

# 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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Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2009

**Reading I:** [Exodus 20:1-17](#) (The Law Given to Moses)

**Reading II:** [1 Corinthians 1:22-25](#) (The Power and Wisdom of God)

**Gospel:** [John 2:13-25](#) (The Cleansing of the Temple)

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

We pray for those who have died, especially *Eva Kaifosh, Angela McKinnon, Catherine "Cassie" McSween, Cathy Savage and Gerald Ulrich.*

**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 During Lent

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

Daily Mass during Lent	Monday through Friday	10:00 AM
	Wednesday & Thursday	6:30 PM
Exposition, Rosary & Benediction	Monday	10:30 AM to Noon
Breaking Open God's Word	Tuesday	6:30 PM
Reconciliation	Wednesday & Thursday	6:00-6:30 PM
	Saturday	3:00-4:00 PM
Stations of the Cross	Thursday	6:00 PM
St. Paul Video Series	Friday	6:30-8:00 PM

**\*Please note:** Funerals in our parish during Lent will take place at 10:00 AM, replacing the morning mass. In case of a school cancellation due to weather, the regular morning mass & exposition will be cancelled on that day.

### 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 Marriage

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Pastoral Centre at least 6 months in advance.

**We Believe ...** The temple of which Jesus speaks in this Gospel is not the great Temple in Jerusalem. It is the new temple, Jesus Christ himself. A temple of stone, no matter how solidly built, will someday crumble and fall. But the new temple that is Jesus will last forever. Although his body will be broken and his blood shed, he will be raised up and he will be stronger than ever. Jesus makes the animal sacrifices in the Temple obsolete. The offering of his life is the only sacrifice that is worthy of God.



### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** What are some ways I can cleanse and purify my heart's intentions this week?

**Children:** How can I worship and praise God more often each day?

# Parish Activities

## Tuesday Night Parish Night – All Welcome



Our regular Breaking Open the Word will take place this **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 PM at the Gaul Centre. We understand that this is March Break for the children in our community and that many of our families may be traveling. If you are in town, however, take a break from your house and come out and join us as parishioners of all ages grow in faith with one another. Looking ahead, our next Spaghetti Night will be on **Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

## First Eucharist Preparation

The next community gathering for the families of our First Eucharist candidates will be the Workshop held at the end of the month - **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 PM and **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00 PM. Currently, all candidates should be working on their final three home lessons which are due at the workshop. Please note that we are no longer accepting registrations for the First Eucharist Preparation Program. Potential candidates are invited to register for the program next year.



## Confirmation Preparation



A reminder to Confirmation candidates that the March Online Activity is now posted on our parish website at [http://parishofsaintleonard.com/youth\\_corner.html](http://parishofsaintleonard.com/youth_corner.html). This will be the final Online Activity, so this is a great opportunity to finish off all the months' activities. Also, some candidates have still not scheduled an interview. The interviews are an opportunity for us to connect with candidates about their preparation and are kept very informal. They can be scheduled for up to three candidates at one time, or candidates are welcome to bring along a parent, grandparent, or sponsor. To book, please email Marcy at [catechesis@parishofsaintleonard.com](mailto:catechesis@parishofsaintleonard.com). Two final reminders are that candidates must take part in a **Retreat** being offered **April 25<sup>th</sup> OR May 9<sup>th</sup>** (date chosen at the interview) and the celebration of **Confirmation** itself will happen on **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## Youth Night

Due to March Break, we will not have a Youth Night this Sunday or next Sunday. Our next scheduled Youth Night will be a Gym Night at Mount Carmel Gym on **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**



## The Challenge Movement

Several young people have been asking about the Challenge Movement and what they should do if they would like to take part in a Challenge weekend. Information on dates and application forms can be found at <http://cbcursillo.com/>. Also, we hope to have someone come and speak about Challenge at an upcoming Youth Night. Stay tuned.

## ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

### Have we got an invitation for you!

Come to the **Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference** at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, **July 31 – August 2, 2009**. The 2009 conference offers an opportunity to experience the love of God through amazing talks, awesome music, praise and worship, time for prayer and fellowship, entertainment and powerful liturgies. Of all the things to do this summer, Steubenville Atlantic will be the experience that rates **ABOVE ALL**. Approx. 800 young people from the Atlantic region will gather in Antigonish. You can find out more and watch video clips at [www.steubenville.ca](http://www.steubenville.ca) Local contact: Jari-Ann Timmons at 862-6655, [jatimmons3@hotmail.com](mailto:jatimmons3@hotmail.com), or see Fr. Doug. Sign-up is **THIS MONTH**. Contact us soon. We'll sign up you and your friends!



## St. Paul Video Series

In this Year of Saint Paul, we are taking some time during the Lenten Season to explore the life and works of St. Paul through a wonderful video series. **Each Friday Evening of Lent, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**, parishioners are invited to gather in the Gaul Centre to view these videos and perhaps engage in some discussion. Our next gathering will take place on **Friday, March 20.**



## Share Lent 2009



The International Programs of Development and Peace currently span more than 33 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. They also take part in emergency relief and reconstruction work in response to humanitarian crises. You may donate to the DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE campaign through our **Share Lent Collection** on **March 29, 2009.**

## Catholic Tidbits ...

As we gather to worship for Eucharist in our church buildings, we are mindful that we encounter God's presence in many life-giving ways: in one another (the assembly); in God's Word (scripture); in the Eucharist (at the Altar and in the Tabernacle) and in the priest-president (in persona Christi). As Christians when we gather to worship we embrace awe and reverence for God and for one another during this dramatic Holy encounter. Let us be mindful that it is customary for Catholics to genuflect (or offer a profound bow) in the direction of the Real Presence (in the Tabernacle) as we arrive in a Catholic Church and when we leave. Out of respect for our encounter with the Holy, we also, as adults, do not consume food or drink during our time in the church (except water if necessary), although this is perfectly acceptable for our children. The chewing of gum and the wearing of hats (except for women and military personnel) are never acceptable out of respect for our God and one another.



# Tending The Flock

## Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for **March 8, 2009**

**Envelopes (423): \$4,608.75 + Loose: \$319.76 = \$4,928.51** ♦ For the Poor: \$1,597.00

*Thank-you for your continued support!*

## Receipts for Income Tax



Our thanks go to each and everyone who contributed to the running of our parish during the last year. Income tax receipts for Church Contributions in 2008 are available to be picked up after all weekend masses at St. Michael's Church. If you are not able to pick up your receipt, please feel free to call the Pastoral Centre. We will be happy to arrange for pickup at the Pastoral Centre or by mail. Thanks!!

## Upcoming Meetings

Pastoral Council	Tuesday	March 17	2:30 PM	Gaul Centre
Mission Planning Committee (Final Meeting)	Tuesday	March 17	7:30 PM	Gaul Centre
Liturgy Committee Meeting	Wednesday	March 18	7:15 PM	Gaul Centre

## St. Vincent De Paul Society



♦ **Emergency Food Service** - Call 862-3779 or 862-3770

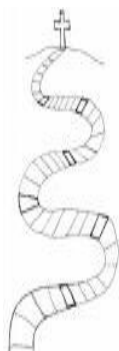
♦ **Clothing Room** - Behind St. Michael's Church (on Christy Lane) – Mondays at 10 AM for drop-offs and Mondays from 11 AM - 3 PM for pickups.

