

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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Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 14, 2009

Reading I: [Exodus 24:3-8](#) (This Is the Blood of the Covenant)

Reading II: [Hebrews 9:11-15](#) (The Blood of Christ)

Gospel: [Mark 14:12-16, 22-26](#) (The Passover)

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	Eucharist
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

Throughout the year, celebrations of baptism generally take place on the third Sunday of each month. Over the summer months, they will be celebrated every second week, beginning the June 20th/21st weekend, at our 5:30 PM and 11:30 AM liturgies. If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact the Pastoral Centre at 862-2255. We recommend making contact three months in advance to ensure the celebration can take place on your preferred date.

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 first reading (Ex. 24:3-8), Moses sprinkles the Israelites with the blood of sacrificial bulls. This ritual act seals the Israelites' promise to live the covenant God made with them, to live as God's chosen people. In the Gospel, Jesus makes a new covenant with God's people. He takes Bread, blesses it, and breaks it, and gives it to his Apostles. "Take it," he says, "this is my body." Then he takes a cup of wine, blesses it, and passes it to his friends, saying, "This is my blood," which is poured out for many, my blood which seals God's covenant." In sharing this bread and this cup, the Apostles seal their promise to live the new covenant, to live in Christ. This covenant is fulfilled on the cross. The new covenant, St. Paul says in the second reading (Heb. 9:11-15), is our salvation. By shedding his blood for us, Christ has saved us from our sins. His body and blood sustain our inner life. He who has given his life for us lives in us, and we in him.



Questions of the Week

Adults: How can I be bread (nourishment) this week for someone who needs help?

Children: How can I invite others to learn about Jesus?

Parish Activities

Attention Youth: Steubenville Atlantic

Steubenville Atlantic is a three day youth conference being held at St. F.X. University this summer (**July 31st – August 2nd**) for young people finishing grades 8-12. The weekend will be jam packed with amazing talks, awesome music, time for prayer and fellowship, entertainment, and powerful liturgies. Approximately 800 young people from the Atlantic region will gather in Antigonish for this conference. You can find out more and watch video clips at www.steubenville.ca. **If you are interested in attending the weekend, please call our parish office at 862-2255.**



Graduates Ecumenical Service



An interfaith service for Breton Education Centre Class of 2009 will be held **Wednesday, June 24, at 7 PM** at the Salvation Army Citadel. A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend. To our graduates – congratulations on all of your accomplishments and may God continue to guide your footsteps along your paths in life! **Please note that our regular 6:30 PM Mass will be cancelled on this day.**

Cemetery News

Volunteer Clean-up – Cleanup will begin in all of our cemeteries this week. A group of volunteers meets in **St. Agnes Cemetery** on **Wednesdays** from 9:00-12:00 Noon for a couple of hours of work. If you are free and would like to join them, just bring a shovel, rake, wheelbarrow or simply yourself. For more information, call Pius Stephenson (862-8077) or Tom Sullivan (862-7763). Many hands make light work!



Year of St. Paul – Closing Celebration

The Year of St. Paul will be completed on June 29, 2009. To honor such a universal Church celebration in honor of the great author of so many New Testament letters, Bishop Lahey is calling for a closing celebration. This liturgy will take place at St. Joseph's Church, Bras d'Or, on **Sunday, June 28, at 3 PM**. A reception at the Bras d'Or Hall with a DVD presentation will follow. You are cordially invited and welcome!

Catholic Italian Tour

This will be the last week to reserve your space on the **"Grand Catholic 11 day Tour of Italy"** which will include stops in Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice from **Sept 21st-October 1st, 2009**. This tour is being escorted by **our Pastor, Father Paul MacNeil!** Cost: \$3688 (includes taxes, flights from Halifax, all tours and admissions, hotel accommodations and most meals). Contact angela.luddington@ns.sympatico.ca or 902- 752-5567.

