

# 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009

**Reading I:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (God Shows No Partiality)

**Reading II:** 1 John 4:7-10 (God Is Love)

**Gospel:** John 15:9-17 (Love One Another)

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

We pray for those who have died ... especially *Blaise Kennedy, Leo Kennedy, Maude Lumsden, Cleo MacKay, Robert MacNeil and Connor Timmons.*

## 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 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 ...** This Gospel is a love letter from Jesus to his followers. In it Jesus tells how very much he loves us, as much as his Father loves him. He calls us his friends and invites us to live on in his love. Nothing can come of Jesus' love for us unless we love him back. The best way to do that, Jesus points out, is to love one another as he has loved us. If we love Jesus, we will treat our friends as Jesus treats us. To help us do that, we have Jesus in his Church, in his sacraments, and in his words.



### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** How deeply do I understand (and live) the connection between self-sacrifice and love in its most pure form?

**Children:** What is one specific thing I can do this week to follow Jesus' command that we should love one another?

# Parish Activities

## Tuesday Night Parish Night

Our Tuesday night gatherings are continuing through the month of May. We will have **Breaking Open the Word this Tuesday, May 12th 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. Those who are able are asked to bring along a salad to this Pentecost celebration. Even if you have never before connected with our Tuesday night gatherings, we invite and encourage you to come along for a hot dog or hamburger and a piece of cake on as we celebrate the birthday of the Church.



## The Celebration of Confirmation

Bishop Lahey will be in our community to celebrate Confirmation this **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 **THIS Monday, May 18th, at 7 PM at St. Agnes Church.** It is very important that all candidates and sponsors attend this May 18th 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.

## 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.



## 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!



## Baptism Celebration

We have received a number of requests for the Sacrament of Baptism this month. As such, we will have a special Baptism Celebration **THIS Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2 PM at St. Michael's Church.** All parishioners are invited to come out to welcome the newest members of our faith community.



## Invitation: A Time of Peace

A special welcome to all young people who are mourning the loss of **Connor Timmons,** son of Ness and Jari-Ann. We are offering a time of gathering, quiet prayer, music, and conversation among friends. This peaceful time of being together will be on **Monday, May 18, from 6-8 pm. at St. Michael's Church,** River Ryan. It will be informal. Every young friend of Connor's is most welcome.



## Sacrament of the Sick

Any parishioners who would like to receive the **Sacrament of the Sick** are invited to come to Mass on **Saturday, May 30th, The Feast of Pentecost, at 5:30 PM at St. Joseph's Church, New Victoria.** This is one of the Church's seven sacraments and it is a sacramental encounter with the Risen Lord. Those seeking healing in mind, body or spirit may receive this sacrament at this time.



## Spring Maintenance in our Cemeteries

We ask that families of those buried in our cemeteries 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.** We ask that all items be removed before **May 25,** so that spring clean-up can begin..

## Catholic Tidbits ...

**JERUSALEM, MAY 12, 2009**

Here is the text of the prayer Benedict XVI placed in one of the cracks of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem today ...

God of all the ages, on my visit to Jerusalem, the "City of Peace", spiritual home to Jews, Christians and Muslims alike, I bring before you the joys, the hopes and the aspirations, the trials, the suffering and the pain of all your people throughout the world.

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, hear the cry of the afflicted, the fearful, the bereft; send your peace upon this Holy Land, upon the Middle East, upon the entire human family; stir the hearts of all who call upon your name, to walk humbly in the path of justice and compassion.

*"The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him" (Lam. 3:25)*

# Tending The Flock



## Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: **May 10, 2009**

Envelopes (491): \$5,916.00 + Loose: \$472.61 = \$6,388.61 ♦ Church Upkeep Collection: \$1,246.50

We are grateful this week to receive an anonymous donation of **\$1,000.00** from a former parishioner .. many thanks!

*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

## 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.

## Catholic Italian Tour

There are only **two weeks left** 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). 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.**

**Important DATE!**

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.**



## Here Are The Winners ...

Mount Carmel C.W.L. would like to thank all those who sold tickets and donated items for the recent Mother's Day Basket Draw. The winners of the baskets were **Kristen Conrad** and **Corinne Pinhorn!**

## Anniversaries of Ordination

† **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 Church, Sydney River. Reception to follow in parish hall.

† 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.



† 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!

## 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!*



**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.

# 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.

● **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, CB 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.

● **Matt Talbot Retreat** – **May 29-31** at Villa Madonna Retreat Centre, Bras d'Or. Cost is \$100. For information, contact Elaine at 849-4572 or Russell at 862-3153.

● **Alzheimer' Disease** – If your life has been touched by Alzheimer's disease or another dementia, plan on attending the **Fifth Annual Family & Friends Night on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 6:00 PM** at the Membertou Trade & Convention Centre, Sydney. Guest speakers, Dr. Cindy Hobbs, Geriatrician, Gus Postelwaite, Barrister & Solicitor and a panel of experts will be answering your questions. There will also be Exhibits of local community services. This event is being hosted by the Dementia Network of CB and the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia.

● **May is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month** -- Please keep those suffering from this disease and their families in your prayers.



● **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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

As I reflect upon this past week, there are two people who have been constantly on my mind and with me in prayer. One person is from our local area, the other, far far away in a foreign land. I am talking about Connor Timmons and Benedict the 16th. Each of them followers of Jesus, each of them shining examples of the transformative power of God's love in our world. Connor's sudden and tragic death early last Saturday morning in our community has forced all of us to stop and re-examine our lives, both young and old alike, and to look at our priorities and to reflect upon what each of us calls 'important'. As we have experienced these past days together, we have witnessed that Connor's life was deeply rooted and nourished by his faith, family and friends. Connor was blessed with a strong Catholic faith, a caring and loving family and good and loyal friends. He was richly blessed. And from these blessings, Connor was able and freely made choices and decisions to share his life, faith, values and gifts generously and lovingly to those who were fortunate to have known him in his life. Connor chose Life. We thank God for his life, example and friendship and we pray that Connor's New Life in the presence of the One True God will continue to be a source of inspiration and intercession for all of us as we journey towards Eternal Life.

The other disciple of Jesus who has been with me in prayer this week is Pope Benedict 16th on his pilgrimage to Jordan, The Holy Land and the Palestinian Territories. We in the West will never know the extent of the religious, historic and political complexities of that ancient land. Very few individuals this past century have had the courage nor the fortitude to even attempt to enter the fray and engage in peaceful dialogue with the peoples and leaders of those lands. We have been so blessed in our Catholic tradition to have had John Paul II and now Benedict XVI journey to the Middle East and be emissaries of peace and prayer and messengers of hope to that land where Jesus was born, lived, taught, healed, died and rose from the dead. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in that land, that God's Shalom (peace) will permanently visit them. Let us continue to pray too for our Holy Father, as Christ's Vicar, as Peter's Successor, that he will have the courage and strength to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to all God's people in and out of season.

Shalom in the Risen Christ,  
Fr. Paul

From Your  
Pastor

