

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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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2009

Reading I: [Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24](#) (In God's Image)

Reading II: [2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15](#) (That There Be Equality)

Gospel: [Mark 5:21-43](#) (Jesus Heals)

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

We welcome our newest parishioners, who were baptized last weekend ... *Kiersten Paige Conrad, Colin Daniel McGillivray, Jacob Richard Howard O'Connor and Lily Anne Parris.*

And we pray for those who have died, especially ... *Raymond Joseph Muise.*

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.

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| 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 weekly at our 5:30 PM and/or 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 ... Mark tells two stories at the same time in today's Gospel. First of all in the crowd, a woman who had been suffering with an illness for many years, touches Jesus' robe and is healed. Jesus tells the woman that she has been healed through her own faith. At the same time, walking with Jesus in the crowd is Jairus, a prominent official of the synagogue. Jairus had searched out Jesus to ask for his help in healing his daughter. People from the official's house came to him, telling him that his daughter was dead, that he should not bother with the teacher anymore but come home. Jesus goes with the man and heals his daughter.



Questions of the Week

Adults: How has my faith in Jesus brought me through difficulties?

Children: When has Jesus helped me face an illness or a painful circumstance?

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.**



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!



Cemetery Safety



In order to ensure the safety of staff, students and volunteers working in our cemeteries, we once again ask that parishioners follow the guidelines set down with regard to placement of flowers, ornaments and other memorabilia on graves of loved ones. Our Terms & Condition

Document states that ***“only items that can be securely attached to the headstone are acceptable at any time.”*** Further, we ask that fences not be erected, and that mulch or gravel not be placed on graves. We appreciate your cooperation ... thanks!

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, **THIS 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!

Please note that the Pastoral Centre will be closed on Wednesday, July 1 (Canada Day).

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:

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| 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.***

The Celebration of Baptism

We typically celebrate baptisms in our parish on the third Sunday of the month. In order to accommodate the various needs of our families over the summer months, we have decided to celebrate baptisms every weekend at our 5:30 PM and/or 11:30 AM liturgies (the last liturgies of the day), if required. Preparation will be offered only once a month, on the second Sunday of the month, so requests for baptism must be made at least a month in advance (note: we recommend families contact the office three months in advance to ensure celebrations take place on their preferred date). Those living away are required to contact their home parish for preparation and permission to baptize. **Requests for baptism can be made by phoning the Pastoral Centre at 862-2255, or by visiting the 'Sacraments of Initiation' section of our parish website.** Any families who have already scheduled a baptism according to our previous schedule and would like to change their date, are asked to contact the Pastoral Centre ASAP.

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.***





Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: **June 21, 2009**

Envelopes (435) \$5,403.50 + Loose: \$491.95 = \$5,895.55

Thank-you for your continued support!

Upcoming Meetings

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| Liturgy Committee | Thursday | July 2 | 7:15 PM | Gaul Centre |
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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.

Parish Appreciation Day

All parishioners involved in ministries and service in our parish are invited to an appreciation gathering on

Sunday, July 12th, between 3 PM and 6 PM

at

Deacon Leo & Viola Penny's home (2660 Lingan Road)



Choir members, lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, servers, catechists & other Tuesday night helpers, money counters, cleaners, sacristans, maintenance people, committee members, staff, St. Vincent de Paul members, CWL members, KOC members, etc. are invited to drop by between the hours of 3 PM and 6 PM for a BBQ in honour of all their hard work and kind sacrificial spirit in our parish.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God."

- 2 Corinthians 9:12

Wednesday is Canada Day!!

July 1 is celebrated as Canada's Birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes. Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions. We are all encouraged to mark this day by prayer for our country and its leaders, and by taking a few moments to give serious consideration to our responsibilities as citizens. We should consider what we are doing for peace in Canada and the world.



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**.

● **The Spring 2009 edition of The North American Forum on the Catechumenate Newsletter** is available online @ 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

● **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.**

● **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 - Sep 30-Oct 8**, \$2070. Incl air from Moncton or Halifax, accommodation, 2 meals per day. Info: Nina 902-888-2291 / kevin.morrell@pei.sympatico.ca

▶▶ **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,

Congratulations to all of our young men and women who have graduated from High School this past week! We are all so proud of you. The Ecumenical Service and Graduation Ceremony were both wonderful occasions for all of you and our entire community to 'savour' this milestone in your lives. Please know how much God, your family and friends, and your parish faith community loves you! We wish you God's choicest blessings as you begin this new chapter in you lives.

The Gospel this weekend shares two stories of healing, Jairus' dying daughter and the woman with chronic hemorrhages. Both were cured and healed. Miracles took place. Why? The simple answer is: FAITH. It is true that faith produces miracles, it is not true that miracles produce faith. We have to start from a place of belief or faith. Belief in God, belief in the power of God, belief in Jesus Christ as true God and true human. Faith in Christ has the power to heal us and our world. Jesus says to the woman, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace". May our own story of faith bring us occasions of healing and wholeness each day as we walk together towards the fullness of God's presence.

The Implementation Committee met for the second time this past week. We visited St. Alphonsus Church, St. Joseph's Church, NV, and St. Agnes Church and took an inventory of all of the possible artwork, statuary and furnishings that might be used in our Parish Church of St. Leonard. We have wonderful representation from all areas of our parish and will be visiting St. Joseph's Church in Lingan and St. Michael's Church this coming week to do the same. An electrical inspector with CBRM will be coming to our designated Parish Church this week to examine our building and to examine what must be done to ensure that this building is up to safe electrical standards. Materials have been ordered to repair the exterior siding and a roofing specialist will be offering a quote in the very near future in regards to securing and repairing the missing and flapping siding on our Church Towers. Your prayerful, moral and financial support is so very much appreciated at this exciting time.

*Your servant and brother in Jesus Christ,
Fr. Paul*

ps Enjoy Canada Day this week, eh! 'God keep our land, glorious and free!

*From Your
Pastor* 

This will be our last regular bulletin until September. We will, however, have periodic publications as necessary, to keep you abreast of any important news for the Parish of Saint Leonard.