

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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Passion Sunday

April 5, 2009

Reading I: Isaiah [50:4-7](#) (God Is My Help)

Reading II: Philippians [2:6-11](#) (Christ Humbled Himself)

Gospel: Mark [14:1-15:47](#) (The Passion of Christ)

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

We pray for those who have died, especially *Marguerite McIntosh, Evelyn Oliver and Gerald Tonary.*

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

Holy Week Schedule

Monday	<i>Mass</i>	10:00 AM	St. Michael's Church
	<i>Mass of Chrism</i>	4:00 PM	St. Ninian's Cathedral, Antigonish
Tuesday	<i>Mass</i>	10:00 AM	St. Michael's Church
	<i>Individual Confession</i>	10:30 AM - Noon	St. Michael's Church
	<i>Spaghetti Night</i>	5:30 PM	St. Michael's Church
Wednesday	<i>Mass</i>	10:00 AM	St. Michael's Church
	<i>Individual Confession</i>	10:30 AM - Noon	St. Michael's Church
	<i>Mass</i>	6:30 PM	St. Michael's Church
Holy Thursday	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	7:00 PM	Mount Carmel Church
	<i>Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	until 10 PM	Mount Carmel Church
	<i>Individual Confession</i>	8 - 10 PM	Mount Carmel Church
Good Friday	<i>Stations of the Cross for Families</i>	11:00 AM	St. Michael's Church
	<i>Solemn Liturgical Service</i>	3:00 PM	St. Agnes & Mount Carmel Churches
	<i>Film Screening "The Passion of the Christ"</i>	6:30 PM	St. Michael's Church
Holy Saturday	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	9:00 PM	Mount Carmel Church
Easter Sunday	<i>Rejoice in the Resurrection</i>	8:30 AM	St. Joseph's Church, Lingan
		10:00 AM	St. Agnes Church
		10:00 AM	St. Joseph's Church, New Victoria
		11:30 AM	St. Michael's Church



We Believe ... Today, we join the palm-waving crowd that greets Jesus as he rides up to Jerusalem on a donkey's colt. The air is filled with their hosannas. They hail him as the new king of Israel. But all this praise and glory fades as the week goes on. By Friday, the crowd has turned against Jesus, forgotten his teachings and his healings. Even the apostles, who shared the glory of the palm procession on Sunday and the sacred meal on Thursday night, desert him. They fail the test of the cross. The cross is our test too. If we really love Jesus, we will accept whatever crosses that this love may bring us.



Questions of the Week

- Adults:** Am I a follower of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as well as at the foot of the Cross? How?
- Children:** What do I do when a classmate or friend is going through a rough time?
Do I stay with them or do I leave them alone?

Parish Activities

Spaghetti Night - Rescheduled

"I Believe in Jesus' Death and Resurrection"

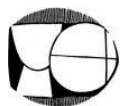


Last week's scheduled Spaghetti Night was cancelled due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for this **Tuesday, April 7th**.

As we continue to explore our theme of the year, *The Creed*, we will use this time leading up to Holy Week to discuss our belief in Jesus' death and resurrection. We will do this by examining the three components of our Triduum celebration – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Our gathering will help to prepare us to take part in our holiest of celebrations. Parishioners of all ages are invited to join us from **5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Gaul Centre!** No need to register. Contributions for the dessert table are welcome.

First Eucharist Celebrations

The celebrations of First Eucharist in our community will begin on the second Sunday of Easter, **April 19th**. The first celebration will take place **at St. Michael's during our 11:30 AM liturgy**. In total, 70 young people will be celebrating the sacrament in three celebrations.



Confirmation Preparation



Confirmation candidates are reminded of the **retreat** being offered **April 25th OR May 9th** (date chosen at the interview). Lists of those

who have signed up for each of these days will be posted next week, following the final interviews. The celebration of Confirmation itself will take place on **Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 PM**.

Youth Night

Our next Youth Night falls next weekend, on Easter. Instead of having a Sunday Night Youth Night, our youth are invited to take part in the video screening of the 2004 movie *"The Passion of the Christ"* by Mel Gibson – on **Good Friday evening at 6:30 PM** in St. Michael's Church. Due to the graphic nature of the movie, it is requested that young people under the age of 17 are accompanied by an adult for this screening. This is a wonderful opportunity to come to understand Jesus' struggle through the passion and the crucifixion and to embrace a deeper appreciation of Christ's steadfast love.



Stations of the Cross for Families

Once again this year, parishioners of all ages are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross together on **Good Friday at 11:00 AM** at St. Michael's. This is a great opportunity for families to remember together Jesus' journey to the Cross. All are invited!



