

# 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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Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2009

**Reading I:** [Acts 1:1-11](#) (Jesus Was Lifted Up)

**Reading II:** [Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13](#) (We Build Up The Body of Christ)

**Gospel:** [Mark 16.15-20](#) (The Lord Jesus Was Taken Up To Heaven)

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

We welcome our newest parishioners ... *Landon William & Luke Thomas Brushett, Joseph Alexander Corbett, Jacob Shane Costigan, Iris Nancy Grenier, Seth David Jordan, Jocelynn Marie MacDonald, Katelin Christina MacKenzie, Benjamin Francis Melanson, Olivia Ernestine Taylor Merkl, Karlee Sheila Anne Musgrave and Griffin Joseph Ronald Park & Lucas James Park.*

We pray for those who have died ... especially *Wayne MacMullin, Bernie MacPhee and Daniel Perfect.*

## 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 5:30 PM	Eucharist Parish Night Closing & Pentecost Celebration
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 ...** Jesus realizes that soon he will be arrested, tried and put to death. So he presents the Apostles to his Father, because they are to continue his work. Before he takes his place at the right hand of the Father, Jesus commissions the eleven to proclaim his good news to the whole world.

### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** How can I accept Jesus' commission and share my faith with others?

**Children:** How can I be of service to others, following the example of Jesus?





## The Sacrament of Confirmation

On Thursday, **May 21, 2009**, Bishop Lahey was in our community for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The following young men and women were confirmed at that time:

Kevin Charles Abraham  
Holly René Bailey  
Kaitlyn Terri Bates  
Charlene Marie Bennett  
Jenny Lynn Blackwood  
Allison Amber Burke  
Justin Ronald Burke  
Marilyn Anne Burke  
Mary Janelle Burns  
Lacey Elizabeth Bursey  
Heather Lynn Campbell  
Jamie Danielle Campbell  
Michelle Anne Campbell  
Nora Nicole Campbell  
Samantha Lee Campbell  
Michelle Lynn Carrigan  
Raymond Tyler Carrigan  
Chad Andrew Chiasson  
Michael Joseph Clements  
Sarah Beth Cooper  
James Bernard Corbett  
Mark Kenneth Creighton  
Taylor Mary Currie  
Samantha Lynn M. DeGiobbi  
Kyle Alexander Desrosiers  
Brianna Marie Detheridge  
Laura Allison Doucette

Devon Aaron Duffney  
Jacklyn Caroline Fraser  
McKayla Anne Fraser  
Catherine Elizabeth Gale  
Jennifer Elizabeth Gallant  
Samantha Rachelle Gaudet  
Sarah Melissa Gillis  
Roderick Stanley Helinski  
Ashley Marie Hinchey  
Presley Renée Hynes  
Brandon Patrick Jessome  
Kyle Francis Kavanaugh  
John Alexandre Kennedy  
KellyAnne Zabine Larade  
Thomas Daniel Lavigne  
Branden Michael C. LeBlanc  
Matthew Christopher Lovell  
Emily Jane D. MacAulay  
Breagh Alexandra MacDonald  
Kelly Maureen MacDonald  
Kerri-Lee MacDonald  
Renée Nicole MacDonald  
Scott Joseph MacDonald  
Breanna Jean MacIntyre  
Kayla Lynn MacIntyre  
Thomas Joseph MacKay  
Jeffrey Ryan MacKinnon

Melissa Marie MacLean  
Zachery Francis MacLean  
Abbey Darlene MacLeod  
Alexander Lloyd MacLeod  
Gregory Joseph MacPhee  
Mitchell Alexander MacPherson  
Tyler Vaughan Matheson  
Brittney Jean E. McCarthy  
Shaun Joseph McCarthy  
Hillary Nicole McDougall  
Jessica C. Ann McEachern  
Graham Patrick McIsaac  
Nevin James McLellan  
Chase Patrick McNeil  
Jarrett Michael McNeil  
Jessica Lynn McNeil  
Kenneth Avery McNeil  
Nikki Ann Marie McNeil  
Rebecca Jane McNeil  
Jordan Connor McPhee  
Rebecca Maria Mercer  
Cody Thomas Muise  
Natalie Margaret Muise  
Craig Joseph Murray  
Devon Alexander Murray  
Taylor Kenneth Murray  
Maria Catherine Nemis

Timothy Bernard Odo  
Jordan Ernest Pearson  
Kaitlynn Renee Penney  
Nathan Logan R. Penney  
Jennifer Michelle Peters  
Riley Scott Peters  
Jeremy Anthony Piovesan  
Baillie Nicole Poirier  
T. Laurette Marie Poirier  
Kenneth Stephen Power  
Angus Francis Rankin  
Jamie Lee Ryan  
Sessyly Hope Scheller  
Jennifer Marie Smith  
Jillian Catherine Smith  
Craig William Smolensky  
Jessica Nicole R. Steele  
Daniel Gregory Stephenson  
Travis Daniel Tighe  
Gregory Edward Vardy  
Kayla Marie Walzak  
Tyler Michael Walzak  
Alexandra Christine White  
Dillon Anthony White  
Liam Patrick White  
Laurel Christene Williams

A huge thanks goes out to all who participated in Thursday's celebration and to all those who journey in faith with these young men and women.

## Parish Activities

### Tuesday Night Birthday Bash



Parishioners of all ages are invited to take part in our Pentecost Birthday Bash **THIS Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Gaul Centre.** Come out and have a hotdog, hamburger, and piece of cake as we recall the first Pentecost – the birthday of our Church – and as we close our Tuesday night gatherings for this pastoral year. Those who are able are invited to bring along a salad or bag of chips. All are welcome!

