

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 - MONDAY FROM 1:30-4:00 PM, 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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The Ascension of the Lord

May 20, 2012

Reading I: Acts 1:1-11 (Jesus Was Lifted Up)

Reading II: Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13 (We Build Up The Body of Christ)

Gospel: Mark 16.15-20 (The Lord Jesus Was Taken Up To Heaven)

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

And we pray for those who have died, especially ... *Gerald Beaton, Leonie Finlayson, and Jane Graham (Murphy).*

We Celebrate ...

Our Sunday Gatherings for Eucharist



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

Our Daily Gatherings

Monday	10:00 AM	Eucharist followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Rosary and Benediction <i>(Cancelled for this week only - May 21)</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Eucharist
Wednesday & Thursday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Friday	10:00 AM	Eucharist
	7:00 PM	Taize Prayer (last Friday of each month - <i>May 25</i>)

In the case of a funeral in our parish, daily mass (morning or evening) and exposition are cancelled.

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 Evening Masses (Wednesday & Thursday), or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

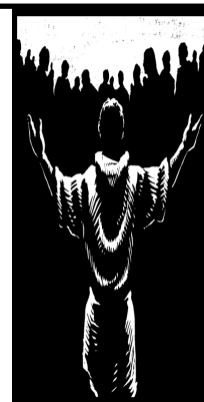
If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Pastoral Centre at least 6 months in advance.

We Believe ... In today's Gospel, Jesus is "taken up into heaven." Before leaving his followers, though, he instructs them to spread the Good News of his Resurrection and the promise of eternal life. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved," Jesus promises. We are Jesus' followers today, and we carry the Good News of Jesus into the world, just as he directed his followers before he ascended to heaven. By our lives of charity and compassion, and by sharing our joy in Jesus, we "proclaim the gospel to every creature." And by believing in Jesus and being baptized, we are saved.

Questions of the Week

Adults: How can I accept Jesus' commission and share my faith with others?

Children: How can I be of service to others, following the example of Jesus?



IN OUR PARISH

Hymn Books

Many thanks to all those who have responded to our appeal for hymn book donations! If you would like to donate a hymn book in memory or in honor of a loved one, you may still do so by putting your request and donation (\$20) in the Sunday Collection Basket. A label will be placed in each book, noting the name(s) of the person being remembered, and the name(s) of the donor. These following donations were made this week:

- ☪ IMO of Clarence Coish, Jr. (Langley, BC)
from Marie Coish
- ☪ IMO of Eileen Crowe
from Wayne & Barbara (MacDonald) Crowe
- ☪ IMO of Her Deceased Family Members & Friends
from Diane McNeil
- ☪ IMO of Sharkey & Teresa MacDonald
from Wayne & Barbara (MacDonald) Crowe
- ☪ IMO of Art & Bernie MacMillan
from Mary MacMillan
- ☪ IMO of Harold Murray
from Marie Coish
- ☪ IMO of Laura Murray
from Marie Coish
- ☪ IMO of Mary Murray
from Marie Coish
- ☪ IMO of Robert Murray
from Marie Coish

Thank You So Much For Your Generosity!!

Prayer for Priests



The VAAC (Vocation Awareness & Appreciation Committee) of the diocese of Antigonish has asked the faithful of our Diocese to pray for priests each day over a number of months. At the back of the church you will find a brochure for the month of May, containing prayers and the names of priests and others serving in our Diocese. Many thanks to all those who have been participating in this project!

Decree of Dismissal

Bishop Brian Dun has issued a statement regarding the Decree of Dismissal issued by the Holy See with respect to our former Bishop, Raymond Lahey. This letter is included with today's bulletin, and also may be accessed on the parish website at <http://parishofsaintleonard.com/BISHOPDUNN05-16.pdf>.

Daily Mass, Adoration of the Sacrament, Scriptural Rosary and Benediction will be cancelled on **Monday, May 21** (this week only).

