

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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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2009

Reading I: [Job 38:1, 8-11](#) (Your Proud Waves Be Stilled)

Reading II: [2 Corinthians 5: 14-17](#) (The Love of Christ Impels Us)

Gospel: [Mark 4:35-41](#) (The Wind and the Sea Obey)

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

We pray for those who have died, especially ... *Cheryl (Quinn) Dicks, Mary "Minnie" Fahey, Eileen MacNeil and Raymond Joseph "Joe" MacNeil.*

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	Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Church, New Victoria
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Eucharist
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Thursday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Friday	*6:30 PM	Eucharist <i>*(Please Note Change of Time)</i>

****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 ... How can we fight fear with faith? Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need. The Lord is ever present to us. And in our time of testing he asks the same question: *Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?* Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, especially when you meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, and temptation? Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: *"It is I, do not be afraid."*



Questions of the Week

Adults: When has the Lord helped me break through fear and experience a new confidence in him?

Children: How does Jesus let me know that he is near me to help me and to guide me?

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

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!



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.**

Summer Slowdown ...

Please note that with summer comes some changes with our Pastoral Services and our Office (Pastoral Centre). Our regular office hours, will be reduced to **Monday to Thursday from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon for the months of July and August.** We ask that parishioners needing office assistance use **these mornings only** to connect with the office. Please expect delays in response time for office needs. **Memorial Fund Donations for the months of June, July and August will be published in September.**



Please note that the daily mass on Friday (June 26) will take place at 6:30 PM instead of the regular time of 10:00 AM.

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.

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 **Today, 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!



Thank you, one and all ... As I leave Sydney for my new assignment, I want to thank you for your kindness and generosity on the occasion of my 25th Anniversary. It was so good to see you at the celebrations. I also wish to thank the many I have encountered during my years at the Regional Hospital. It has been a sacred privilege to join you on your journey. May you continue to be the faithful people you are. Keep me in your prayers, and I assure you of mine. Sincerely, Fr. Neil McKenna.

Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: **June 14, 2009**

Envelopes (470): \$5,343.50 + Loose: \$487.50 = \$5,831.00

Thank you for your continued support!



St. Vincent De Paul Society



◆ Emergency Food Service - Call 862-3779 or 862-3770.

◆ Good, Used Furniture Needed – Please Phone Dan MacMullin at 862-8832 or Alice Aucoin at 862-3193.

◆ Please Note: The St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Room at St. Michael's Church will close for the summer on June 29, 2009. Parishioners and friends of SVDP **are asked not to drop off any items until the Clothing Depot re-opens in September.**

“Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests”

Year of the Priest – June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010

Pope Benedict XVI declared a year of the priest in an effort to encourage “spiritual perfection” in priests. The pope will open the special year with a vespers service at the Vatican on June 19, 2009 – the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a day of prayer for the sanctification of priests. He will close the celebrations during a World Meeting of Priests in St. Peter's Square on June 19, 2010. During this jubilee year, the pope will also proclaim St. John Vianney to be patron saint of all the world's priests. At present he is considered the patron saint of parish priests.

- Why St. John Vianney? This year marks the 150th anniversary of the death of this 19th-century saint who represents a “true example of a priest at the service of the flock of Christ,” the pope said. St. John Vianney is widely known to Catholics as the Cure (parish priest) of Ars who won over the hearts of his villagers in France by visiting with them, teaching them about God and reconciling people to the Lord in the confessional.
- What did the pope say in declaring this jubilee year? Pope Benedict said the priestly ministry consists of total adherence to the ecclesial tradition of participating “in a spiritually intense new life and a new lifestyle which was inaugurated by the Lord Jesus and which the apostles made their own.” Priestly ordination creates new men who are bestowed with the gift and office of sanctifying, teaching and governing, he said. The pope underlined the necessary and “indispensable struggle for moral perfection which must dwell in every authentically priestly heart.” He said he was calling for the special Year for Priests in an effort to foster the priests' yearning “for spiritual perfection, upon which the effectiveness of their ministry principally depends.” The year should help priests “rediscover the grace and the goal of priestly ministry,” he said. “It is a service to the church and to the Christian people that requires a deep spirituality,” the pope said, because only by being united with the Lord can priests minister effectively through their preaching, their celebration of the sacraments and their assistance to the poor. The year also will recognize the variety of pastoral work performed by priests and the witness of their lives.
- It's not just about pies and smiles. Cardinal Claudio Hummes, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy, said each and every one of the world's 408,000 priests should feel loved, respected, valued and supported in his vocation to bring the Gospel to an increasingly secular world. “We must say to priests that we are proud of them and that we recognize they are a group that is very special for the church and society,” the cardinal said. “We must recognize who they are and what they do and tell them that we love them and want to be alongside them to support them.” But the celebration should be about more than a yearlong commitment to baking pies for priests or smiling at them more than usual. He said that showing support for priests includes sharing responsibility with them for parish life and for mission. “Sometimes laypeople help their priests, but think that if things don't go well, it's the priest's responsibility — it's his church. But, no, the church is all of ours,” the cardinal said.

The Atlantic Catholic

Available at the back of the church are complimentary copies of the Atlantic Catholic, June 20, 2009, Edition, with a write-up on our Bishop's recent decision with regards to church closures in New Waterford & Area. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.

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**.

● **Monthly Mass & Ultreya** – will take place **at 7:30 PM on Thursday, June 25**, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sydney River. All Cursillistas and Challengers welcome.

● **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.

● **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

● **Atlantic Marian Gathering 2009 – “Walking With Mary ... from the Annunciation to Calvary” -- October 16 & 17, 2009**, at St. Agnes Auditorium, Halifax, NS. For more info, visit www.amg2009.net or phone 902-465-6436 or 902-443-2044.

● UPCOMING RELIGIOUS TOURS

▶▶ **IRELAND** – Maritime Celtic Pilgrimage in the ancient Celtic Landscape of Ireland **July 20-30, 2009**. 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**: 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,

This Sunday's Gospel passage from Mark is so appropriate for all of us in our parish. Like the disciples who panicked when the storm arose, we too are feeling some anger, pain and fear, wondering if Jesus is asleep or even present on our "parish boat" during this stormy time of adjusting to our new way of being. The bewildered disciples woke him up from sleep and Jesus said, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased and there was dead calm. Jesus said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" Our faith too is in Christ, who calmed the stormy seas and quelled the mighty winds. Let us give to Christ all of our worries and fears and let us trust that He will show us the way. Only with Christ will we find the peace that all of us are looking for.

May we all pray every day the inspiring words of St. Francis of Assisi for peace and healing for every person in our Parish of St. Leonard during this time of transition.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life*

The Implementation Committee for our parish met for the first time last Tuesday evening and will be meeting regularly throughout the summer on Tuesdays to discern how to best implement the bishop's decision regarding our Parish Church, Pastoral Centre and Parish Hall. Already some wonderful ideas have been sprouting up in our very early discussions. The committee will be going to St. Alphonsus Church, St. Joseph's in New Victoria and St. Agnes this week to examine the artwork, furniture and statues that are present there. We will keep you posted.

Blessings, peace and encouragement in the Risen Lord, who calms our stormy seas,

Fr. Paul

*From Your
Pastor* 



Prayer for Fathers

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. Pope John XXIII