

# 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2009

**Reading I:** [Acts 4:8-12](#) (Salvation Through Christ)

**Reading II:** [1 John 3:1-2](#) (We Shall See Him As He Is)

**Gospel:** [John 10:11-18](#) (Giving Life for the Sheep)

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

We pray for those who have died ... especially *Leo Head, Johnny Hillier* and *Jenny Usher*

**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.

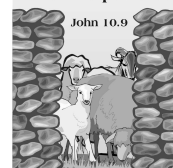
**We Believe ...** Jesus is not like the shepherds who work only for their pay, who abandon their sheep if a wolf attacks rather than risk getting hurt or killed. He loves his sheep so much that he gave his own life so that they may live. The Good Shepherd believed in and trusted his Father completely. Because he believed and trusted, he dared to put his life on the line. The salvation that our Shepherd won for us is ours for the taking. We may freely take what we have been freely given. We have only to believe in and trust Jesus as he trusted his Father, accept the word of our gentle Shepherd, and follow him in his way.

### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** Do my motives and actions reflect Christ's presence within me?

**Children:** What other Bible stories do I know about shepherds?

I am the gate.  
Whoever enters by  
me will be saved,  
and will come in  
and go out  
and find pasture.



# The Celebration of First Eucharist

First Eucharist is being celebrated in our parish over three weeks in this Easter Season. Last Saturday, on April 25<sup>th</sup>, the following young people came to the Table of the Lord for the first time:

Melissa Noelle Corbett

Tessa Marie Dowie

Reiley James Lever

Breton Murray MacDonald

Gregory Alexander MacIsaac

Blaire Nicole MacKinnon

Josie Marie MacLellan

Clara Adelia MacLeod

Robyn Kristen MacNeil

Caleigh Alexandra MacPherson

Daniel Peter Murphy

Stephanie Nicole Murphy

Christina Mary Pinhorn

Madisyn Caragan Spencer



Congratulations to these young people and their families. As a community, we look forward to continue walking with you in your faith journey. This weekend, First Eucharist is being celebrated at our 10 AM liturgy at Mount Carmel.

## Parish Activities

### Tuesday Night Parish Night

Thanks to all those who took part in this past Tuesday's Spaghetti Night entitled, "Lost & Found: I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins". Special thanks to our readers, actors, servers, kitchen crew, catechists, and the children who led us in our opening song. Our Tuesday night gatherings will continue through the month of May. We will have **Breaking Open the Word this Tuesday, May 5<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>.**

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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Catholic Women's League Meetings

Mount Carmel CWL will meet **Wed.,**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.** Executive at 7 PM. Members with tickets and/or money for the Mother's Day Basket may turn them in to Leona (862-2719)

by May 4<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks.

**St. Agnes CWL** will meet on **Tues., May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM** in St. Agnes Centre.

### Confirmation Retreat

The first of two offerings of our Confirmation retreat, "Companions on a Journey" was held Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Candidates who did not take part in this retreat are required to take part in the second offering of it on **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Gaul Centre. The retreat begins at 10 AM and then families and sponsors of the candidates are invited to join for a closing mass at 2 PM. Any candidate who did not take part in the April 25<sup>th</sup> retreat and whose name does not appear on the May 9<sup>th</sup> list posted in all of our churches, must contact Marcy as soon as possible at [catechesis@parishofsaintleonard.com](mailto:catechesis@parishofsaintleonard.com) The May 9<sup>th</sup> list can also be found on the "Youth Corner" page of our parish website.



### Catholic Tidbits ...

The image of the good shepherd is the image of a person who cares. He takes the time to get to know others, and he cares so much that he will even give his life for others. Our shepherd is the one who was rejected. Today many in our world are rejected too. "No one may claim the name Christian and be comfortable in the face of the hunger, homelessness, insecurity, and injustice found in this country and the world."

