

# Parish of Saint Leonard

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Our Pastoral Centre is presently located at 553 George Street, New Waterford, NS B1H 4E4.

OFFICE HOURS - MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 9:30 AM - 12 NOON & 1:30 PM TO 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 Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009

**Reading I:** Acts [3:13-15, 17-19](#) (Repent and Be Converted)

**Reading II:** 1 [John 2:1-5a](#) (Jesus Is Expiation for Our Sins)

**Gospel:** Luke [24:35-48](#) (Emmaus)

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

We welcome our newest parishioner ... *Eric Alexander MacDougall.*

And we pray for those who have died ... especially *John Woodford.*

**We Celebrate ...** Our Sunday Gatherings for Eucharist



Saturday (Vigils)		Sunday	
4:00 PM	St. Agnes	8:30 AM	St. Joseph (Lingan)
5:30 PM	St. Joseph (New Victoria)	10:00 AM	Mount Carmel
		11:30 AM	St. Michael's

## Our Daily Gatherings This Week

All weekday celebrations take place at our **St. Michael's Site**, unless otherwise noted.

Monday	10:00 AM - 12 NOON	Eucharist followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Scriptural Rosary and Benediction
Tuesday	10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Eucharist Spaghetti Night
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Thursday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Friday	10:00 AM	Eucharist

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

### Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations of baptism take place on the third Sunday of each month, during and after the 11:30 AM Mass, at our St. Michael's site. If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact the Pastoral Centre at 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 ...** Two disciples have come to the upper room and are sharing their Easter story: how they met Jesus on the road earlier in the day, how they recognized him in the breaking of the bread at their meal with him at Emmaus. As they talk, the Risen Jesus appears. The Apostles think that Jesus is a ghost until he invites them to look at the wounds in his hands and feet and to touch him. Then he gives them more proof that he is alive, by eating a piece of the fish that was cooked for their dinner. Jesus explains that the Scriptures have been fulfilled: He has suffered and risen from the dead on the third day. The Apostles are to witness to the fact that he is alive, to the forgiveness and peace he offers to all people.



### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** What decisions can I make to protect the fragile gifts of our earth's environment?

**Children:** Do I realize that God has given me my body and that I must take care of it?

# The Celebration of First Eucharist

First Eucharist is being celebrated in our parish over three weeks in this Easter Season. Last Sunday, on April 19<sup>th</sup>, the following young people came to the Table of the Lord for the first time:

Ryan Thomas Aucoin  
Benjamin Fraser Beaton  
Ryan Christopher Burke  
Ethan Zachery Campbell  
Jacklyn Anna Campbell  
Kelly Ann Carrigan  
Hannah Marie Coish  
Jessie Anne Regena Dwyer  
Emmett Timothy Ryan Flynn  
James Cody Fraser  
Cailey Jade Gottwald

John Thomas Hawley  
Julia Paige Jean Hicks  
Jessie Marie Hillman  
Patricia Abbie Hurley  
Catherine Ellen MacIsaac  
William Raymond MacIsaac  
Devon Joseph Peter MacLean  
Andrew Phillip MacSween  
Marjorie Claire McGillivray  
Molly Frances McGillivray  
Cameron Francis McNeil

Gavin Charles McNeil  
Dylan Drake Messervey  
Jason Joseph Murphy  
Brady Francis Nearing  
Jacob Matthew Odo  
Nicholas Kenneth Pastuck  
Dominique Ann Ryan  
Megan Josephine Steiger  
Jennah Viola Catherine Patricia Syms  
Brooklynn Anna Victoria Tighe



Congratulations to these young people and their families. As a community, we look forward to continue walking with you in your faith journey. This weekend, First Eucharist is being celebrated at our 4 PM liturgy at St. Agnes. Next weekend, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the celebration will take place at our 10 AM liturgy at Mount Carmel.

## Parish Activities

### C.W.L. Day of Peace & Hope - Holy Hour



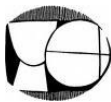
C.W.L. Day of Peace & Hope Holy Hour will take place at **St. Agnes Church, New Waterford** on **Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 PM** – the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Refreshments will follow at St. Agnes Parish Centre. **Everyone** is welcome ... hope to see you there.

