

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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Trinity Sunday

June 7, 2009

Reading I: [Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40](#) (There Is No Other)

Reading II: [Romans 8:14-17](#) (A Spirit of Adoption)

Gospel: [Matthew 28:16-20](#) (I Am With You Always)

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

We pray for those who have died, especially ... Rita MacPherson, Alvin Rockett and Shauna Ryan.

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

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

Celebrations of baptism take place on the third Sunday of each month, during and after the 11:30 AM Mass, 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's Gospel takes place on a mountain in Galilee to which Jesus has summoned his Apostles. Here he commissions them to baptize in the name of the Holy Trinity -- the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are to teach all that he has taught them. Jesus then promises to be with his Apostles through his Spirit always, helping them in this work.

Questions of the Week

Adults: When will I take the time to pause and clearly ask the Lord what he wants me to do?

Children: How is God asking me to help someone in my family or school?



Parish Activities

Youth Sports Nights



The New Waterford Council of Churches will host another Sports' Nights for the Youth of our community. This will take place at Mount Carmel Gym on **Friday, June 12**, from **7-9**

PM. All are invited to come and participate in sports such as volleyball, soccer, floor hockey and more!!

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!



Student Employment -- Thanks to all students who submitted applications for summer employment in our cemeteries. The successful candidates for the Cemetery Groundskeeper positions are **Robert Coutinho** and **Greg MacKinnon**. They will work in our six cemeteries over the next few months to assist in the upgrading and maintenance of these holy places. We welcome them both and thank them for their willingness to work on our behalf!

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.*

Catholic Tidbits ...

Holiness in Marriage

"All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity" (Lumen Gentium #40). God wants us to be holy and to do so within one's place within the Church of Christ. The majority of people are called to the vocation of marriage, thus it is in marriage where husbands and wives are called to sanctify themselves and each other. Ultimately, spouses are trying to help each other to get to heaven. Since Christ instituted the sacrament of marriage, Christ also gives a woman and a man their vocation to marriage; thus this covenant not only involves the couple, but also Christ. In establishing marriage as a vocation in life, God gave it the characteristics that enable human love to achieve its perfection. Outside marriage, or in the absence of a proper realization of the nature of marriage, the right conditions for the fruitfulness of human love and for a successful family life do not fully exist. **Unity and Indissolubility** are essential qualities of marriage. The husband and wife are so joined at marriage that the two become one in the Spirit. The conjugal act is a sign that visibly expresses this union of persons, for the two spouses physically join in unity during this holy act of love. Because of this unity, neither spouse can marry another person during the lifetime of their spouse. Having more than one spouse (polygamy) at the same time is contrary to this unity, for spouses totally and exclusively give themselves to each other in holy Matrimony. Indissolubility refers to the fact that the bond of sacramental marriage cannot be broken except by the death of either the husband or the wife. The indissolubility of marriage is for the good of both husband and wife, their children and human society as a whole. In 1917, Russia abolished all marriage laws and two years later they re-instituted them because of the breakdown of society. Marriage is permanent because God established it so from the very beginning. Today some people with a sacramental marriage seek civil divorces, but even when a civil divorce is granted, a valid and consummated marriage in God's eyes continues to exist, until one of the parties dies. **Civil divorce does not break the marriage covenant.** Even the Church does not have the power to dissolve a valid sacramental marriage that has been consummated. She may only declare it null and void upon investigation and evidence that the marriage from the very beginning did not exist. Love between the spouses and children may have been a part of this relationship, but if **full and voluntary consent** never existed from the beginning, then the sacramental nature of marriage never existed either. The presence of impediments, or deficiency in the form of the marriage celebration are also reasons for invalid marriages. The Church takes marriage very seriously and wants us to do the same for our own benefit. Wives and husbands not only deepen their love for each other, but the fruit of this love is children and what a blessing they are! Not only do mom and dad help each other to grow in holiness, but now their children help them on their earthly pilgrimage to their true homeland = heaven.





Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: May 31, 2009

Envelopes (488): \$6,051.00 + Loose: \$526.72 = \$6,577.72

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.

