

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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Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 18, 2009

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (Your Servant Is Listening)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 (Members of Christ)

Gospel: John 1:35-42 (We Have Found the Messiah)

We Remember... **Our celebrations of Christian Burial ...** we pray for those who have died, especially *Margaret (Townsend) Burchell, Anthony "Ony" Gatto (Sudbury, ON), Sister Elana Kililea, SC, Gregory MacDonald, Mary Poirier, Angus Rogers and Eva (Westwood) Tracey.*

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



<i>Saturday (Vigils)</i>		<i>Sunday</i>	
4:00 PM	St. Michael's	8:30 AM	St. Joseph (Lingan)
5:30 PM	St. Michael's	10:00 AM	St. Michael's
		11:30 AM	St. Michael's

Our Daily Gatherings This Week

All weekday celebrations take place at **St. Michael's Church.**

Monday	9:00 AM	Eucharist followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Rosary and Benediction
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Eucharist
	6:30 PM	Breaking Open The Word
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Thursday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Friday	9:00 AM	Eucharist

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations of baptism take place on the third Sunday of each month at St. Michael's Church. 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 ... Today we meet John the Baptist and two of his followers, a fisherman names Andrew and a man whose name we do not know. While they are talking, Jesus walks by and John encourages Andrew and his friend to leave him and become followers of Jesus. This is the moment for which John has prepared his followers. The two friends spend several hours listening to Jesus and asking him questions. Then Andrew rushes to find his brother Simon Peter so that he too may become a follower of Jesus. It is remarkable that a poor, unlearned fisherman like Andrew is able to see what learned, religious people of his time cannot see. There are many still who cannot see Jesus for who he is, God's own Son.



Questions of the Week

Adults: When have I been able, by my word or example, to lead someone closer to Jesus?
How can I continue to do this in the future?

Children: How can I draw others closer to God by the good things that I do?

Parish Activities

Youth Night – THIS SUNDAY



Our next Youth Night will be a Gym Night on **Sunday, January 25, at 7 PM** at Mount Carmel Gym. This is the Sunday before exams, so this night can be used as a break from the books for those who think they need it. We will also have an area set up for young people to get together to study. If you don't need the break and feel you can study better at home, please stay there. Good luck on your upcoming exams!

Parish Night Gatherings

Our Tuesday Night Breaking Open the Word resumed this past Tuesday. These gatherings are open to parishioners of all ages and are held from **6:30 PM to approximately 7:30 PM on Tuesdays at St. Michael's**. Our monthly Spaghetti Night will be held this month on Tuesday, January 27th from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at the Gaul Centre. We will continue to explore the Creed this month, focusing on "I believe in Jesus Christ..." All are welcome!



We're always open to accepting donations of crushed canned tomatoes, tomato paste and spaghetti for our **monthly Spaghetti Nights!** These items can be dropped off at the Pastoral Centre or at any of our Tuesday Night gatherings. Thanks!



Confirmation Preparation



The Confirmation Online Activity for January is now posted on the "Youth Corner" page of our website. This month's activity focuses on the history of the Catholic Church in Canada and in our diocese. Interviews for Confirmation candidates will begin in the month of February. Stay tuned to the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information on the scheduling of these interviews.

First Eucharist Preparation

The families of children in grade 2 (and up) are now invited to enter into preparation for First Eucharist (a.k.a. First Communion). There will be a meeting for parents/caregivers on **Sunday, January 18th at 7 PM at the Gaul Centre** to explain the preparation process. Registration will take place at this time and there is a suggested fee of \$20 to cover the cost of program materials. Please note that the expectation is that families are regularly taking part in ongoing faith development opportunities such as participation in Sunday Eucharist, Breaking Open the Word, monthly Spaghetti Nights, etc.



Attention C.W.L. Members

All CWL Members are reminded that the Annual Dues (\$13) should be submitted as soon as possible. You may place them in a plain envelope (clearly marked "CWL") and drop them in the Sunday Collection. Thanks!

Parish Choirs



We are presently in the process of organizing choirs for our various weekend liturgies, and invite any parishioners who might be interested in supporting this ministry through voice or instrument to call the Pastoral Centre at 862-2255. At this time, we are in particular need of assistance for the **5:30 PM Saturday Choir**. Your help would be greatly appreciated!!