### Spaghetti Night This Tuesday

This **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, is the last Tuesday of the month and therefore is Spaghetti Night. Parishioners of all ages are invited to come together at 5:30 PM in the Gaul Centre as we continue to explore the Creed, with a focus on forgiveness. Come out and gather with other parishioners to share a meal and to grow in faith and community with one another. As always, there is no fee for this evening and no registration is required. All are welcome!



### First Eucharist Celebrations



The second of three First Eucharist Celebrations takes place today, the Third Sunday of Easter, at our 4 PM liturgy at St. Agnes Church. Next week, the celebration of First Eucharist will take place at our 10:00 AM liturgy at Mount Carmel Church. Please keep our First Eucharist Candidates and their families in your prayers as they celebrate this important milestone in their faith journeys.

### Annual Parish Meeting for 2009

Once again, we will have an opportunity to review the pastoral and financial activity of our parish for the previous fiscal year. This meeting will take place on **Sunday, May 31, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Gaul Centre**. Written reports and financial statements will be published prior to the meeting. Thank you for the support you offer to our Pastoral Council and Committees of our parish.

### Confirmation Retreat

Our first Confirmation retreat, “Companions on a Journey” was held this Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Candidates who did not take part in this retreat are required to take part in the second offering of it on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Gaul Centre. The retreat begins at 10 AM and then families and sponsors of the candidates are invited to join for a closing mass at 2 PM. Any candidate who did not take part in the April 25<sup>th</sup> retreat and whose name does not appear on the May 9<sup>th</sup> list posted in all of our churches, must contact Marcy as soon as possible at [catechesis@parishofsaintleonard.com](mailto:catechesis@parishofsaintleonard.com). The May 9<sup>th</sup> list can also be found on the “Youth Corner” page of our parish website.



### Catholic Tidbits ...

This past Sunday and then again on Tuesday we heard the same reading from Acts 4:32-35. “No one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.” “There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold;” and “it was distributed to each as needed.” The Church repeats this reading about solidarity because of its important social justice consequences.

At Tuesday’s Breaking Open of the Word, I asked the children if it was okay that some people in the world were starving in 2009? Do we in the First World have a responsibility to help those in the Third World? Unanimously and without hesitation the children said, “we have to share with others.” Our youth recognized the distribution problem, do we? Solidarity is about entering into relationship with others, especially those in need. We are invited to deepen this relationship with the poor through our prayers for them, our fasting that is offered for them and our financial aid. May we also be open to receiving from the poor; for they have much to teach us?



# Tending The Flock



## Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: April 19, 2009

Envelopes (499): \$5,682.67 + Loose: \$620.28 = \$6,302.95

*Thank you for your continued support!*

## Receipts for Income Tax



Income tax receipts for Church Contributions in 2008 are available at the Pastoral Centre. If you are not able to pick up your receipt, please feel free to call the Office (862-2255). We will be happy to mail yours!

## Upcoming Meetings

Pastoral Council Meeting	Wednesday	May 6	7:15 PM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee Meeting	Thursday	May 7	7:15 PM	Gaul Centre
Cemetery Committee Meeting	Tuesday	June 2	7:00 PM	Pastoral Centre

## Catholic Italian Tour

Travel Our Way, New Glasgow, and Globus Tours is hosting a "**Grand Catholic 11 day Tour of Italy**" which includes: Rome, Vatican City (with papal audience), Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice from Sept 21st-October 1st, 2009. This tour will be escorted by **our Pastor, Father Paul MacNeil!** Cost: \$3688 (includes taxes, flights from Halifax, all tours and admissions, hotel accommodations and most meals). For more information contact Angela Luddington at (902) 752-5567 or [angela.luddington@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:angela.luddington@ns.sympatico.ca).

## March For Life

Campaign Life Coalition is sponsoring a **Rally** on **Thursday, May 14, at 11:45 AM** at Province House, Granville St., Halifax, to highlight the plight of the pre-born in Canada. This year marks 40 years of legalized abortion in Canada. More than 3 1/2 million babies have died by abortion and abortion has killed more people than all the global wars of the past century. A **Candlelight Vigil** will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, at 8 PM** at the VG Hospital Site, South Park Street, Halifax. Please support this endeavor through prayer or participation.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

The parish council and parishioners of St. Anthony Daniel cordially invite you to celebrate with us the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of our pastor, **Fr. Donald MacGillivray, Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM** Mass in St. Anthony Daniel Church, 105 Alexandra Street, with a reception to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!