Movie Screening – Good Friday



On Good Friday, we invite parishioners to attend a screening of the 2004 movie *"The Passion of the Christ"* by Mel Gibson – at 6:30 PM in St. Michael's Church. ***This movie is not recommended for young audiences. We ask that those under 17 years of age be accompanied by an adult. Thanks.***

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!



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.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena is a private devotion revealed by Our Lord to *St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*. The prayer was dictated by Christ Himself to St. Faustina, and she recorded His instructions for each day's prayer. Christ asked St. Faustina to recite the novena starting on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. Copies of the novena can be found at the entrances of our churches.

Catholic Tidbits ...

The Paschal Mystery - The Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum (Paschal Triduum) or simply the *Triduum*, is celebrated during Holy Week, and consists of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. This includes the Great Easter Vigil, the high point of the Triduum. The word Triduum comes from the Latin word meaning "three days." It begins the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Thus, the Triduum consists of three full days which begin and end in the evening. The Triduum technically is not part of Lent (at least liturgically), but Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are still reckoned as part of the traditional forty day Lenten fast. The Triduum celebrates the heart of our faith, salvation, and redemption: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the Triduum commemorates the Institution of the Eucharist (the "sacrament of sacraments"), the Institution of the Priesthood, the Institution of the New Commandment (Love / Washing Feet) the passion, crucifixion, death of the Lord, his descent to the dead, and finally his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. Along with the Ascension, these important events make up the *Paschal Mystery*.



Tending The Flock

Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for March 29, 2009 Envelopes (441): \$5,329.65 + Loose: \$541.50 = \$5,871.15 <i>Thank-you for your continued support!</i>	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!
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Share Lent Collection

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Share Lent Collection last Sunday. The amount collected was **\$2,533.50**. You have responded to the Gospel's call to work for justice and peace in our world. *We give, because we believe.*

Upcoming Meetings

Finance & Administration Committee	Wednesday	April 8	7:15 PM	Pastoral Centre
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



National Catholic Mission - April 6 & 7

"Reflections for Lent," presented by the National Catholic Broadcasting Council, will air on VISION TV on **Monday, April 6**, and **Tuesday, April 7**, at 10 PM, and repeated at 12 AM. Catholics across Canada are invited to rekindle their faith and seek new direction for their lives. Bishop Paul-Andre Durocher of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall in Ontario leads this year's mission, offering reflections for the Lenten season.

C.W.L. Regular Meetings

St. Agnes C.W.L. -- **Tuesday (April 7) at 7 PM** at St. Agnes Centre. All Members are urged to attend!!

Mount Carmel C.W.L. - **Wednesday (April 8) at 7:30 PM** at the Multi-Purpose Room (Auditorium). The Executive will meet at 7 PM. *New members are welcome!*

Ministries Workshops

The Glace Bay Adult Faith Development Committee invites all those involved in Parish Ministries to attend a series of workshops. Please 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.

Reconciliation in Preparation for Easter

Individual Confession will be available at the following times during this Holy Week:

Tues., April 7	10:30 AM - Noon	St. Michael's
Wed., April 8	10:30 AM - Noon	St. Michael's
Thurs., April 9	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Mount Carmel

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@travelourway.com.

Diocesan & Community Events

● **Stations of the Cross & The Rosary** – Seaside Cable Channel 5, Isle Madame, presents the Stations of the Cross at 9:00 AM & the Rosary at 9:30 AM each morning (Sunday-Saturday) during Lent. The presentation is in English & French on alternating days.

● **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.

● **Aging Gracefully Group** -- will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 15. Meetings will resume on **Tuesday, April 22**.

● **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.

● **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).

● **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

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

● **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 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

▶▶ **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

● **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.**

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we gather with over 2.1 billion Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world celebrating the beginning of Holy Week. These days are so special for us as Christians because they focus upon the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, our Liberator and our Redeemer. We can so easily relate to the adoring crowd at the beginning of our liturgy on Palm Sunday, welcoming Jesus enthusiastically, waving Palm branches and hailing him as our King. It is also sadly true that we can change our disposition towards Him, turn away from His message of Love and His proclamation of God's Kingdom, and even at times deny him or betray him like many in the crowd, including two of his apostles! Today, with God's help, we can turn this scenario around.

Mickey Anders once said, "The Palm Sunday crowd were spectators; but, when danger came, they refused to be participants. We are called, not to be spectators, bystanders, or onlookers, but we are called to be disciples and to keep His story alive." May we affirm our discipleship today, be active participants, and keep His story alive! May each of us be blessed during these holiest of days and faithfully accompany Jesus through his passion and death so that we may also share in the glory of his resurrection.

Please join us in all of our Holy Week and Easter celebrations and invite any loved ones, neighbours, family members, or friends to 'come home' and celebrate with us these Great Mysteries of our Faith!

Gratefully yours in the Passion of Christ,
Fr. Paul

From Your
Pastor