Annual Parish Meeting

Two years after our formal creation, on the Feast of Pentecost, we gathered at the Gaul Centre last Sunday (May 31st) at 2:00 PM for our Annual Parish Meeting. Forty-two parishioners, along with the Pastoral Team (regrets from Fr. Doug) assembled and reflected upon the past year's events and activities in our faith community. The meeting was chaired by Fr. Paul MacNeil, our pastor, and summary committee reports were offered for: Catechesis and Youth by Marcy MacKinnon, Pastoral Assistant; Liturgy by Fr. Paul MacNeil (for Rose MacKinnon); Pastoral Care of the Sick / Bereavement by Deacon Leo Penny; Finance and Administration and Financial Report by Fr. Paul MacNeil (Interim Chair). Further reports were submitted by the Ways and Means Committee by Gary Fancy; St. Agnes Centre by Sandra MacNeil; Catholic Women's League by Anna Caverzan; Carmel Centre by Mary MacMillan and Cemetery Committee by Janette MacKinnon. During the Financial Report, many good questions were raised in regards to Building Fund, stipends, the possible Class Action Lawsuit against the Diocese, and what the Diocesan Levy is used for. With a refreshment break and further questions and answers following, the meeting was concluded at approximately 4:15 PM. We sincerely want to thank all of our parishioners for attending and all who submitted reports accounting for our stewardship this past calendar year. May the Lord continue to bless all of us and our young Parish of St. Leonard as we continue to live out 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.*

St. Catherine of Siena's famous prayer from her Dialogue on Divine Providence:

"Eternal God, eternal Trinity, you have made the blood of Christ so precious through his sharing in your divine nature. You are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find the more I search for you. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more. When you fill my soul I have an ever-greater hunger, and I grow more famished for your light. I desire above all to see you, the true light, as you really are."



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!



Employment Opportunity for Students

The Parish of Saint Leonard is fortunate to have secured government funding for one (1) student position as **Historical Archivist** (35 hrs/wk for **8 weeks**, beginning June 29). This position requires extensive knowledge of MS Excel, Outlook & Word, fast, accurate data entry skills and a valid driver's license. Own transportation required. Open only to high school and university students who will be continuing their post-secondary education in September. Applications may be emailed or dropped off at the Pastoral Centre before **Monday, June 8**.

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 (902) 752-5567 or angela.luddington@ns.sympatico.ca.

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!



The Pastoral Centre (Parish Office) will be closed on Thursday, June 11, in observance of Davis Day.

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 - Ladies Night** -- The KOC will host Ladies Night on **Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 6 PM** followed by the Knights of Columbus Awards Night, Luncheon and Dance.

● **St. Joseph's Annual Alumnae Honors Celebration** – **Sunday, June 7**, at St. Anne's Church, Glace Bay, beginning with **mass at 2 PM**, followed by a reception at the Parish Centre. Classes of 1949, 1959 and 1969 will be honored. All alumnae are invited to attend. For info, call Betty at 849-4493.

● **Fatima House Fiesta - June 7th from 12 noon to 2 PM** in our Lady of Fatima Church Hall, immediately following the 11 AM mass. Lots of activities planned - book fair, door prize, fish pond, music, face painting, plants, even split, balloons, a silent auction of cherished treasures, snacks and refreshments. Admission: silver collection. All proceeds will go to Fatima House in Honduras. Hope to see you there!

● **Marriage Preparation – June 12, 13 & 14** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Sydney. For all engaged couples. This will be the last session for the year. Pre-Registration required (\$60/couple). Call 539-6868, Ext. 2.

● **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

● **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@chandlersales.com.

● **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.

● 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

● **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

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of God or the Feast of the Holy Trinity. We immerse ourselves into the mystery of God's very self. Unlike other Christian doctrines, the Trinity is not a truth that leads to action. But rather, like a painting by Van Gogh, a play by Shakespeare or a symphony by Beethoven, it should invite us to prayer or to spend time in wonderment and awe. Let us begin and end each day consciously aware and engaged in the Love of the Trinity, a community of Three Persons witnessing to the One True Eternal God.

This past week Fr. Doug and I gathered with our brother priests at the Annual General Assembly of Priests for the Diocese of Antigonish in St. Joseph's Parish in Bras d'Or. The Jubilee Mass, Banquet and General Meeting on Wednesday enabled us to celebrate together our fraternity with one another and with our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ. I celebrated 20 years of priesthood on June 2nd and recall my ordination day so well back in Stellarton. That day, filled with joy, wonder and grace, continues to be a source of great consolation as I begin my third decade as a priest. Please keep me, Fr. Doug, all priests, and those discerning priesthood in your good prayers.

*We are planning to celebrate a **Parish Appreciation Day on Sunday July 12th from 3 PM – 6 PM** for all people in our parish who are involved in ministries and service in our parish. This long list of generous volunteers would include such people as choir members, lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, servers, catechists, money counters, cleaners, sacristans, maintenance people, committee members, etc and they will be honoured for all of their hard work and kind sacrificial spirit in our vibrant parish. Also too, is planned **another Parish Picnic** later in the summer for all parishioners to gather to celebrate the great gift and blessing that we are to one another. Let us continue to build the City of God in our hearts, homes, community and world.*

Love and prayers in the Father +The Son + and The Holy Spirit,

Fr. Paul

*From Your
Pastor* 