

# 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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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2009

**Reading I:** [Acts 9:26-31](#) (The Church Grew in Numbers)

**Reading II:** [1 John 3:18-24](#) (Love in Deed and Truth)

**Gospel:** [John 15:1-8](#) (Bearers of Fruit)

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

We pray for those who have died ... especially *Blaise Campbell, Jenny MacNeil and Marie (McPhee) Morrell.*

## 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 6:30 PM	Eucharist Breaking Open The Word
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 our St. Michael's site. 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 ...** Grapevines, vineyards and grape growers appear frequently in the stories, prophecies and psalms of the Hebrew Scriptures, and in the parables of Jesus in the New Testament. The growing of grapes and the making of wine were important in the life of the Jewish people. Sometimes, when they were unfaithful to God, the prophets scolded them by comparing them to a vine that produces sour grapes. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the grapevine to affirm rather than scold. The vine grower is God. The vine is Jesus, and we are the branches. We branches are connected not only to the Son, but to one another. God's life and love flow to the Son and through the Holy Spirit from the Son to us, uniting us with the Father, the Son and the Spirit. When we branches love one another as the Father, Son and Spirit love us, we produce sweet and abundant fruit.



### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** Is there anything or anyone that keeps me separated from Christ? What can I do about it?

**Children:** When I have something to do that is very hard, do I ask Jesus to help me and trust that he will?

# The Celebration of First Eucharist

First Eucharist was celebrated in our parish over three weeks in this Easter Season.

Last Sunday, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the following young people came to the Table of the Lord for the first time.

<i>Alexandria Madison Attwood</i>	<i>Jordan Tyler Dominey</i>	<i>Michael Charles Grechuk</i>	<i>Kaleigh Rose Muir</i>
<i>Faith Victoria Bates</i>	<i>John-Marc Alexander Donovan</i>	<i>Katie Ann Hasiuk</i>	<i>Elvis Aaron Reid</i>
<i>Bret Dylan Baxter</i>	<i>Wayne Thomas Tylan Donovan</i>	<i>Justin Matthew Hawley</i>	<i>John Steven Reid</i>
<i>Jane Lindsay Campbell</i>	<i>Renee Nicole Doucette</i>	<i>Robyn Joyce LeBlanc</i>	<i>Mitchell Joseph Rutledge</i>
<i>Payton Lauren Chiasson</i>	<i>Jacob Leon Gale</i>	<i>Kristen Marie MacLeod</i>	<i>Adam Marshall Wilson</i>
<i>Ethan Jacob Conrad</i>	<i>John Bailey Wayne Gouthro</i>	<i>Morgan Alexandria Marks</i>	

Congratulations to these young people and their families. As a community, we look forward to continue walking with you in your faith journey.



## Parish Activities

### Tuesday Night Parish Night

Our Tuesday night gatherings will continue through the month of May. We will have **Breaking Open the Word this Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at St. Michael's.** Be sure to keep **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**, free on your calendar for our closing night and Pentecost celebration.



### The Celebration of Confirmation

Bishop Lahey will be in our community to celebrate Confirmation on **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7 PM at St. Agnes Church.** There will be a session and rehearsal for all candidates and sponsors on **Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM at St. Agnes Church.** It is very important that all candidates and sponsors attend this May 18<sup>th</sup> session.



### Youth Sports Nights

The New Waterford Council of Churches will host two Sports' Nights for the Youth of our community. They will take place at Mount Carmel Gym on **Friday, May 22,** and **Friday, June 12,** from **7-9 PM.** All are invited to come and participate in sports such as volleyball, soccer, floor hockey and more!!



### Cenacle of Divine Mercy

Every **Tuesday** during the month of May, a Cenacle of Divine Mercy with the Blessed Virgin Mary will follow 10 AM Mass at St. Michael's Church.

### Catholic Women's League

Mount Carmel CWL will meet **Wed., May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.** The Executive will meet at 7 PM.

### Sign of Peace

All worshippers and members of our diocese have been asked by the Bishop's Office and the Office of Liturgy to refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace during the celebration of Mass or at other liturgical gatherings for the next number of weeks. Praying in silence for peace or offering a non-contact gesture to others would be most appropriate at this time. Thank you for your co-operation.



### Spring Maintenance in our Cemeteries

We are very thankful to the families of loved ones for their assistance in the maintenance and care of our cemeteries. We ask that parishioners and others continue to be mindful that no articles can be placed on graves which would interfere with the movement of machinery or pose hazards to caregivers of the cemeteries. **Only flowers or objects which can be directly attached to the headstone (NOT anchored to the ground in any way) are allowed.** These restrictions are in effect on an **ongoing basis.** *Please note that all items which have not been removed before May 17 will be removed and disposed of.* The **Terms & Conditions** governing our parish cemeteries came into effect on September 1, 2007. This document is available in all of our churches and on our parish website.

