

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 Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2009

He Is Risen! Alleluia!

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, [37-43](#) (We Are Witnesses)

Reading II: Colossians [3:1-4](#) (Seek What Is Above)

Gospel: John [20:1-9](#) (The Empty Tomb)

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

We pray for those who have died, especially *Sarah Josephine "Josie" Murphy and Ann Maureen O'Regan.*

We Celebrate ... Our Sunday Gatherings for Eucharist

<i>Saturday (Vigils)</i>		<i>Sunday</i>	
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 6:30 PM	Eucharist Breaking Open The Word
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 ... We enter the empty tomb with Peter. There we see the winding cloth that wrapped the body of Jesus lying on the ground and the head covering rolled up in a place by itself. All our Christian faith, hope and love are pinned on the resurrection of Jesus. The empty tomb and Jesus' Easter appearances tell us that Jesus Christ defeated the cross. If we don't believe that, then what can we possibly hope for? What, then, is the meaning of love? What is the point of living at all? Easter tells us who we are – Easter people, loved by God, created to live forever. This is the most important day in our individual histories and in our history as God's people.



Questions of the Week

Adults: How well do I recognize the presence of the Risen Christ in the poor, in the sacraments, and in the Church?

Children: Do I remember that Jesus is alive in my heart and I can always tell him that I love him?

Parish Activities

Evening of Sacred Music



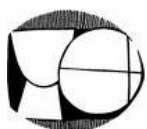
You are invited to attend an evening of Sacred Music (recorded) on **Easter Sunday (April 12) at 7:00 PM** at St. Michael's Church. This will be a time of silent meditation on the Resurrection of Our Lord. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday Night Parish Night

A huge thanks to all those who took part in this past Tuesday's Spaghetti Night! Those in attendance previewed the events of Holy Week, focusing on the Triduum celebration. A special thanks to our team of catechists, our kitchen crew, those who cleaned up, and to Angela and the children for their reenactment of the resurrection story. Our next Parish night will be the Breaking Open the Word this **Tuesday, April 14th, at 6:30 PM** at St. Michael's. Parishioners of all ages are invited to attend!



First Eucharist Celebrations



The celebrations of First Eucharist in our community will begin **next Sunday**, the Second Sunday of Easter, **April 19th**. The first celebration will take place at St. Michael's during our 11:30 AM liturgy when 30 young people will join us at the Table of the Lord for the first time. In total, 70 young people will be celebrating the sacrament in three celebrations.

Confirmation Preparation - Retreat

Confirmation candidates are reminded of the retreat being offered **April 25th OR May 9th** at the Gaul Centre. The retreat will begin at 10 AM and then families and sponsors of the candidates are invited to join candidates for the celebration of mass at 2 PM at St. Michael's to end the retreat. Lists of who has signed up for each of the days are posted in each of our churches this weekend. The celebration of Confirmation will take place on **Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 PM.**



Eucharistic Ministers Are Needed



Eucharistic Ministers are needed for our daily masses at St. Michael's Church. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to serve at daily mass, please call Emma MacLeod at 862-2281. If you are not presently a minister, but would like to learn more about this ministry, please call the Pastoral Centre (862-2255).

Divine Mercy Service

Divine Mercy Sunday is a special Feast in the Church, with the focus on God's infinite mercy. A Divine Mercy Service will take place on **Sunday, April 19, from 2:30-3:30 PM** at St. Joseph's Church, New Victoria. Individual Confession will take place from 2:00 to 2:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.



Our Email Addresses

Pastoral Centre: pastoralcentre@parishofsaintleonard.com
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Deacon Leo & Viola Penny: deacon@parishofsaintleonard.com

Parish Discernment Process

Bishop Raymond Lahey has announced the following committee to study the recommendations from the Pastoral Council of St. Leonard Parish: **Rev. Angus MacDougall Vicar General** - Chair (representing Council of Priests), **Mr. Rankin MacSween** (representing Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee) and **Rev. Norman MacPhee** and **Ms. Catherine Farrow** (representing Diocesan Finance Council). The committee and the Bishop hope to have their final decision made by June 15th, 2009. Please pray for them in this important time of discernment.

Catholic Tidbits ...

How is the date of Easter determined?

Easter Sunday in all Roman Catholic Churches and most Protestant Churches is celebrated on the Sunday which follows the first full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of spring). This was consciously chosen by the Christian Church to coincide with the Jewish festival of Passover (which is determined by a lunar calendar and not a solar calendar like us). Our scriptures tell us that Jesus died and rose from the dead at the time of Passover, so our Christian celebration of Easter is always held at Passover time as well. This year, Holy Thursday for us was also the First day of Passover for the Jews. Our Orthodox Christian brothers and sisters in Russia and Greece use a different calendar (Julian not Gregorian) and because of this often their date for Easter is a week or so later. Next year, both Catholics and Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter on the same day, April 4th because both calendars on that year coincide. Alleluia!



The Pastoral Centre (Parish Office) will be closed on Monday, April 13.



Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for **April 5, 2009**

Envelopes (597): \$9,164.95 + Loose: \$650.33 = \$9,815.28

Thank-you for your continued support!

Receipts for Income Tax will continue to be available at the Pastoral Centre during office hours. If you are unable to pick yours up, we'd be happy to mail it ... just call the Office!

Upcoming Meetings

Cemetery Committee	Wednesday	April 15	7:15 PM	Pastoral Centre
Pastoral Council Meeting	Wednesday	May 6	7:15 PM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee Meeting	Thursday	May 7	7:15 PM	Gaul Centre

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



Ministries Workshops

The Glace Bay Adult Faith Development Committee invites all those involved in Parish Ministries to attend a series of workshops. Register by **April 16**, at 539-6188 ext. 237.

➔ **Lectors** - Wednesdays, **April 21, 28 & May 5**, from 7-9 PM - Holy Cross Church. Facilitator: Ken MacAdam.

➔ **Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion** - Tuesdays, **April 21, 28 & May 5**, from 7-9 PM - Holy Cross Church. Facilitator: Pat Bray.

➔ **Hospitality Ministers** - Thursdays, **April 23 & 30** from 7-9 PM - St. Anne's Church. Facilitator: Jay Bigley.

Early Childhood Development

The Early Child Development Advisory Group of New Waterford will host a Workshop focusing on Early Child Development and how communities can help support their families. Recent research in early brain development has identified the critical importance of the pre-natal period to age 5 in reducing such life long challenges as mental health, addictions, heart disease, low literacy, unemployment, obesity, type 2 diabetes, crime, etc. The **Leaders Retreat** sponsored by the Council for Early Child Development, the IWK and New Dawn Enterprises will be held on **Saturday, April 18th, from 9am to 3pm** at Greenfield Elementary, in New Waterford. For more info. please contact Jim Mustard 902-248-2893 or jim_mustard@hotmail.com.

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 ½ 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 commemorative endeavor through prayer or participation.

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, 09 from 9:30am - 2:45pm**. 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.

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 on 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.

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.

● **Knights of Columbus** – Regular Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April 14**, at 8 PM in the KOC Rooms. Executive meets at 7:15 PM.

● **Free Public Lecture -- Spirituality & Cancer – Hope, Meaning and Keeping it Real** – **Tuesday, April 7, from 7:00-8:00 PM (via Telehealth from Halifax)** – CB Regional Hospital, Level 4, Classroom 2. Speaker: Rev. David Maginley, Chaplain, QEII Cancer Care Program. Space is limited. Call 562-1367 to register.

● **Aging Gracefully Group** -- will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, **April 15**. Meetings will resume on **Tuesday, April 22**.

● **“Living With Cancer” Support Group** for those living with any diagnosis of cancer -- **Wednesday, April 15, at 7 PM** at the Can. Cancer Society office, 329 George Street, Sydney. Guest Speaker: Brenda Yates, Palliative Services, CBRH. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

● **Scholastic Book Fair at Greenfield Elementary** -- **April 16-23** from 9 AM-12 Noon and 1-2 PM and Wednesday, **April 22** from 9 AM-12 Noon; 1-2 PM and 6-8 PM. Parents are guests are welcome to visit the Book Fair. Books available for all ages. **Volunteers are needed**. Call 862-4000.

● **Holocaust Memorial Service** – **April 19 at 2 PM** at the Temple Sons of Israel Synagogue, Whitney Ave., Sydney. Guest Speaker will be Max Eisen, a survivor of death & concentration camps. All are welcome!

● **Weekend of Grace – 3rd Annual Regional Catholic Woman’s Conference** – **April 24-26, 2009** – Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, NS. An opportunity for women to share their faith in witness and prayer. www.stacm.ca. Pre-Registration only (\$135).

No Scents Is Good Sense -- we ask that you help make all parish buildings Scent Free. Thank you for your consideration of others.

● **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.

● **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

● **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

▶▶ **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 tojesussthroughmary@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

▶▶ **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.

▶▶ **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

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY EASTER! HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

The sound of “Alleluia!” resounds throughout the Church this holy and blessed day. The Lord, who was once dead, is now risen from the tomb, never to die again. And we, by virtue of our baptism, share in His glory. “Do not weep,” Jesus would say to Mary of Magdala, the woman who represents all of humanity as God’s broken yet beloved children. A day of triumph is not a day for tears, except only tears of joy. We rightly rejoice this day in the triumph of our faith in the Lord Jesus, who proves by His resurrection that those who put their trust in Him will never be disappointed. We celebrate the great victory of light over darkness, hope over despair, faith over disbelief, good over evil, love over hatred, life over death! On this glorious day may our praise of the Lord’s unimaginable mercy echo to the ends of the earth. Alleluia! On behalf of the Pastoral Team, the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council of the Parish of St. Leonard, I pray that the glory of these fifty days of Easter may awaken and affirm within each one of us, and indeed the whole world, how special, loved and blessed we are by our Majestic and Wondrous God. Alleluia!

With profound joy and love in Christ our Risen Lord,
Fr. Paul

He is Risen!