Annual Cemetery Masses

We will be having cemetery masses in each of our six Parish of Saint Leonard cemeteries during the last week of July and the first two weeks of August, as follows:

Wed., July 29, 2009	St. Agnes	6:30 PM
Thurs., July 30, 2009	St. Alphonsus	6:30 PM
Wed., August 5, 2009	St. Joseph (L)	6:30 PM
Thurs., August 6, 2009	St. Joseph (NV)	6:30 PM
Wed., August 12, 2009	St. Michael's	6:30 PM
Thurs., August 13, 2009	Mount Carmel	6:30 PM

In the case of inclement weather, these celebrations will move inside the related church building (in the case of St. Alphonsus, the rain site will be St. Joseph's Church, New Victoria). Offerings will be accepted at each celebration and put toward cemetery needs. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair! **Please remember that these masses will replace the regularly scheduled daily masses, but will NOT be cancelled in case of a funeral.**

C.W.L. Donation

We express sincere thanks to the ladies of Mount Carmel C.W.L., for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to our parish. We rejoice and give thanks to God for the support and witness of the CWL, and thank them for their association with the parish, their dedication, and their hard work.



Historical Archivist Summer Position

The Parish of Saint Leonard is fortunate to have secured government funding for one, eight week student position as Historical Archivist beginning June 29th. A student has been selected through a lottery process and we are pleased to welcome **Nancy Campbell** to this role for the summer months.

Cape Breton Annual Walk-for-Life

In deference to the dignity and sacredness of all human life, the Annual Walk-for-Life will be held on **Sunday, June 21st**. Corresponding with Father's Day, the walk will begin in the parking lot of St. Anthony Daniel Parish at **1:30 PM**. The entire "Walk" will take about 45 minutes to complete. Please come and bring a friend!



Prayer for those writing exams:

O God of Wisdom, thank you for the knowledge gained and the learning experiences of this year. I come to you on this day and ask you to enlighten my mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit be with me as I prepare for exams, guiding my studies, and giving me insight so that I can perform to the best of my ability. Please grant me the strength to handle the pressure of these final days of the term, the confidence to feel secure in my knowledge, and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective through it all. Help me to keep in mind what is truly important, even as I focus my time and energy on these exams in the immediate future. Finally, may I sense your peace in knowing that I applied myself to the challenges of this day. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: **June 7, 2009**

Envelopes (468): \$6,356.80 + Loose: \$410.58 = \$6,767.38 + Latin America Collection: \$880.00

Pre-Authorized Debit Contributions for March – May, 2009 (43 Contributors)			
Sunday Offerings: \$6,563.59	Cemetery: \$250.00	Church Upkeep: \$200.00	Share Lent: \$280.00
Good Friday: \$260.00	Antigonish Diocesan Society: \$215.00	Shepherd's Trust: \$60.00	

Thank-you for your continued support!



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.



Announcement from Bishop Lahey



Last weekend, Bishop Lahey's decision with respect to the future use of our parish buildings was announced at all of the masses. The provisions stated in the communication received from our Bishop are provided here in written form.

- 1) As of 1 September, 2009, the present Mount Carmel church will serve as the one church building for Saint Leonard Parish. The day chapel of the church will be used to celebrate weekday Mass. As of that date, the church will be called "The Parish Church of St. Leonard," thus using the title of the patron saint of the parish. For many reasons, one place of worship was often stated as an ideal for the parish. This church building was chosen because of the combination of its large size, its noble character, its excellent structural condition, and the fact that it can be used without large capital expenditures.
- 2) As of the same date, the present Saint Michael's church building will no longer be used for worship, but will become the Saint Leonard Parish Pastoral Center. This could include facilities for parish offices, intergenerational catechesis, social gatherings, parish or community conferences and workshops, parish meetings, document storage, Youth Ministry, Cursillo and Challenge gatherings, etc. This change should require a minimum of renovation.
- 3) St. Agnes Hall should be used as a parish hall and St. Vincent de Paul centre under the title of St. Leonard Parish Hall, with the understanding that the Parish should carry out a review as soon as possible of both it and the new St. Leonard Parish Pastoral Center so as to assess whether, and in what ways, both buildings are required in light of the pastoral needs and financial situation of the parish.
- 4) The former Mount Carmel Glebe House, currently housing parish offices, should be demolished as early as is feasible.
- 5) The present residence for priests will continue to be used for this purpose.
- 6) Since they will no longer be in active use by the parish, and after taking careful account of other potential uses that may serve the community, the parish will begin immediately to develop an orderly and financially prudent plan regarding the future of the following parish buildings: Saint Agnes Church, Saint Alphonsus Church, Saint Joseph's Church, New Victoria, Saint Joseph's Church, Lingan, and Saint Joseph's Hall, Lingan. Recommendations regarding the future of each building should be presented to the Diocese as appropriate, but no later than the end of 2011. In the meantime, any necessary steps should be taken to avoid structural deterioration and to ensure public safety.