### Catholic Tidbits ...

#### PONTIFICAL YEARBOOK 2009

The Cardinal Secretary of State, Tarcisio Bertone and Archbishop Fernando Filoni, substitute for General Affairs, presented the Holy Father with the 2009 edition of the "Annuario Pontificio" or pontifical yearbook. A communique regarding the presentation highlights some of the salient facts contained in the new yearbook. In 2008, the Pope erected one metropolitan see and eleven new episcopal sees. Furthermore, four metropolitan sees, two episcopal sees and one apostolic vicariate were elevated. A total of 169 new bishops were appointed. The number of Catholics in the world increased from around 1,131 million in 2006 to slightly under 1,147 million in 2007. The number of bishops also grew from 4,898 in 2006 to 4,946 in 2007. The note also indicates that the number of priests has increased over the last eight years, from 405,178 in 2000 to 408,024 in 2007, although their distribution differs from continent to continent. Indeed, while numbers of priestly vocations are growing in Africa and Asia (by 27.6 percent and 21.2 percent respectively), in America they remain more or less stationary, and have fallen in Europe and Oceania (by 6.8 percent and 5.5 percent respectively). The number of candidates to the priesthood has also grown slightly, from 115,480 in 2006 to 115,919 in 2007. Here too the different continents show a different evolution, with notable increases in Africa and Asia while Europe and America show a drop of 2.1 percent and 1 percent respectively.



# Tending The Flock



## Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: May 3, 2009

Envelopes (485): \$5,912.50 + Loose: \$685.12 = \$6,597.62 ♦ Cemetery Collection: \$430.00

*Thank-you for your continued support!*

## Upcoming Meetings

Pastoral Council Meeting	Tuesday	May 19	4:00 PM	Pastoral Centre
Finance Committee Meeting	Wednesday	May 20	7:15 PM	Gaul Centre
Cemetery Committee Meeting	Tuesday	June 2	7:00 PM	Pastoral Centre

## Catholic Italian Tour

Travel Our Way, New Glasgow, and Globus Tours is hosting a "**Grand Catholic 11 day Tour of Italy**" which Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice from Sept 21st-October 1st, 2009. This tour will be escorted by **our Pastor, Father Paul MacNeil!** Cost: \$3688 (includes taxes, flights from Halifax, all tours and admissions, hotel accommodations and most meals). For more information contact Angela Luddington at (902) 752-5567 or [angela.luddington@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:angela.luddington@ns.sympatico.ca).

## Annual Parish Meeting for 2009

Once again, we will have an opportunity to review the pastoral and financial activity of our parish for the previous fiscal year. This meeting will take place on **Sunday, May 31, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Gaul Centre.**

Written reports and financial statements will be published prior to the meeting. Thank you for the support you offer to our Pastoral Council and Committees of our parish.

## Employment Opportunity for Students

Our Cemetery Society is now accepting applications for **two groundskeeping positions** beginning **June 15, 2008**, for a period of 8 weeks. These positions will require strenuous physical activity and some lifting. University students are welcome to drop their resumes off at the Pastoral Centre before **Monday, May 18.**



## Congratulations to Kay MacDonald

On Saturday, May 9, 2009, Cape Breton University will be awarding one of our very own parishioners, **Kay MacDonald**, an honorary degree, which is the highest award and recognition bestowed by an institution of higher learning to any individual. We congratulate Kay on this life-time achievement and this most noble award. Kay's promotion of Gaelic Culture, her work with the Beaton Institute and her long time involvement in our faith community through her membership in the Catholic Women's League and Senior Choir have touched us all. Our prayers and best wishes are extended to Kay and her proud family members and friends.



## Anniversaries of Ordination

† The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination of **Fr. Thomas Lathigee** will be celebrated with Mass on **Sunday, May 31, at 11:00 AM** at Immaculate Conception Parish in Main-A-Dieu. A reception will follow. All are welcome!

† **Father Neil McKenna** invites you to join him in the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination on **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 AM** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.



† The Parish Council and Parishioners of St. Anthony Daniel Parish cordially invite you to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of our pastor, **Fr. Donald MacGillivray** -- **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM Mass** in St. Anthony Daniel Church, 105 Alexandra Street, with a reception to follow in the parish hall.