U.S. Bishops, *Economic Justice for All* (1986) #27

What would happen if all of us cared, *really cared*, about our brothers and sisters who are hungry, homeless, helpless, mistreated, victimized, suffering, unemployed, impoverished, threatened, rejected? What would happen if all of us became good shepherds and cared? Wouldn't the consequences be monumental if everyone in the Christian community became a good shepherd? We belong to a church populated by caring individuals who give their lives for others: priests and nuns martyred in El Salvador; lay missionaries struggling in the remotest parts of the world; peace activists challenging the consciences of nations; Sisters caring lovingly for the sick and dying. We may feel helpless in the face of the terrors unleashed in today's world, but the words of Jesus should comfort us: "I am the good shepherd;" I'll take care of it. He will take care of it, through you and I.





# Tending The Flock



## Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: April 26, 2009

Envelopes (473): \$5,345.15 + Loose: \$411.30 = \$5,756.45 Cemetery Collection: \$2,279.00

*Thank-you for your continued support!*

## Upcoming Meetings

Pastoral Council Meeting	Wednesday	May 6	7:15 PM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee Meeting	Thursday	May 7	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).

## March For Life

Campaign Life Coalition is sponsoring a **Rally** on **Thursday, May 14, at 11:45 AM** at Province House, Granville St., Halifax, to highlight the plight of the pre-born in Canada. This year marks 40 years of legalized abortion in Canada. More than 3 ½ 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, South Park Street, Halifax. Please support this endeavor through prayer or participation.

## 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.*

### Prayer for MS

Gracious God, who loves us with a love that will not let us go, we lift before you all those who suffer from multiple sclerosis. Strengthen and sustain them, ease their pain, and grant them courage to face their pain. Be with all who love and care for them, that they may be a support and encouragement to those who are afflicted. We remember all the doctors and scientists who work to conquer this disease. Crown their efforts with abundant success. Bless all those members of the medical profession who provide care to the MS patients. Accept the loving service of all who work to eliminate this disease, and all who serve the needs of others with their healing skill. These things we ask in the name of Him who went about doing good and healing all manner of sickness and disease, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

## Summer Student Needed

Our Cemetery Society is now accepting applications for **one groundskeeping position** beginning **June 15, 2008**, for a period of 8 weeks. This position 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**.



**Heartfelt Thanks** is extended to **Roddie Mitchell**, from the Lingan Choir, for helping with Music Ministry Easter Sunday.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Ordination

✦ I invite you to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my 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.

- Fr. Neil McKenna

✦ The parish council and parishioners of St. Anthony Daniel cordially invite you to celebrate with us 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.



## Spring Maintenance in our Cemeteries

The Cemetery Committee met on Tuesday, April 15, to begin planning for the maintenance of our cemeteries over the upcoming summer months. 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.



## 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.

# 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.

● **Mount Carmel School Spring Fair – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 – 4 PM** at Mount Carmel Gymnasium. Games for children plus White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale, Crafts and Clothing Sale. A light lunch will be served. Admission at door - \$2.

● **Nutrition Education Sessions** – To be held at the New Waterford Hospital. Please contact Florence Gillis, Primary Care Dietitian at 578-3763 to pre-register. Upcoming sessions include: "Dietary Fat...The Good, The Bad and the Ugly" on **Monday, May 4 from 6-7 PM** and "Label Reading Basic

● **What Can We As A Community Do For Our Youth?** - Information Session about ways that we as a community can help youth stay out of the justice system. This session will enlighten the public on the problems youth face at home, in school and from their peers and community and why intervention is needed at an early age. Guest Speakers will be Kaitlin Munro, a Grade Nine student; Robert Martin, Youth Gambling Awareness Coordinator; Chester Borden, Whitney Pier Youth Club; and Constable Gerald Sheppard and Melinda Power from Louisbourg Youth Centre. Session will be held **Tuesday, May 5 at 7 PM** at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Hall. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

● **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).

● **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 and Medical Director, Colon Cancer Prevention Program at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Level 3, Classroom 3612.

● **Living With Cancer Support Group** – will meet on **Wednesday, May 20, 2009** from **7-9PM** 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. We NEED your help!

● **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. 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.

▶▶ **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)

● **Alcoholics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Their primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. The local AA Group meets at their rooms on Ling Street on **Mondays at 10:30 AM, Wednesdays at 8 PM, Fridays at 10:30 AM** and Saturdays at 8 PM.

● **If your life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking, Al-Anon may help. Contact 564-5188.**

Memorial Fund Donations for the month of **April** will be published on May 10, 2009.

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