## Spring Maintenance in our Cemeteries

The Cemetery Committee met on Tuesday, April 15, to begin planning for the maintenance of our cemeteries over the upcoming summer months. We are very thankful to the families of loved ones for their assistance in the maintenance and care of our cemeteries. We ask that parishioners and others continue to be mindful that no articles can be placed on graves which would interfere with the movement of machinery or pose hazards to caregivers of the cemeteries. **Only flowers or objects which can be directly attached to the headstone (NOT anchored to the ground in any way) are allowed.** These restrictions are in effect on an **ongoing basis**. *Please note that all items which have not been removed before May 17 will be removed and disposed of.* The **Terms & Conditions** governing our parish cemeteries came into effect on September 1, 2007. This document is available in all of our churches and on our parish website.

## What is a Sacristan??

*Did you ever wonder how ...*

*...our gathering space is always organized?*

*...we always have everything we need to celebrate?*

*...the materials we use for our celebrations are cared for?*

This is due, in a large part, to the faithful service of our Sacristans. Who is a Sacristan? you might ask. Sacristans are the people who work behind the scenes to maintain our supplies, our sacred vessels and cloths, and are conscious of our worship space and the order in which our space is kept. This is a very small insight into what our Sacristans do. You are invited to discover more about this essential ministry as we explore the many hats Sacristans wear. Come join us at St. Michael's Gaul Centre - **Saturday, May 2, 2009, from 9:30 AM - 2:45 PM.** Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. Registration forms can be found at the entrances of our churches. Please drop your completed form in the collection basket or at the Pastoral Centre. Space is limited. For more info, contact, Rose MacKinnon - 862-2495 or the Pastoral Centre - 862-2255.

## Summer Student Needed

Our Cemetery Society is now accepting applications for **one groundskeeping position** beginning **June 15, 2008**, for a period of 8 weeks. This position will require strenuous physical activity and some lifting. University students are welcome to drop their resumes off at the Pastoral Centre before **Monday, May 18.**



## Our Email Addresses

Pastoral Centre:	<a href="mailto:pastoralcentre@parishofsaintleonard.com">pastoralcentre@parishofsaintleonard.com</a>
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## St. Vincent De Paul Society



- ◆ **Emergency Food Service** - Call 862-3779 or 862-3770.
- ◆ **Clothing Room** - Behind St. Michael's Church (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 Dan MacMullin at 862-8832 or Alice Aucoin at 862-3193.

# Diocesan & Community Events

● **Daily Mass on Vision TV (Channel 58)** – 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 from 9:30-10 AM**. **Sunday Mass from Boston - 8:30 AM** on Ch.12.

● **Free Public Nutrition Education Sessions at New Waterford Hospital** – **Monday, Apr. 27** – Cholesterol Management Class; **Wednesday, Apr. 29** – Blood Pressure Management. All sessions are from **6-7 PM**. Pre-register is required -- call Florence Gillis, Primary Care Dietitian, at 578-3763.

● **Monthly Mass & Ultreya** – **Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 PM** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sydney River. All Cursillo and Challengers welcome.

● **Bus Trip to Monastery** – A Bus Trip to celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph is scheduled for **May 1, 2008**. Father Albert MacPherson will be in attendance for Holy Mass and Healing Service at 7 PM. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information, please phone Yvonne at 862-6781.

● **St. Theresa's CWL Annual Giant Flea Market** – **Saturday, May 2**, from 9-11 AM at St. Theresa's Parish Centre, Sydney. All welcome.

● **Marriage Encounter** -- Enjoy a weekend free of distractions and fall in love all over again. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is scheduled for **May 1-3, 2009**, at the Highland Heights Inn, Iona. For more information call Anne & John 564-2190 or email [renewmarriage@gmail.com](mailto:renewmarriage@gmail.com)

● **Mount Carmel School Spring Fair** – **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 – 4 PM** at Mount Carmel Gymnasium. Games for children plus White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale, Crafts and Clothing Sale. A light lunch will be served. Admission at door - \$2.

