

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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Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2009

Reading I: [Acts 2:1-11](#) (Filled with the Holy Spirit)
Reading II: [Galatians 5:16-25](#) (The Fruit of the Spirit)
Gospel: [John 15:26-27; 16:12-15](#) (The Great Advocate)

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

We pray for those who have died ... especially *Alma Beaton, Gordon Buchanan, Diane Chiasson, Betty MacDonald, Ruth MacNeil, Lionel Petrie and Wilfred Sampson, Sr.*

We Celebrate ... Our Sunday Gatherings for Eucharist



Saturday (Vigils)		Sunday	
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	Eucharist
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 ... Today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11) and the Gospel give us two different versions of Pentecost. In the first reading, the Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles as tongues of fire. And the day is Pentecost, a Jewish harvest feast. The Gospel story happens on the evening of Easter Sunday. Suddenly Jesus appears to his Apostles in the upper room. He breathes on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." So, when did the event we call Pentecost really happen? On Easter Sunday or 50 days later? The day or the way the Holy Spirit came isn't important. What matters is that the Spirit came and changed the Apostles forever, forming Jesus' followers into his body on earth and giving them the power to continue his work. This body is the Church. As members of the Church, we are filled with this same Holy Spirit and given the spiritual energy we need to do the work of Jesus.



Questions of the Week

Adults: Which of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit do I see in myself and how do I share those gifts with others?
Children: What did I learn about Jesus from today's Gospel?

Parish Activities

Tuesday Night Parish Nights

Our Pentecost Bash that took place on Tuesday, May 26th was the closing night of our Tuesday night Parish Nights for this pastoral year. Our many evenings of Breaking Open the Word and our eight Spaghetti Nights, where we explored the Creed, were possible because of the contributions of several dedicated parishioners. Special thanks to our very committed team of catechists who lead our young people in their discussions on the Sunday Gospels each week and who helped to coordinate the programming for our Spaghetti Nights. Our kitchen crew made the very valuable experience of sharing a meal together possible and we are so thankful for their efforts each and every month. Last but not least, thanks goes out to all those who participated in our Tuesday evening gatherings. Whether you connected once or twice throughout the year, or were one of our committed regulars, your presence among us has been a gift to our community. We hope all involved have been nourished in their faith life and we look forward to journeying together in this way once again in the fall.


Pastoral Care Committee Meeting

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 2 PM** in the Pastoral Centre.


St. Agnes CWL

Ladies of the St. Agnes CWL will meet on **Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 7 PM** in St. Agnes Centre.

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!!

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!

Catholic Tidbits ...

Convalidation

All baptized Catholics are bound by canonical law, thus they are required to get married in a Church or shrine with a priest or deacon presiding, along with two witnesses, unless a dispensation has been granted. However some Catholics for a variety of reasons were married outside the Church. Some divorced Catholics were unwilling to go through an annulment process, thus were married civilly. Others rushed to get married by a justice of the peace and there are a variety of other reasons why Catholics were married outside the Church. **Can these marriages be officially recognized by the Church so these Catholics can return to the sacraments?** The simple answer is Yes, through a process called Convalidation. Convalidation fulfills the need to get closer to God and the Church and thus builds a strong foundation for the family. Catholics who want their marriage recognized as this permanent and sacramental covenant should begin the **convalidation process** by making an appointment with their parish priest. They will have a loving discussion around marriage; gather baptismal certificates, complete forms, offer the sacrament of reconciliation etc.. If one decides to go forth with a convalidation they will then determine the date, time and most suitable type of Convalidation service. Most couples opt for a simple ceremony where they both renew their consent to the marriage, reaffirming their continued love and commitment before God and the Church. In taking the original vows and renewing them in the context of a Catholic ceremony, they are making it a valid marriage in the eyes of the Church. To many, it feels like a renewal of wedding promises. Many couples select the date of their previous wedding ceremony for convenience sake and as a reminder that this is the start of their sacramental union in the eyes of the Church. They may use their original rings and have their children involved in the ceremony. Two witnesses are needed, and they need not be Catholic. And even if only one spouse wants the marriage recognized and the other refuses to cooperate, recognitions are possible. For numerous reasons couples choose to marry outside the Church and then later seek to have their marriages blessed, and the spiritual benefits of convalidation are obvious. Catholics approach the altar with peace of heart and mind, knowing they are coming back into full communion and are once again welcome to partake in the rich sacramental life of the Church, especially the reception of the Eucharist, with the Church's assurance of God's special blessing upon their marriage. We would love to hear from you.



Parish of Saint Leonard Sacramental Statistics – 2005 to 2008

Baptism				First Eucharist				Confirmation				Marriage				Death			
05	06	07	08	05	06	07	08	05	06	07	08	05	06	07	08	05	06	07	08
101	91	78	75	86	70	75	52	120	87	66	57	34	24	29	16	122	125	112	131

Notes:

- * Of the 75 children baptized in 2008, 16 were children of visitors or former parishioners who no longer reside here.
- ** Of the 16 couples married in 2008, 9 were visitors or former parishioners who no longer reside here.
- *** Of the 131 persons who died in 2008, 18 were sole envelope holders (no surviving spouse).



Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection: **May 24, 2009**

Envelopes (448): \$5,189.00 + Loose: \$403.09 = \$5,592.09 ♦ Antigonish Diocesan Society: \$797.00

Thank-you for your continued support!

Upcoming Meetings

Pastoral Care of the Sick Committee	Tuesday	June 2	2:00 PM	Pastoral 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.

Annual Parish Meeting

IT'S TODAY!!

THIS Sunday, May 31, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Gaul Centre,

we will have the opportunity to review the pastoral and financial activity of our parish during 2008. The Annual Report Booklet is available at all of our masses this weekend. Because of the high cost of printing, we ask that parishioners take **one booklet per household**. The report is also available on our parish website. Thank you for the support you offer to our Pastoral Council and Committees of our parish.

Catholic Italian Tour

The deadline has been extended to 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). Contact (902) 752-5567 or angela.luddington@ns.sympatico.ca.

Anniversaries of Ordination This Weekend



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

† The Parishes of St. John the Baptist, River Bourgeois and St. Peter's, St. Peter's, invite you to the 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of their Pastor, **Rev. Everett MacDow** at St. Peter's, **Sunday, May 31st at 3 PM**. Reception to follow.

Cape Breton Annual Walk-for-Life

In deference to the dignity and sacredness of all human life, the Annual Walk-for-Life will be held on **Sunday, June 21st**. Corresponding with Father's Day, the walk will begin in the parking lot of St. Anthony Daniel Parish at **1:30 PM**. The entire "Walk" will take about 45 minutes to complete. Please come and bring a friend!



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!*



Faith Development & Ministry Program

The Parish of St. Leonard would like to extend sincere congratulations to **Rose MacKinnon** who was blessed by Bishop Lahey last Sunday afternoon at Mass in St. Joseph's Parish, Port Hawkesbury, upon completion of her 3-Year Faith Development & Ministry Program. As well, **Bryan McDonald** has completed The 2-Year Faith Development Program and will begin another year of Ministry Formation in the fall. We are truly grateful for your involvement in our parish and this ongoing formation in faith development. Blessings to you both in your continued work in the Lord's Vineyard both here at home and in our diocese!



Our Email Addresses

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Deacon Leo & Viola Penny:	deacon@parishofsaintleonard.com

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**.

● **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

● **Greenfield Spring Fair** - Greenfield Elementary will host its second Spring Fair **Sunday, May 31st from 12 - 3 PM**. There will be games in the gym for the children, as well as bake, craft and flea market tables. Hot dogs and pop will sell for \$2 and games will be 50 cents each.

● **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 service. Hosted by the Dementia Network of CB and the Alzheimer Society of NS.

● **Knights of Columbus - Ladies Night** -- The KOC will host Ladies Night on **Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 6 PM** followed by the Knights of Columbus Awards Night, Luncheon and Dance.

● **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.

● **Fatima House Fiesta - June 7th from 12 noon to 2 PM** in our Lady of Fatima Church Hall, immediately following the 11 AM mass. Lots of activities planned - book fair, door prize, fish pond, music, face painting, plants, even split, balloons, a silent auction of cherished treasures, snacks and refreshments. Admission: silver collection. All proceeds will go to Fatima House in Honduras. Hope to see you there!

● **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.

● **Cursillo Group Reunion Event** - An afternoon of reflection and sharing will be held for **all** Cursillistas from **1-3 PM, June 14th** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Experience and learn about the Christian journey with the gift of group reunion. Group reunions willing to assist in this event please email Brian Murray at murray.brian@chandlersales.com.

● **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.

● 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

▶▶ **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

▶▶ **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

▶▶ **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

▶▶ **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

● **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

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Pentecost!! Today's feast brings to completion the fifty days of Easter with the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus to send His Spirit to be with us until the end of time. Some Christians passionately argue among themselves as to when the Church was born. Some say it happened at the birth of Jesus, some say at his baptism, others at the Last Supper, still others at the cross or at the empty tomb. But most theologians and Ecclesiologists (those who study Church) would argue that the Christian Church was born at Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The dramatic passages from our scriptures this weekend recount that first Pentecost where wind and fire symbolized the roaring energy of God's Spirit amongst God's People, transforming them, giving them new and various gifts, and confirming them in their faith in the crucified and risen Jesus. This same Spirit is with us today and will empower us and affirm in us our faith in Jesus our Risen Lord. May we say together that beautiful prayer on this our Birthday, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the Hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be recreated and You will renew the face of the earth!" Amen!

*On this Feast of Pentecost, we are happy to be welcoming **Robert William MacMullin** into full initiation in our Catholic Church with the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Michael's this Sunday morning. Robert is engaged to Rachael Ann Burke, his sponsor, and they are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage together in our Church later this summer. Robert is a member of the Police Service of our Cape Breton Regional Municipality and has been an active participant in our worship for many years. Robert, we warmly welcome you into our Catholic Faith Family! May you experience the warmth, love, prayers and fellowship of our community today and always and may the Spirit of Jesus grant you strength and peace on your / our journey to the Father.*

*In the Spirit of Jesus,
Fr. Paul*

*From Your
Pastor*



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