## Ordinations to the Priesthood



We pray in a special way for our two transitional deacons who have discerned and responded to the Lord's call to become priests of our Lord Jesus Christ and serve in His vineyard here in our diocese. **Rev. Evo DiPierro** (originally from Sydney) was ordained this past Friday at Our Lady of Fatima in Sydney River, and **Rev. Dennis Lamey** (originally from Stellarton) who will be ordained on **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM** in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Stellarton, NS. We pray for God's choicest blessings upon them as newly ordained priests and in their ministry to God's people in our diocese.

## New General Instruction Roman Missal

The Atlantic Liturgy Conference will present a **Study Day** in preparation for the New General Instruction Roman Missal (GIRM) on **Tuesday, May 26**, at Université de Moncton Campus, Moncton, NB. **Bishop Raymond Lahey** will give a presentation on the NEW GIRM, and **Father Bill Burke**, will give a presentation on the importance and nature of liturgical music in the GIRM. Registration forms for this Study Day are available at the back of the church. Bishop Lahey's presentation on the NEW GIRM will be repeated on **Thursday, June 4, from 10 AM to 1 PM at St. Joseph's Parish, North Sydney.** To register for this session, please call Darlene at the Pastoral Centre (539-6188 ext. 237). *These sessions will be of great interest to musicians, liturgy planners, parish councils and laity!*



# 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**. **Sunday Mass from Boston - 8:30 AM** on Ch.12.

● **Cape Breton Orchestra 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** – **Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 PM** at St. Joseph's Church, North Sydney **AND Sunday, May 10, at 2 PM** at Holy Redeemer Church, Whitney Pier. Featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Percy Grainger, Strauss, Duke Ellington and much more. For info, call 562-2004 or visit [www.capebretonorchestra.com](http://www.capebretonorchestra.com).

● **Knights of Columbus** -- The Regular Meeting takes place on **Tuesday, May 12, at 8 PM** in the KOC Rooms. Executive meets at **7:15 PM**.

● **March For Life – This Week** -- Campaign Life Coalition is sponsoring a **Rally on Thursday, May 14, at 11:45 AM** at Province House, Halifax. More than 3.5 million babies have died by abortion and abortion has killed more people than all the global wars of the past century. A **Candlelight Vigil** will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, at 8 PM** at the VG Hospital Site.

● **Cancer Care NS** - is presenting a Free Public Lecture on **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** via Telehealth from **7-8 PM**. Topic: Colon Cancer Prevention Program. Speaker: Dr. Bernard Badley, Gastroenterologist at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Level 3, Classroom 3612.

## A Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



● **Living With Cancer Support Group** – will meet on **Wednesday, May 20, 2009** from **7-9 PM** at the Canadian Cancer Society office at 329 George St. Guest Speaker: Tom MacNeil, Social Worker, Cape Breton Cancer Centre.

● **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

● **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.

● **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

### ● 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](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.

● **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](http://www.aliveontheisland.com)

● **May is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month** -- Please keep those suffering from this disease and their families in your prayers and have Mom wear a Carnation on Mother's Day.



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! We can continue to share this joyous, life-giving greeting right up until the Feast of Pentecost. It is good to be back in the parish after a very enjoyable break. I did remember you all in prayer and daily mass aboard the ship. Also, you were remembered at a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, outside of Lisbon, Portugal during my time away. The visit to that famous place of Christian pilgrimage was deeply prayerful and peace-filled.

We congratulate all of our First Communion recipients in our parish and pray that this intimate encounter with Jesus, the Bread of Life, will be the beginning of a deepened relationship with the Risen Lord, and that they will receive Him again and again each Sunday we gather as a Faith Community. We also pray in a special way for over 90 of our young adults who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 21st with Bishop Lahey presiding. We are truly inspired by your desire to embrace your Catholic Christian Faith and commit yourselves as adults to following Jesus, by the power of his Spirit, in our world. We are truly blessed as a parish community for these good decisions and choices that you are making.

We also prayerfully remember **Fr. Evo DiPierro** (newly ordained) and **Rev. Mr. Dennis Lamey** (soon to be ordained) as priests for our diocese. As well, we congratulate **Frs. Neil McKenna** and **Donald MacGillivray** as they celebrate 25 years of priesthood and **Fr. Tom Lathigee** as he celebrates 50 years in the Lord's Vineyard.

This past week, the Bishop's appointed committee, chaired by Fr. Angus MacDougall V.G., came to our parish to visit our church buildings and collect information for their important work of discernment. Please continue to pray for them as they work towards a final decision in regards to our parish structural needs. This decision is hoped to be made by June 15th.

Today we truly give thanks to our God for all of our mothers, those living and deceased, for their great love and many sacrifices in our life time. **Happy Mother's Day!**

In the Risen Lord,  
Fr. Paul

From Your  
Pastor