Parish Community Faith Celebration

Our Pastoral Council is planning a Parish Community Faith Celebration to be held in the Fall of this year, and would like to involve interested parishioners in the planning process. If you would like to chair or be a member of this organizing committee, please call John Angione (862-8397) or email johnm@ns.sympatico.ca.

Taize Prayer

Our Parish offers Taize Prayer on the last Friday of each month at our Pastoral Centre (5310 Union Hwy.) – next on **Friday, May 25, 2012 at 7:00 PM**. Taize Prayer emphasizes silence, light; and, above all, the meditative weaving together of prayer and music. All are welcome to enter into this intimate exchange with God!



“Rebuilding My People the Church” Diocesan Renewal Congress 2013

The Diocesan Renewal Project is well underway. If you were unable to attend our Parish Meeting (which took place on March 25) or to complete the questionnaire, it is still available at the back of the church or on the parish website at <http://parishofsaintleonard.com/QUESTIONS.pdf>. You are invited to fill it out yourself or give it to others, including the non-practicing. If Bishop Dunn does not have the authority to make certain changes, he promises to send the information to the appropriate Office in Rome. We want to hear your voice!



And the Winners Are ...

Congratulations to Vange MacMaster and Frances MacAskill, who were the lucky winners of the **Mothers Day Basket Draw**, sponsored by St. Leonard Catholic Women's League. Many thanks to our CWL Members who contributed items for the baskets, and to all those who supported this project through the purchase of tickets.

Lost & Found

A pair of *Knights of Columbus Rosary Beads* were recently found. They may be claimed by calling the Knights of Columbus Council 3209 at 862-6104.

Contacting Us ...

You may contact our Priests and Parish Staff at 862-2255 at any time. Outside of normal office hours, you may leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible. You may also connect with or leave a message by email at the following addresses:

Pastoral Centre: pastoralcentre@parishofsaintleonard.com
Fr. Ray: pastor@parishofsaintleonard.com
Fr. Victor: associatepastor@parishofsaintleonard.com
Mary Clare Sampson: faithformation@parishofsaintleonard.com
Deacon Leo & Viola Penny: deacon@parishofsaintleonard.com

www.parishofsaintleonard.com



Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Collection for Sunday, May 13, 2012 -- Envelopes (395): \$5,184.10 + Loose: \$222.44 = \$5,406.54

Thank-you for your continued support!

Upcoming Meetings

New Waterford & Area Cemetery Society	Wednesday	May 23	7:00	PM	Pastoral Centre
St. Leonard Building & Finance Committee	Tuesday	June 19	7:00	PM	Pastoral Centre
St. Leonard Pastoral Council	Wednesday	June 20	7:15	PM	Pastoral Centre
St. Leonard Liturgy Committee	Thursday	June 21	1:00	PM	Pastoral Centre

Pastoral Council Nominations



We are inviting Parishioners to nominate Candidates for Election to our Pastoral Council for a 3-year term, beginning in September. To be considered for election, a parishioner must be nominated by a fellow parishioner and agree to stand on the ballot. Nomination forms are available on the table at the back of the church, or on the Parish Website ... www.parishofsaintleonard.com. Nominations will be accepted up until **Sunday, May 27, at 4:00 PM**. You may put them in the Sunday Collection, or drop them off at the Pastoral Centre. The Pastoral Council Election will take place at the Masses on the weekend of **June 9 & 10, 2012**. Some of the general responsibilities of Pastoral Council include: planning and setting overall goals and directions; overseeing the financial well-being of the parish; ensuring human resources of the parish are met; and evangelization within the community. Please read the guidelines carefully and prayerfully consider individuals in our parish for this role.

Your Suggestions Are Welcome!!

The Pastoral Team, Parish Staff, Pastoral Council & Committees all work together to facilitate the smooth running of our parish as a whole, including liturgies, faith formation and the management of parish properties. In an effort to give parishioners a voice in all matters of our parish, our Pastoral Council has placed a **Suggestion Box** on the table at the back of the church. Parishioners are welcome to put forth their written suggestions, comments and recommendations. All items will be forwarded to our Pastoral Team and Pastoral Council for consideration. If you wish to hear back regarding your submission, please include your name, phone number or email address.