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer, which is usually held on Mondays at 6:30 at St. Michael's Church, will be cancelled until further notice. We hope to resume this liturgy during the Lenten Season.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, 2009 – This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet and pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. This year's prayer service and celebration will be hosted by the Parish of St. Leonard at **St. Michael's Church on Sunday January 25th at 3:00 PM**. The **homilist** this year will be **Rev. Duncan Roach**. Let us join together to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for one another.



Winter Burials

Due to ground conditions, the Winter Chapel in Mount Carmel Cemetery will be used for all burials in our Parish during the winter months. Following a funeral in any of our churches, the priest, deacon or other minister can go to the Vault Chapel, where the committal prayers will be said. The actual burial of remains will take place after May 1, and can take place without a priest, deacon or other minister present.



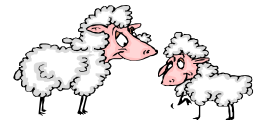
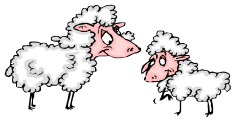
The Sign of Peace During Cold & Flu Season



The Sign of Peace is exactly what it says ... a sign. In our culture, we have accepted shaking hands as a sign of greeting ... as a sign of peace. We know, however, that germs are also transmitted through human contact. When people have cold and flu symptoms, they prefer not to shake hands, so as not to transmit illness to another. We respect and appreciate this gesture. Also, if people are concerned about catching anything, they also may be hesitant in offering their hand, we respect their choice. There are other signs people may give. Some may bow, some may give a verbal exchange, a nod or a wave. It is important we exchange some sign of peace, for when we are at peace with one another, we are now ready and able to receive the Eucharist with open hearts and minds

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

Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for **January 11, 2009**

Envelopes (448): \$5,086.35 + Loose: \$351.98 = \$5,437.98.

Thank you for your continued support!

2009 Church Envelopes

Contribution Envelopes for Parish Support in 2009 have been distributed. If you are a regular envelope user and have not received your envelopes, please call the Pastoral Centre (862-2255). If you are not presently using envelopes, but would like to start, simply pick up a box at the back of the church. All envelope users are requested to put their **name and street address** on the first few envelopes of the year, in order for us to update our files. If you wish to support your parish through pre-authorized debit, please contact the Pastoral Centre. Thank you for your generous support!



Special Collections

Next weekend's special collection is designated for Catechesis and Youth. Money contributed to this collection goes toward funding the various catechetical programs offered in our parish community. This includes Breaking Open the Word resources for the children, Spaghetti Nights, Youth Nights, special gatherings & workshops (for example the Christmas Children's Day), online & other catechetical resources, and any costs connected to our sacramental preparation programs that are not covered by registration fees. Learning and growing together in faith is central to any faith community. We very much appreciate your support on this journey.

Hymn Book Donations



A Hymn Books have been donated to the Parish of Saint Leonard in memory of Cecilia Mackie from Anna Wilson. Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee Meeting	Thursday	January	22	7:15	PM	Pastoral Centre
Pastoral Council Meeting	Saturday	January	24	9:00	AM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee Meeting	Thursday	February	12	7:15	PM	Gaul Centre

Church Parking



We ask you to respect the needs of our disabled parishioners when parking at our churches, by leaving a sufficient amount of room in front of our churches for drop-off and pickup. In order to use our parking space to its fullest potential, please try to park as close to the church as possible when you arrive. This would eliminate the problem of open spaces which cannot be reached, once the perimeter of the parking lot is filled. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated ... especially in these winter months when safety is so important!

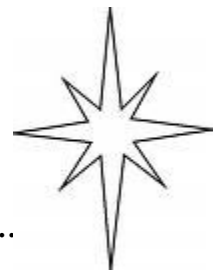
Quilt Ticket Draw

The winner of the Quilt sponsored by the St. Agnes Banner Committee was Patsy Nearing, Heelan Street. Many thanks to all who supported this project. A donation in the amount of \$1,670.00 has been made to the Parish of Saint Leonard, representing the proceeds of this ticket draw. Many thanks!!

Our Email Addresses

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When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with the flocks,
 Then the work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal those broken in spirit,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the oppressed,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among all peoples,
 To make a little music with the heart ..
 And to radiate the Light of Christ,
 Every day, in every way,
 In all that we do and in all that we say.
 Then the work of Christmas begins.