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**.

● **Eastern Regional Help Line** – We need volunteers and are recruiting for our Spring Training Workshop to be held in June. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Help Line at 562-4357 or 1-800-957-9995

● **Knights of Columbus** - The regular meeting of the KOC will take place on **Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 8 PM** in the KOC rooms. Executive will meet at 7 PM.

● **Alcoholics Anonymous** -- 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.**

● **The Spring 2009 edition of The North American Forum on the Catechumenate Newsletter** is now available on line @ www.naforum.org

● **Bus Trip to Monastery** – A Bus Trip to celebrate the Feast of Saint Anne is scheduled for **July 26, 2009**. Father Albert MacPherson will be in attendance for Holy Mass and Healing Service at 2 PM. Cost is \$30 per person (return). For more information, please phone Yvonne at 862-6781.

● **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

● **Cursillo Group Reunion Event** - An afternoon of reflection and sharing will be held for **all** Cursillistas from **1-3 PM, June 14th** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Experience and learn about the Christian journey with the gift of group reunion. Group reunions willing to assist in this event please email Brian Murray at murray.brian@chandler-sales.com.

● UPCOMING RELIGIOUS TOURS

▶▶ **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.

▶▶ **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

▶▶ **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

▶▶ **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,

*The Bishop's decision for our parish is included in this weekend's bulletin. Please read it carefully. We can rejoice that a final decision has been made for our parish after a long and challenging discernment process. Now is our time to move forward and for all of us to work together towards forgiveness, healing and building parish unity. I met with our Pastoral Team on Wednesday and we have agreed to immediately put in place the **Parish of St. Leonard Implementation Committee** which will be made up of parishioners from various areas of our parish. This Committee, working together with the Pastoral Team, is mandated to plan and execute as smooth a transition as possible from our present reality to the new one described in our bishop's statement by September 1st of this year. We will definitely keep you updated each week with all developments, plans and ideas. This is a time of loss for all people in our parish for we have to die to the way things were so that we may rise to the new reality of our being. This is the Paschal Mystery and we know in our Christian faith through the example of Jesus that death will lead to resurrection and new life. Even members of the former parish of Mt. Carmel will feel sadness as well, because on September 1st this worship space becomes the **Parish Church of St. Leonard**. Modifications will be made to that worship space so that all parishioners may feel like it is "their space" and "our space". It is hoped that some furnishings, artwork, and or statuary may be brought from each of our current church buildings and incorporated into our new space, the Parish Church of St. Leonard. May God continue to guide us and strengthen us in our healing and reaching out to one another.*

*Congratulations to **Nancy Campbell** who has been successfully selected for the summer student grant position of Historical Archivist for the Parish of St. Leonard. After narrowing down the applications that were submitted, the Pastoral Team decided that the only way to choose from the remaining strong candidates was by way of lottery. Thanks for all who had applied and on behalf of all the parish I would like to warmly welcome Nancy to her position in our Pastoral Centre for the months of July and August.*

As we celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday or Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, let us be mindful and grateful for Christ's real presence with us each time we gather to celebrate Eucharist. The same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, baptized in the River Jordan, taught on the Mt. of Beatitudes, died on Calvary and who rose from the dead is with us in a real and true way in the Holy Eucharist. May Christ's Real Presence heal us and unite us. May we become what we receive.

*In the Body and Blood of Christ,
Fr. Paul*

*From Your
Pastor* 