Check Us Out ... **The New Waterford Library**, 3390 Plummer Avenue (next to Tim Horton's) offers computer access, wifi, ebooks, audio books, dvd's, cd books, community room for non-profit, and much more. All memberships are free of charge. Phone 862-2892 for more information!

Hall Rentals

Our parish currently has three facilities available for rental for private functions.

1. **Mount Carmel Auditorium** (seats 400) – Call Steven Corbett (862-6583)
2. **Gaul Centre**, Union Highway (seats 300) – Call Michael Campbell (862-7256)
3. **St. Leonard Parish Hall**, Convent Street (seats 162) – Call Pius Stephenson (577-9777).

The availability of these properties is made possible through the work of many parishioners who volunteer their time to facilitate the use of the halls, and all funds generated are used for the general expenses of our parish.

Summer Employment for Students

We have received Federal Funding and will continue to accept applications for the position of **Cemetery Mapper (1 position)** – beginning June 23 for a minimum of 8 weeks. Open to those graduating from Grade 12 and University Students who plan to return to school. **Application Deadline – Tuesday, May 22, at 4 PM**. Resumes may be dropped off to the Pastoral Centre (5310 Union Hwy.)

Freedom of Religion and Conscience

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a letter on the freedom of religion and conscience. The pastoral letter explains why freedom of religion and conscience is necessary for the common good of countries such as Canada where religious diversity is the norm. The pastoral letter, addressed to everyone of good will, calls on Catholics, all believers, and even those of no faith, 1) to affirm the right of religion to be active in the public square, 2) to maintain healthy Church-State relations, 3) to form consciences according to objective truth, and 4) to protect the right to conscientious objection. The letter also encourages all faith communities to contribute to the formulation of public policy and the common good, and concludes by exhorting believers not to compromise their convictions but to stand up for their faith, even if they must suffer for it. The letter can be found on the Parish Website www.parishofsaintleonard.com/CCCBFREEDOMOFCONSCIENCE.pdf. A limited number of copies are also available at the back of the church, for those parishioners who do not have access to the internet.

May is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

Please keep those suffering from this disease and their families in your prayers.



St. Vincent De Paul Society

- ◆ **Emergency Food Service** - Call 862-3779 (leave a message). *Please Note: A new cupboard has been placed at the front entrance of the church to drop off your food bank donations. Thank you for your generosity!*
- ◆ **Clothing Room** - Behind the Gaul Centre (on Christy Lane) - Mondays at 10 AM for drop-offs and Mondays from 11 AM - 3 PM for pickups.
- ◆ **Good, Used Furniture Needed** - Please Phone Alice Acouin at 862-3193 or Dan MacMullin at 862-8832.



St. Leonard St. Vincent de Paul Society Regular Meetings will resume on **Thursday, September 8,** at 10:00 AM at the **Carmel Centre.**

Jesus said, "Whatsoever you do to the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you do to me."