-- Howard Thurman, adapted

Fishcakes & Beans

St. Agnes C.W.L. are sponsoring a Fishcakes & Beans Dinner on Ash Wednesday (February 25), from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Take-Out Only. \$7 / plate. For tickets, call Rita McEachern at 862-6370.



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



Diocesan & Community Events

● **Calling all Cursillistas -- Jan 30-Feb 1, 2009** -- This is the one and only Cursillista Retreat this year -- an opportunity to experience some uplifting, peaceful and reflective time at the Villa Madonna. The theme is "God's Love." Limited Enrolment. Registration fee \$30. Cost of weekend: Couple \$ 130 Single \$70 (including the registration fee). Contact Blair Murray 862- 9201 / 578-2595 to register, or mail applications and registration fee to Blair at 25 Clara St., River Ryan, NS, B1H1B6

● **Living With Cancer Support Group** – Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (**Jan. 21**) at 7 PM at the Can. Cancer Society Office, 329 George St., Sydney. For patients, survivors and family and friends of those living with a diagnosis of cancer.

● **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** – A DVD Presentation of Bishop Gerald Weisner's talk at the 5th International Convocation for RCIA will be presented on **Thursday, January 22**, from 2:00-3:30 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Board Room. Call 539-6188 X237 to register.

● **Free Nutrition Education Sessions** – The Public is invited to attend sessions with a Registered Dietician at the New Waterford Consolidated Auditorium on **Friday, January 23, from 6:00-8:00 PM**. Additional classes on label reading, blood pressure and weight management will also be provided. Pre-registration is required by phoning 578-3763. Refreshments and door prizes available.

● **4th Degree Knights of Columbus** – There will be a meeting of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, January 25, at 2 PM** at the Moses M. Coady Room, KOC Rooms, Sydney River (next to Our Lady of Fatima Church).

● **The Year of Saint Paul** – A video series, the DeSales Catholic Adult Education Program of "**The Writings of Saint Paul**" is being offered on **Mondays -- Jan. 26 & Feb. 9 & 23** -- from 2:00-3:30 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Board Room (75 Prince Street, Sydney). Call 539-6188 X237 to register. Space is Limited.

● **Christian Culture Lecture Series at St. F.X. University** – featuring a special lecture "**Religion in a Secular Society: Does It Have a Role?**" by **Dr. Margaret Somerville**, an internationally known ethicist – **Tuesday, January 27**, at 7:30 PM in Room 1072 Physical Sciences Complex. Admission is free. A reception follows.

● **Enrich Your Marriage** – A 1-Day Workshop for Husbands and Wives, based on the Dr. Gary Chapman book *The Five Love Languages*, will be presented on **Saturday, January 31**, from 8:45 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Peter's Parish, 10 Maple St., Dartmouth. \$40/couple, includes lunch. Email renewmarriage@gmail.com or call Jamie & Connie McNeill at 902-367-2061 for registration or info.

● **Marriage Preparation** – For all engaged couples.

1. **February 21, 22 & 23** – St. Leo's Parish, Glace Bay
 2. **March 13, 14 & 15** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Sydney
 3. **March 27, 28 & 29** – Bras d'Or Hall.
 4. **June 12, 13 & 14** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Sydney
- Pre-Registration required (\$60/couple). Call 539-6868, Ext. 2

● **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).

● **Looking for Large Families** -- An established television production company is currently casting for a new documentary-style series about the amazing ups and downs of life in a large family. If you are a family of nine or more, with plenty of personality, we want to hear your stories! Compensation will be provided. Contact Lauren McGuire at lauren.mcguire@redapple.com or 416.324.8537 ext. 137

A Ladies Watch was found in Mount Carmel Church during the Christmas Holidays. You may claim this item by calling the Pastoral Centre at 862-2255.

Dear Parishioners,

After handing over their work to the Pastoral Council, the Steering Group of our parish has dissolved. Their report, which is near completion, is currently being reviewed and will be completed by Pastoral Council in the coming weeks. Upon completion, Pastoral Council will offer copies of the report to you, the parishioners of St. Leonard, for your suggestions and input. Following that, the next stage of the process will involve a parish gathering (or gatherings) to discuss recommendations and your suggestions.

I would like to sincerely thank JoAnna Latulippe-Rochon, Frank Capstick, Ann Marie Fraser, Blair Murray, Art Timmons and Donnie MacIsaac for their dedicated and professional work on behalf of our parish. I remain,

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul MacNeil

Pastor - Parish of St. Leonard

From Your
Pastor