● **What Can We As A Community Do For Our Youth?** - Information Session about ways that we as a community can help youth stay out of the justice system. This session will enlighten the public on the problems youth face at home, in school and from their peers and community and why intervention is needed at an early age. Guest Speakers will be Kaitlin Munro, a Grade Nine student; Robert Martin, Youth Gambling Awareness Coordinator; Chester Borden, Whitney Pier Youth Club; and Constable Gerald Sheppard and Melinda Power from Louisbourg Youth Centre. Session will be held **Tuesday, May 5 at 7 PM** at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Hall. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

● **Eastern Regional Help Line** – We need volunteers and are recruiting for our Spring Training Workshop to be held in June. If you are compassionate, reliable, can react calmly and rationally in a crisis, and are interested in volunteering, please call the Help Line at 562-4357 or 1-800-957-9995. We NEED your help!

● **Cape Breton Orchestra 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** – **Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 PM** at St. Joseph's Church, North Sydney **AND Sunday, May 10, at 2 PM** at Holy Redeemer Church, Whitney Pier. Featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Percy Grainger, Strauss, Duke Ellington and much more. For info, call 562-2004 or visit [www.capebretonorchestra.com](http://www.capebretonorchestra.com).

● **Workshop – “To Be A Healing Presence for the Human Heart and Earth”** – **May 22-23, 2009**, at Bethany Centre. Facilitated by Jim Profit, SJ, Director of Jesuit Collaborative for Ecology, Agriculture and Forestry, Guelph, Ontario. At a time of ecological crisis, hope is one of the great gifts that we can receive from Earth and from our faith. Hope enables us to act for the healing of the human heart and Earth. For info call 863-4726.

● **Marriage Preparation – June 12, 13 & 14** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Sydney. For all engaged couples. Pre-Registration required (\$60/couple). Call 539-6868, Ext. 2

### ● UPCOMING RELIGIOUS TOURS

▶▶ **MEDJUGORJE – April 25-May 4**, \$2,050 Air from Moncton or Halifax, hotels, 2 meals per day. 902-888-2291 or [kevin.morrel@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:kevin.morrel@pei.sympatico.ca)

▶▶ **MEDJUGORJE – Jun 22-Jul 4**, \$2785. includes taxes, air from Moncton or Halifax, accommodations, 2 meals/day & local guide. 902-648-0050, 902-648-3046 or [tojesusthroughmary@gmail.com](mailto:tojesusthroughmary@gmail.com)

▶▶ **IRELAND** – Are you interested in joining a Maritime Celtic Pilgrimage in the ancient Celtic Landscape of Ireland **July 20-30, 2009**, facilitated by Monica Brown and Hilary Musgrave? [www.emmausproductions.com](http://www.emmausproductions.com)

▶▶ **ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE AND CAP-DE-LA-MADELEINE** – Leaving Inverness on **August 16** and returning **August 22**, 2009. Contact Sadie Burton at 461-9051 for further information.

▶▶ **MEDJUGORJE & DUBROVNIK** -- Oct 16-26, \$2150 includes air from Halifax, accommodations, 2 meals/day, local guide. Contact Marie Desjardins at 207-868-5027 or [bubblepink49@hotmail.com](mailto:bubblepink49@hotmail.com)

▶▶ **GREECE & TURKEY in the Footsteps of St. Paul -- Oct 29-Nov 8**, \$2750 includes air from Halifax, accommodations, 2 meals/day, local guide. Contact Marie Desjardins at 207-868-5027 or [bubblepink49@hotmail.com](mailto:bubblepink49@hotmail.com)

▶▶ **HOLY LAND - Oct 29-Nov 7, \$2979**: Fee includes visits to Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada, the Jordan River, Dead Sea, Qumran, Mts. of Transfiguration & Beatitudes, etc. Air from Moncton or Halifax, hotels, 2 meals per day. 902-888-2291 or [kevin.morrel@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:kevin.morrel@pei.sympatico.ca)

● **Alive on the Island – Festival of Christian Unity** – Festival runs from **August 28-30, 2009**. Festival passes starting at \$79. Limited quantities available, so act fast. For more details, visit: [www.aliveontheisland.com](http://www.aliveontheisland.com)

● **Taize Prayer** – Taize Prayer evenings will resume in the fall at St. Anthony Daniel.

● **Alcoholics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Their primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. The local AA Group meets at their rooms on Ling Street on **Mondays at 10:30 AM, Wednesdays at 8 PM, Fridays at 10:30 AM** and Saturdays at 8 PM.

● **If your life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking, Al-Anon may help. Contact 564-5188.**