

Parish of Saint Leonard

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OFFICE HOURS - MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 9:30 AM - 12 NOON & 1:30 PM TO 4:00 PM

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2008

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (Value Beyond Pearls)

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (Children of the Light)

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents)

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

We pray for those who have died, especially **Edward Binder, Mae Dalton, Georgina MacDonald, Barbara Poulain, Allan Stade and Haley Totten.**

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 **St. Michael's Church**, unless otherwise noted.

Monday	9:00 AM – 12 NOON	Eucharist followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Scriptural Rosary and Benediction
	6:30 PM	Liturgy of the Hours
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Eucharist
	6:30 PM	Breaking Open the Word
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Thursday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Friday	9:00 AM	Eucharist

***Please note:** In the case of a funeral in our parish, daily mass and exposition are cancelled.

Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations of baptism take place on the third Sunday of each month 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 ... Misers are so obsessed with saving money that they deny themselves and others the simplest of pleasures. They may even hide their money rather than invest it where it will earn interest and grow. They love money for its own sake. They are like the man in Jesus' parable who buries the coin (called a *talent*) his master gives him to invest. Jesus' parable is about something far more valuable than money – it is about the power to love and the many personal gifts or talents God gives you. God, like the master in the parable, expects you to risk yourself, to invest what you have been given in loving service for others. Only then will your love and talents increase, and you will return to God many times more than what you have been given.

Questions of the Week

Adults: How am I sharing my faith, time and the gifts that God has entrusted to me with my family, friends and coworkers?

Children: How do I share my gifts with my friends and classmates in order to help them?



Parish Activities

Baptism Celebration

We have received a large number of requests for baptism this month. As such, we will be having a Baptism Celebration **THIS Sunday, November 16th at 2 PM at St. Michael's Church** where we will receive ten children into our community. Parishioners are encouraged to extend a warm welcome to these children and their families by taking part in this Baptism Celebration.

Breaking Open the Word

Our Breaking Open the Word will resume this **Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 PM at St. Michael's.** A reminder that these Tuesday night gatherings are for parishioners of all ages.

November Spaghetti Night

We will continue to explore our theme, *The Creed*, at our monthly Parish Spaghetti Night, being held this month on **Tuesday, November 25th, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at the Gaul Centre.** The title of this month's gathering is, **"I believe in God...Creator"** where we will hear the story of creation both through scripture and science, in attempts to come to a deeper understanding of God's presence in all of creation. We are thrilled that Sr. Donna Brady of Bethany Centre in Antigonish will be with us to help us explore this topic. There will be an opportunity at the end of the evening to walk/pray the Cosmic Walk. Parishioners of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend. Please see flyer inserted in this week's bulletin to sign-up for this event.



We're always open to accepting donations of crushed canned tomatoes, tomato paste and spaghetti for our monthly Spaghetti Nights! These items can be dropped off at the Pastoral Centre or at any of our Tuesday Night gatherings. Thanks!

Come Join Our Youth Choir



Our Youth Choir sings at the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass at our St. Michael's site. We encourage all young people and those who are young at heart to come and join in. Practice begins at 10:30 AM until Mass time. For information, call Diane Murray (862-9201) or Tom McMullin (862-1140).

Youth Night

Our next gathering of youth in grades 9 and up will be on **Sunday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Gaul Centre.** This gathering will be a **Movie Night**, where participants will watch clips of a movie and explore the key messages within. All youth are invited to attend.



First Reconciliation Candidates



All First Reconciliation Candidates should have turned in the first three home lessons and have picked up the final three lessons. If you do not have the final lessons, please come to the Pastoral Centre to pick them up. These final lessons are to be completed and handed in at the Retreat on December 5th.

Shepherd's Trust Campaign 2008

A book of real life stories, "Shepherds' Tales", written by priests of this diocese is being distributed this week, along with an envelope for your contribution to the Shepherds' Trust Fund. This book is a gift from the clergy to you, in appreciation of your ongoing support. We urge you to take the book and envelope home with you and return the envelope next weekend with your contribution. As you know, this collection will help to provide financial security for our retired diocesan clergy. Please be generous!



Funeral Choir

Practice for our Funeral Choir will change to **Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 PM at St. Michael's Church.** *More voices are needed ... Please join us.*

Sunday Missals

Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year (beginning November 30) are now available in all of our churches for those who wish to use them. Lectors are reminded to pick up a copy.



Our Email Addresses

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Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for November 9, 2008

Envelopes (458): \$4,832.00 + Loose: \$686.04 = \$5,518.04

Cemetery Collection: \$2,336.00

Thank-you for your continued support!