### 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!!

### 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.

### 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!

### 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.



The following Easter Memorials were inadvertently omitted from our Memorial Fund Listing for April:  
**IMO Raymond Patrick Desveaux and Walter Podgurski Sr.**  
We apologize for this error.



# Tending The Flock



## Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: **May 17, 2009**

Envelopes (475): \$5,973.63 + Loose: \$513.81 = \$6,487.44 ♦ Church Upkeep Collection: \$305.00

*Thank-you for your continued support!*

## Upcoming Meetings

Cemetery Committee Meeting	Tuesday	June 2	7:00 PM	Pastoral Centre
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### 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 is **only one week 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).

### Anniversaries of Ordination

† 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.



† 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!

### 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**.

### New General Instruction Roman Missal

**Bishop Raymond Lahey** will give a presentation on the New General Instruction Roman Missal (GIRM), on **Thursday, June 4, from 10 AM to 1 PM at St. Joseph's Parish, North Sydney**. To register for this session, please call 539-6188 ext.

237. *This session will be of great interest to musicians, liturgy planners, parish councils and laity!*



### Annual Parish Meeting



Once again, we will have an opportunity to review the pastoral and financial activity of our parish for the previous fiscal year -- **NEXT 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.

### Catholic Tidbits ...

#### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Next weekend is Pentecost Sunday and we will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick during mass at St. Joseph's, New Victoria for those who are in need of healing: **Body, Mind, or Spirit**. The Bible says the twelve apostles "*anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.*" Mk 6:7-13. The Church continues this healing ministry of Jesus. Anointing heals us through faith, it graces the whole person/soul: body, mind and spirit. It is a sacrament of healing, sometimes: mentally healing, occasionally physically healing and always spiritually healing. Yes, all your sins are forgiven with this sacrament → revealing the mystery of God's mercy = how bountiful? **Who can receive the sacrament of the sick** = Those suffering from serious physical, mental, and spiritual disorders: In times past only those near death, or with physical ailments would be anointed; but Pope Paul VI in 1975 decreed that: "*the availability of the sacrament, even beyond cases of mortal illness*" be made. Thus this sacrament is intended for all those who are **seriously ill**, not just those dying! Even people with serious addictions or mental health issues can also be anointed, as well as those who are undergoing serious surgery, or other serious medical treatments. In addition, anyone over 75 who is sick (even if not seriously) could request the sacrament. Why celebrate this sacrament at mass? The Church says, "*it is fitting to celebrate the sacrament within the Eucharist*" (CCC#1517) because all sacraments are public, this also reminds us to avoid the privatization of the sacrament – as if it was only an encounter between the person and the priest. Does it work? Yes, always! Some aspect of us is always healed. Remember the Second Vatican Council said, "*the purpose of the sacrament is to make people holy, to build up the body of Christ and finally to give worship to God*" (SC#59). May we trust in God's healing mercy next Saturday.

## Spring Maintenance in our Cemeteries

Spring clean-ups will begin in our cemeteries soon. 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.



## 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.

● **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

● **St. Agnes Elementary Cat & The Hat Spring Fair** – **Thursday, May 28**, from **4-6 PM** in the Gym. All welcome.

● **Monthly Ultreya** -- **Thursday, May 28**, at **7:30 PM** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. All Cursillistas & Challengers Welcome.

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

● **Alzheimer' Disease – Fifth Annual Family & Friends Night on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 6:00 PM** at the Membertou Trade & Convention Centre, Sydney. A panel of experts will answer questions and there will be Exhibits of local community services. Hosted by the Dementia Network of CB and the Alzheimer Society of NS.

● **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

● **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.

● **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.

### ● 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.

▶▶ **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,*

*Happy Feast of the Ascension! Today's feast reminds us all that the Risen Jesus returned to God the Father in Heaven forty days after his Resurrection. As he promised, he would not leave his followers orphans or alone, but would send them his Spirit, the Advocate or Paraclete to be with them until the end of time. Although this Feast of the Spirit or Pentecost is officially celebrated next week in our Church, in a very real way we already witnessed the blessing of God's Spirit in our midst with the beautiful Mass of Confirmation held on Thursday evening with 107 of our young adults participating and with Bishop Raymond Lahey officiating. We warmly welcome these fine young adults into the fullness of membership within our Catholic Faith Family and invite them to continue to be a vibrant part of our life as Church, participating regularly at Sunday Mass, becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Music Minister, Usher, Gift Bearer, or to become actively engaged in any of the other aspects of parish life here in our Greater New Waterford area. Our heart-felt prayers go out to all of you on this important occasion in your lives. Thanks to all of the teachers, volunteers, parents, and organizers who helped to make this happen.*

*Fr. Angus MacDougall, V.G. and his diocesan committee met this past Tuesday afternoon here at our Pastoral Centre with our Pastoral Council to discuss the future structural needs of our parish. They hope to recommend to the bishop a definite way forward in the next couple of weeks. Please continue to pray for them, for wisdom and guidance from our Loving God, as they make this important decision that will affect us all.*

*We also pray for Fr. Neil McKenna and Fr. Donald MacGillivray as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary of Priesthood this weekend in Sydney.*

*Blessings, peace and prayers in the Ascended Lord!*

*Fr. Paul*

*From Your  
Pastor*



May is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month – Please continue to pray for all those affected by this disease.