♦ **Good, Used Furniture Needed** – Please Phone Dan MacMullin at 862-8832



## Parish of Saint Leonard Lenten Mission

### “Journey of Lent, Journey of Life”



We are very happy to have **Fr. Bedford Doucette** coming to our community to lead our upcoming Parish Mission. Bedford was widely known throughout the diocese as a lecturer and teacher while chaplain at UCCB and producer of Mass For Shut-ins. As Director of Renewal he had great occasions to be a leader in renewal of our diocese. After his MA in Liturgical Studies at Notre Dame, Bedford's work with the Liturgy Commission on the diocesan Atlantic and National scene allowed him to see the liturgical situation of our church. Certainly, this influenced him in his teaching at UCCB, AST and throughout the diocese in such areas as Spirituality, Liturgy, Mariology, Sacraments, and other relevant topics. Bedford graduated from St. Louis University Institute of Religious Formation. Ordained in '68 Fr. Bedford was pastor of Margaree, Lourdes, Lochaber, Big Pond, Bras d'Or and Grand Mira. He was founding director with Bernadette MacDonald of the previous Ministry Formation Program and the present Faith Development and Ministry Program. Bedford was director of Ministry to Priests, on the General Assembly committee, Council of Priests and a number of other diocesan projects such as a present ministry as Director of On-going Formation and retreats for priests.

**Please note that all Mission activities will take place at our St. Michael's Site.**

#### Saturday & Sunday (March 21 & 22)

- Homily at all weekend masses

#### Sunday, March 22, 2009

- 6:30 PM Mission Session -- “Church”
- Reception & Discussion in the Gaul Centre

#### Monday, March 23, 2009

- 10:00 AM Mass
- 10:30 AM -12 Noon & 2-4 PM -- Reconciliation
- 6:30 PM Mission Session -- “Baptism”
- Reception & Discussion in the Gaul Centre

#### Tuesday, March 24, 2009

- 10:00 AM Mass
- 10:30 AM -12 Noon & 2-4 PM -- Reconciliation
- 6:30 PM Mission Session – “Change”
- Reception & Discussion in the Gaul Centre

#### Wednesday, March 25, 2009

- 10:00 AM Mass
- 10:30 AM -12 Noon & 2-4 PM -- Reconciliation
- 6:30 PM Closing Mass and Mission Session  
-- “Death to Life”
- Reception & Discussion in the Gaul Centre

- If you need assistance each night in accessing the church, please call the Parish Office (862-2255) to advise us. We will be happy to accommodate you!
- On **Wednesday, March 25**, donations of sweets for the Closing Reception will be greatly appreciated. They may be dropped off at the Gaul Centre after 5 PM on that day. Thank you!

