDonald. Ages 19 & over.

- **Cancer Transitions – Moving Beyond Treatment – 7 Tuesdays – beginning April 25, 2017 from 12:45-3:30 PM** at the YMCA, Charlotte Street, Sydney. Topics include *Taking Control of your Survivorship, Exercise for Wellness, Emotional Health and Well-Being, Medical Management Beyond Cancer and Moving Beyond Cancer*. For information or to register, contact the CB Cancer Center (902-567-8074).

- **Volunteers Needed for the CB Regional Hospital Cancer Centre Lunch Program** – Volunteers are needed to provide light snacks and refreshments to patients/families waiting for treatment (Tuesday & Thursday mornings). For info, call Lisa McNeil-Campbell (902-567-8160).

- **Explore our Diocesan Communities through Social Media** – See the **Pages Feed** or **Liked by This Page** list on our Diocesan Facebook Page for pages from parishes, organizations, media outlets and faith communities: <https://www.facebook.com/antigonishdiocese/>. You can also see local and global videos of interest on YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHdH8KJ71w>.

- **Directed Retreat Weekend - April 7-9, 2017**, at the Mabou Retreat Centre. An opportunity to reflect in a prayerful atmosphere, facilitated by a team of Spiritual Directors / Prayer Companions. Brochures are available at the back of the church or call Winnie Odo (902-862-2330) or Gary Fancey (902-862-7580).

- **Marriage Encounter – A Great Gift For Your Spouse -- April 7-9, 2017**, at Our Lady of Hope Centre, Hope River, PEI (a brand new Retreat House). Call 902-314-0498 or email [jamconmcneill@gmail.com](mailto:jamconmcneill@gmail.com).

- **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Weekend of Grace for Women – April 28-30, 2017**, at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Hfx. To register (\$185), go to [www.weekendofgrace.com](http://www.weekendofgrace.com).

### ● Religious Pilgrimages

- ➔ **Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre & St. Joseph Oratory with Fr. Patrick O'Neill (June 15<sup>th</sup>-21, 2017)** -- \$650 double/\$850 single. For details, call Estelle Penny at St. Joseph's, North Sydney (902) 794-3951.

- ➔ **Cap-de-Madeleine, St. Joseph Oratory & St. Anne de Beaupre with Father Albert MacPherson (July 3-11, 2017)** – Phone Pilgrimage Organizer Helen Gray at 902-794-8825 or 902-304-4101

- ➔ **Heritage Pilgrimage Tour to Poland & Ukraine (July 29-August 12, 2017)** – \$2,995 from Halifax. For info, contact Father Richard Philiposki (902-564-4847).

Dear Friends ...

These days of the Season of Lent are our yearly invitation to grow in deeper love for God and for our brothers and sisters. Pope Francis reminds us of the mercy of God: "God never tires of forgiving us. It is we who get tired of asking for forgiveness". As we walk the paths of mercy and forgiveness, our hearts grow in love. Let us live the days of Lent with great hope and confidence and, as a community of faith, let us pray for one another.

A Blessed Lent to all!

Father Ray

*From Your  
Pastor*