

# 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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2009

**Reading I:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23 (Polluting the Lord's Temple)

**Reading II:** Ephesians 2:4-10 (By Grace You Have Been Saved)

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21 (God So Loved the World)

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

We pray for those who have died, especially *Emma Antle, Myrtle Bisson, Pauline Feit, Mary "Booie" Matthews, Kenneth Ross Watts and Emil Went.*

## 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 ...** In the desert, the Israelites rebelled against the authority of God and Moses. God punished them by sending a plague of poisonous snakes. After many people had been killed, the Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray that the snakes would be taken away. God then gave Israel a sign of forgiveness. He ordered Moses to make a bronze serpent and lift it up on a pole, and to tell anyone who had been bitten to look at it and be healed. Today's Gospel contrasts Jesus' own healing cross with the cross of Moses. The cross of Jesus is infinitely more powerful and healing. People look upon the cross of Jesus, are healed by the gift of his life, and rise with him to a life that will never end.



### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** How has my faith journey resembled the journey of Nicodemus?

**Children:** Have I kept the Lenten promises I made?

# Parish Activities

## Tuesday Night Parish Night – All Welcome



This week, our Tuesday night Parish Night coincides with our Parish Mission. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to come along to St. Michael's on **Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM**. All will gather upstairs and then the children will be invited downstairs with catechists for activities. The following Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, is the last Tuesday of the month, and thus our Spaghetti Night. All are welcome to join us at 5:30 PM for food, faith, and fun.

## First Eucharist Preparation

The families of First Eucharist candidates are reminded that the workshop will take place THIS coming week at the Gaul Centre. The workshop will be offered twice - **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM and **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Please attend the workshop that you signed up for. Please note that the final three home lessons are due at the workshop.



## 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, there will be no Youth Night this Sunday evening. Our next Youth Night will be a Gym Night on **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM** at Mount Carmel Gym.



## Stations of the Cross for Families



Once again this year, parishioners of all ages are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross together on **Good Friday at 11:00 AM** at St. Michael's. This is a great opportunity for families to remember together Jesus' journey to the Cross. All are invited!

## 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 27**.



## Share Lent 2009



Founded in 1967, for forty-two years DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has channeled the financial and solidarity support of Canadian Catholics toward social justice and development projects in the developing world that reinforce our common humanity and join us in a global solidarity movement for social justice and human dignity. Each year, hundreds of projects in the Global South such as community-based fishing cooperatives, farmers' associations, community radio stations, voter registration drives, and reconstruction and humanitarian relief after major natural catastrophes are supported by Canadian Catholics through this organization. For more information on DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, visit their website [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org). You can contribute to our **Share Lent Collection** next weekend ... you will find an envelope in your box for this purpose.

## Catholic Tidbits ...

**40** is the mystical number signifying penance  
Flood - **40** days and **40** nights  
Israelites condemned to roam the desert - **40** years  
Moses fasted on Mount Sinai - **40** days  
Elias - fasted for **40** days and **40** nights  
Jesus - fasted for **40** days in the desert  
Saint Francis of Assisi - fasted for **40** days  
after which he received the stigmata.



# Tending The Flock

## Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for **March 15, 2009**

**Envelopes (445): \$5,318.50 + Loose: \$444.66 = \$5,763.16**

*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 at the **Pastoral Centre**. If you are not able to pick up your receipt, please feel free to call the Pastoral Centre (862-2255). We will be happy to mail yours.

## Upcoming Meetings

Cemetery Committee	Wednesday	April 15	7:15 PM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee Meeting	Thursday	May 7	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 this weekend to lead our 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.

● **Lenten Workshop – “A Search for Truth”** -- Our Journey Through Scripture ... Then and Now ... at St. Anne's Church, Glace Bay, -- **Final Session -- Monday Evening, March 23, from 7-9 PM**. For information, contact (862-1474) or (849-5039). All are welcome.

● **Attention Cursillistas & Challengers** – The **Monthly Ultreya** will take place on **Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 PM** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. All Cursillistas & Challengers are welcome!

● **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

● **Cursillo Spring School of Leaders, “Going to the Villa with our Eyes Wide Open”** – Sunday, March 29, from 1 – 5 PM, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sydney. **All** cursillistas are welcome and encouraged to attend this important spiritual and educational day. Come and bring a friend. Lunch will be provided. If you need more information contact Blair Murray 862-9201 or email [blairmurray@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:blairmurray@ns.sympatico.ca)

● **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.

● **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.

● **National Catholic Mission – “Reflections for Lent”** -- **Monday, April 6**, and **Tuesday, April 7**, at 10 PM, and repeated at 12 AM, on VISIONTV.

● **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).

● **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.

## ● UPCOMING RELIGIOUS TOURS

▶▶ **MEDJUGORJE – April 25-May 4**, \$2,050 Air from Moncton or Halifax, hotels, 2 meals per day. 902-888-2291 or [kevin.morrel@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:kevin.morrel@pei.sympatico.ca)

▶▶ **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](mailto: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](http://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.

▶▶ **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](mailto:kevin.morrel@pei.sympatico.ca)

● **Bulletin Notices** -- Written requests for publication of notices must be received in our office before 4 PM on Wednesday. Faxes may be sent to 862-7110.

Dear Parishioners,

We are delighted to welcome **Fr. Bedford Doucette** to our parish this weekend who will be our homilist and who will be with us Sunday through Wednesday leading us in our Parish Mission. **I sincerely encourage all parishioners, all youth, all adults, all couples, singles and any members of our Catholic Faith Family who may feel disenfranchised, alienated or abandoned by the Church to feel welcomed, to come home, to start again, and to hear the Good News of Salvation.** Let us pray for God's choicest blessings upon Fr. Bedford and all of us as we journey deeper into our faith and draw closer to Christ embracing our theme, *Journey of Lent, Journey of Life*.

Please note: Next Friday evening (**March 27**) at 6:30 PM at the Gaul Centre, in conjunction with our examination of the life and teachings of St. Paul, we will be presenting Part 1 of the Emmy Award winning movie, **Peter and Paul**, starring Anthony Hopkins and Robert Foxworth. Our Catholic Church invites us to reflect upon the life and teachings of this great Apostle during this Pauline Year commemorating 2000 years since his birth.

Your brother in Jesus Christ,

Fr. Paul



From Your  
Pastor