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

Diocesan & Community Activities

- **Mass for Shut-Ins** - Sundays at 11:30 AM on CTV.
- **Support & Share Grief Support Group** - for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Upcoming Sessions:
May 23 - 7-9 PM - Town House, Glace Bay
June 7 - 7-9 PM - Miners Memorial Manor, Sydney Mines
June 12 - 7-9 PM - Fr. John Capstick Centre, 188 George St., Sydney
June 20 - 7-9 PM - St. Leonard Pastoral Centre, River Ryan
Everyone is welcome and no registration is required.
- **Gaelic Gathering - Saturday, May 26,** at St. Andrew's Community Centre, St. Andrew's, Ant. Co. The event is open to all communities province wide, and will start at 9:30 AM with tea, followed by free workshops, a trade show, the Council's Annual General Meeting as well as youth presentations. A dinner and ceilidh will take place later in the evening with Guest Speaker Rodney MacDonald. Call 258-5768 for more information. All are welcome!
- **Storas na h-Oigridh/Treasures of Youth Fundraising Concert - Sunday, May 27, from 2-4 PM at St. Andrew's United Church, Bentinck Street, Sydney.** Sponsored by the Highland Village. Come celebrate Gaelic Awareness Month with an all-star musical line-up! Lucy, Boyd, Stewart, and Kyle MacNeil, Paul K. MacNeil & Tracey Dares-MacNeil & Family, Dawn & Margie Beaton, Kenneth MacKenzie, McKayla MacNeil, Donnie Campbell and Kyle MacNeil's fiddle students. Admission by donation. All are welcome.
- **Central Cape Breton Choir presents "Dia Mó Cheòl/ God Is My Song"** -- a Faith Based evening of inspiration, culture and song on **Friday, June 1, at 7:30PM** at St. Columba Church, Iona. Adm. \$13 for Adults, \$7 for Students, \$5 for Youth under 12. Tickets available at the door. The event is sponsored by St. Columba Parish Council. The Choir will be accompanied by Ed Woodsworth, Brian Talbot, Dave McKeough, Kyle MacNeil, Tracey Dares MacNeil, Janet Gillis, Cathy MacMillan and Kelly MacMillan. It is an event not to be missed! Mark it on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there!
- **Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples (Final Session) - June 1-3, 2012,** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Sydney (\$60/couple). Call 849-4772, or email tboucher@fsens.ns.ca
- **Fr. William B. MacLeod Assembly 4th Degree K of C, 0797 -- Meeting is cancelled for May 27th, 2012.** The next KOC 4th Degree meeting will be held on **June 9th,** at the Moses M. Coady Rooms in Sydney River, followed by Mass at St. Joseph Church at 5:15 PM with dinner to follow at the Seniors and Pensioners Memorial Hall corner of Inglis and Prince St. in Sydney at 6:30 PM. Tickets required for the dinner.
- **St. Joseph's Renewal Centre (Mabou) - Upcoming Retreats**
→ **1st Annual Men's 'Weekend Retreat on Prayer' with Bishop Brian Dunn - June 1-3, 2012,** St. Joseph Renewal Centre, Mabou.
→ **The Beatitudes - July 8-15, 2012.** Facilitator: Fr. Earl Smith, S.J.
→ **Ecological Spirituality - August 16-23, 2012.** Facilitator: Sr. Alexandra Kovats.
For further information/registration visit the Renewal Centre's website or contact Sr. Catherine MacEachern, CND at 902-945-2392. Email st.josrctr@ns.sympatico.ca
- **Spring Concert in Support of Sacred Heart Church, Sydney - Sunday, June 10, at 2 PM.** Featuring the Gaelic Choir, CB Regional Hospital Choir & Sacred Heart Choir with guests Donnie Campbell & Doug MacPhee, under the direction of Shauna Doolan. Tickets (\$12) are available at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop, Charlotte Street. All are welcome!
- **Summer Bus Trips (Contact 862-6781) for more information**
→ **July 22, 2012** - To Monastery **In Honor of St. Anne.** Mass at 2 PM.
→ **July 27-29, 2012** - Atlantic Charismatic Conference in Sackville, NB.
- **Steubenville Atlantic 2012** - A Youth Event from **August 3-5** at St. F.X. University. For info, go to www.steubenville.ca
- **Greece: In The Footsteps of St. Paul - April 10-20, 2013,** during "The Year of Faith." For info, call Peggy at 434-5554 or email ludlowm@hotmail.com.

Dear Friends ...

At the heart of the message of Jesus is our responsibility to care for one another. Christians are called to see the face of God in our brothers and sisters who suffer or are in need. Jesus said: "Whatsoever you do to the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you do to me." In our community, we are blessed to have a very active St. Vincent de Paul Society as a means to respond concretely to the needs of those who have fallen on hard times. Recently, a new food cupboard has been placed at the front entrance to the church (on the left, as you enter the lobby) to collect donations. Thank you to all who work with and support the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Let us bring our donations each week, so that we can keep the food cupboard filled. God bless us!

Father Ray

From Your
Pastor