# Diocesan & Community Events

- **Stations of the Cross & The Rosary** – Seaside Cable Channel 5, Isle Madame, presents the Stations of the Cross at 9:00 AM & the Rosary at 9:30 AM each morning (Sunday-Saturday) during Lent. The presentation is in English & French on alternating days.
- **Walking for Wellness** – For those 50 years of age and over. **Mondays & Fridays from 7-8 PM** at Mount Carmel Gym. Indoor shoes required.
- **KOC Ladies Auxiliary** – The Regular Meeting will take place on **Sunday, March 15, at 8 PM** in the KOC Rooms.
- **Lenten Workshop – “A Search for Truth”** -- Our Journey Through Scripture ... Then and Now ... at St. Anne's Church, Glace Bay, on **Monday Evenings during Lent (March 16 & 23) from 7-9 PM**. Guest Speakers will be Charles MacDonald, PhD. and Margie Gillis, SC. For information, contact (862-1474) or (849-5039). All are welcome.
- **Living With Cancer Support Group** -- Wednesday, **March 18, at 7 PM** at the Canadian Cancer Society Office, located at 329 George Street, Sydney. Guest will be Noreen Rowe. For information, call 564-8263.
- **Marriage Preparation** – For all engaged couples.
  1. **March 27, 28 & 29** – Bras d'Or Hall.
  2. **June 12, 13 & 14** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Sydney. Pre-Registration required (\$60/couple). Call 539-6868, Ext. 2
- **Crepe & Sausage Breakfast** – **Sunday, March 29, from 11 AM-2 PM** at the Etoile de l'Acadie, 15 Inglis St., Sydney. \$6/Adults; \$3/children. Music, entertainment, information booths. Call 563-3900 or 539-1416.
- **Lenten Quiet Day** – **Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM** – St. Mary's Anglican Church, Glace Bay. Reflections on the "Prayer of Humble Access." Speaker: The Rev. Carl Fraser. Followed by Holy Communion and a Soup Luncheon. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.
- **National Catholic Mission – “Reflections for Lent”** -- **Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7, at 10 PM**, and repeated at 12 AM, on VISIONTV.
- **Free Public Lecture -- Spirituality & Cancer – Hope, Meaning and Keeping it Real** – **Tuesday, April 7, from 7:00-8:00 PM (via Telehealth from Halifax)** – CB Regional Hospital, Level 4, Classroom 2. Speaker: Rev. David Maginley, Chaplain, QEII Cancer Care Program. Space is limited. Call 562-1367 to register.
- **Weekend of Grace – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.stacm.ca). Pre-Registration only (\$135).
- **Medjugorje** – **April 25-May 4**, \$2,050 includes air from Moncton or Halifax, accommodation, 2 meals per day. For info call 902-888-2291 or email [Kevin.morrel@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:Kevin.morrel@pei.sympatico.ca)
- **Marriage Encounter** -- Rekindle Romance - Has romance and passion taken a back seat to your hectic lifestyle? Enjoy a weekend free of distractions and fall in love all over again. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is scheduled for **May 1-3, 2009** at the Highland Heights Inn, Iona. For more information call Anne & John 564-2190 or Rose & Dave 755-1386 or email [renewmarriage@gmail.com](mailto:renewmarriage@gmail.com)
- **Workshop – “To Be A Healing Presence for the Human Heart and Earth”** – **May 22-23, 2009**, at Bethany Centre. Facilitated by Jim Profit, SJ, Director of Jesuit Collaborative for Ecology, Agriculture and Forestry, Guelph, Ontario. At a time of ecological crisis, hope is one of the great gifts that we can receive from Earth and from our faith. Hope enables us to act for the healing of the human heart and Earth. For info call 863-4726.
- **Ireland Tour** – 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? For more info go to [www.emmausproductions.com](http://www.emmausproductions.com)
- **Pilgrimage to 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you all for your generous presence at our recent Parish Meeting and for sharing your comments, questions and concerns regarding the recent Discussion Document. A special thanks, too, goes out to Fr. Paul Abbass, Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services and member of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee, for joining us at this important juncture in our discernment process. Later at Tuesday evening's Parish Night, Breaking Open God's Word, **our parish gathered, together with Pastoral Council, to listen attentively and quietly to God's Word and to pray for guidance and wisdom in our process.** Afterwards, Pastoral Council met to reflect upon the comments expressed at our recent Parish Meeting. After the Sunday Masses this weekend, and when all the Comment Sheets are collected, **Pastoral Council will meet again on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the Gaul Centre to collate the comments (in the presence of our four parish observers) and then meet alone to discuss a possible way (or ways) forward for our faith community.** Let us continue to pray fervently for our parish and all parishioners.

**Congratulations to CWL Members from both Mt. Carmel and St. Agnes Councils** as they celebrate another year, new officers and renewed leadership in their noble organization. We are truly grateful for your ongoing charity, prayers and service in our parish.

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent, and meet Jesus clearing out the Temple of Jerusalem, let us follow his powerful example and clean out our own temples, our own lives of the clutter and sin which prevent us from being the compassionate children that our God created us to be. May we emerge from Lent as shining examples of Christian light and hope in a world that is so hungry for both. May we all embrace patience and perseverance until the end.

Your brother in Jesus Christ, Father Paul



From Your  
Pastor

*To all of our students & teachers ... have a safe and happy March Break!*