Upcoming Meetings

Pastoral Council Meeting	Wednesday	November	19	7:00	PM	Pastoral Centre
Finance & Administration Meeting	Thursday	November	20	7:00	PM	Gaul Centre

Combined Christmas Giving

Once again this year, the Churches and Organizations in our town are working together to help those in need at Christmas. There are a number of ways in which you can help ...



- **Adopt-a-Family** – Adopting a Family is a gift you can give to yourself at this time of year ... to know that you have put a smile on someone's face is the most wonderful gift you can give or receive. The program is private and anonymous. Neither the family nor the sponsor will have any knowledge of one another. Anonymous as it is, we can assure you the family is extremely appreciative and thankful for the kindness shown to them. To find out more about the program, call Shelly McLellan at 862-6142.
- Items may be donated for auction at the **Combined Christmas Giving Telethon**. Call Francis MacLean (862-2298) or Anna Caverzan (862-3725).
- **Giving Trees** – will be on display in each of our churches until **December 7th**. Parishioners are invited to decorate the trees with purchased or handmade hats, caps, socks and mittens. As well, gifts and toys are appreciated.
- **Monetary Donations** – may be made to the Combined Christmas Giving Committee through our Church collections. You will find envelopes in your packets for this purpose, or you may use a plain envelope, mark it "Combined Christmas Giving" and include your name and address for income tax purposes.

We hope that the effort of all the Churches and organizations will help make this a good and holy Christmas for all families. Thank you for your caring and kindness!!

Beef Dinner



St. Agnes C.W.L. will sponsor a Hot Beef Dinner, **Today, Sunday, November 16** at St. Agnes Centre. Take-Out from 10-11:30 AM; Eat In from 11:30-1:30 PM. \$10/Person. Call Rita at 862-6370.

Christmas Bake Sale



Our Ways & Means Committee will host a Christmas Bake Sale, to be held on **Saturday, November 22, from 2-4 PM** at St. Agnes Centre. Here are some of the ways in which you can help.

- **By donating baked goods, knitted items, preserves, Christmas crafts and fudge.** These may be dropped off at the Centre on that day from 10 AM–12 Noon.
- **Donations for a Christmas Basket** are required (no dollar store products, please). These may be dropped off at the Pastoral Centre during Office Hours.
- **Tickets** will be sold on the Christmas Basket (\$1/each) call Rita (862-6370) or Trickie (862-8126) to purchase.
- We will also need **help on the day of the Tea & Sale**. If you can donate a few hours of your time, please call Arlene Fancey (862-7580).

Thank you for your support of this Parish Fundraiser!!!

Memorial Christmas Trees



In each of our churches this year, we will have a Memorial Christmas Tree (Bow Tree) as part of our Christmas décor. If you wish to participate in the purchase of flowers, wreaths, Christmas decorations, or provide help for those in need, in memory of your deceased loved ones, please deposit your contribution in the collection basket along with the name(s) of the people you wish to be remembered and your envelope number (**be sure to specify the church you desire**). The Memorial Trees will be decorated with bows, each bearing the name of a deceased parishioner you wish to remember. At Christmas, we will publish an "In Memoriam" section of the bulletin, listing the names of the persons or families remembered. You are asked to submit any requests before **December 7, 2008**.

Sale of Christmas Wreaths

Once again this year, our Ways & Means Committee will sponsor the sale of Travis' Wreaths and Teardrops. The cost is \$20, and they can be picked up on Thursday, December 11. Order forms are available in all of our churches. **\$7 from the sale of each wreath will go to the Parish**. Just fill out and place in the collection basket no later than **November 30**. Thanks for supporting this project!!



Diocesan & Community Events

- **Share the Warmth** – Family Service of Eastern NS has initiated a program to assist people facing high heating costs this winter. Donations of new or gently used blankets and bedding will be accepted at any Family Service Office or local Credit Union **until December 19**. Your support is appreciated. For info, call 849-4772.
 - **Walking for Wellness for Ages 50 & Older** – Spons. by Mount Carmel CWL and the CB East Community Health Board. **Mondays from 7-8 PM at Mount Carmel Gym**. Indoor walking shoes required.
 - **St. Anne's Parish, Alder Point – 6th Annual Christmas Craft Show & Sale** – **Sun., Nov. 16** (11 AM – 4 PM) at the Bras d'Or Hall, Villa Drive, Bras d'Or. Admission \$2 per person. Lots of Door Prizes. Everyone is welcome!
 - **St. Anthony Daniel Annual Fall Fair** – **Sunday, November 16**, at 2 PM at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Hall, 105 Alexandra Street, Sydney, NS. Something for everyone!! Adm. \$2.00.
 - **Christmas Tea & Sale** – **Sun., Nov. 16**, 12 Noon to 2 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Chili and Tea Biscuits, hot dogs and pop, tea & sweets. Come & meet Santa. Adm. \$3; Children under 12 Free.
 - **Introduction to Adoption and Foster Care** – sponsored by NS Community Services – **Monday, November 17, from 5:30-8:30 PM** at the Children's Training Center, 1030 Upper Prince Street, Sydney. For more info, call 563-5737 or email marchjj@gov.ns.ca
 - **Cancer Care Nova Scotia** - is presenting a Free Public Lecture on **Nov. 18** at the CB Regional Hospital, Level 4 Classroom 2 from **7 - 8 PM** via telehealth. Topic, Complementary & Alternative Therapies (Part II), Making Informed Decision on Natural Products & Cancer Care. To register call Stasia at 562-1367.
 - **Living With Cancer Support Group** – **Wednesday, November 19, at 7 PM** at the Canadian Cancer Society, 329 George St., Sydney. Guest Speaker: Paula Kowal, Pharmacist. Everyone is welcome.
 - **Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers** – will take place on **Sunday, November 16th at 7 PM** at the KOC Rooms.
 - **Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass** – for Deceased Members will be held on **Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:30 PM** at the KOC rooms.
 - **Christmas With The Burkes** – **Saturday, November 22**, from **7-9 PM** at St. Alban's Church Whitney Pier. Tickets \$12.50, available at any Pharmasave or call 862-2042. (St. Alban's Church Fundraiser).
- Attention Cursillistas** – An afternoon of reflection and sharing will be held for all Cursillistas on **Sunday, November 23, from 1-3 PM** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. 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.
- **Passion Play and European Tour – September 10, 2010** – an 18 day tour Featuring the world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, which is performed every ten years, fulfilling a promise made to God 375 years ago. A travel meeting will be held on **November 17, from 11 AM to 1 PM** at Union Presbyterian Church Hall, 4220 Louisbourg Highway, Albert Bridge. Lunch will be served. For info, call 562-0676.
 - **Marriage Preparation** – For all engaged couples.
 1. **January 9, 10 & 11** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Sydney
 2. **February 21, 22 & 23** – St. Leo's Parish, Glace Bay
 3. **March 13, 14 & 15** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Sydney
 4. **March 27, 28 & 29** – Bras d'Or Hall.
 5. **June 12, 13 & 14** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, SydneyPre-Registration required (\$60/couple). Call 539-6868 ext 2.
 - **Holy Land Tour – February 18-27, 2009** -- \$2399 includes air from Hfx., accommodations, two meals per day, guide and tours. Call Linda Randall 902-648-0050 or email tojessussthroughmary@gmail.com
 - **Holy Land Pilgrimage** – Follow in Christ's footsteps on a journey to sacred sites in Israel for 13 days in **February 2009**. Spiritual director is Father John Mills. Call 902-434-5554.
 - **Jubilee Year of St. Paul – May 8-19, 2009** – a 12-day tour of Greece and Turkey including a 4 day cruise to the Greek Islands with Fr. Tom MacNeil, Chaplain (863-3147), (\$3,949 + taxes pp). Brochures are at the back of the church.
 - **Weekend of Grace** - 3rd Annual Regional Catholic Women's Conference to be held the weekend of **April 24-26, 2009** at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax. This conference provides an opportunity for women to share their faith in witness and prayer. You can pick up a brochure "A Time of Mercy" at the back of the church or call 902-423-9759 or visit www.stacm.ca select "Programmes" and click on "Weekend of Grace". Pre-Registration Only. Early Bird deadline is December 31, 2008 - \$135.00 After December 31, 2008 - \$155.00.
 - **The Cape Breton Hearing Aid Bank** - There are people in our community, of all ages, suffering from deafness and hearing impairment. Many cannot afford the purchase of much needed Hearing Aids. We are now collecting used hearing aids. Many of these can be converted to useful instruments with new molds and batteries, at a fraction of the cost of new ones, and given to those who need them, under the guidance of professional audiologists. If you have in your possession a Hearing Aid not now in service and which you are willing to donate to a worthy cause, please phone **564-2071**. In New Waterford you may call **862-2051**.
 - **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.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's gospel reminds us that God is the One who bestows gifts to each of us and we in turn are called to use and share those gifts with others. We cannot hide or bury them. You and I have unique and wonderful gifts and talents that no one else in this world has. Your smile, patience, compassion, ability to sing or dance, teach or build are all wonderful treasures that have been given from God. Each of us will find happiness, joy and fulfillment in this life and in the Next when we acknowledge these great gifts from God and share them generously with those around us. Let us be both adventurous and creative in sharing our gifts this week.

Peace and prayers, Fr. Paul

From Your
Pastor 