

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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Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

November 2, 2008

Reading I: Wisdom 3:1-9 (They Are in Peace)

Reading II: Romans 6:3-9 (Baptized into His Death)

Gospel: John 6:37-40 (The Will of God)

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

We celebrate our newly married couples ... **Tracey Lynn Peckham & Charles Robert Antle** and **Shannon Rae Kelly & Kenny Briggs**.

And we pray for those who have died, especially **Lionel MacNeil & James "Jim" Warner**.

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	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, 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 ... This year, the Feast of All Souls' Day coincides with the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time. The theme of the Gospel selection sheds light on the prayer that is said on behalf of the dead expressing the hope that those who have shared in the table of the Body and Blood of the Lord in this life would also share in the Banquet of the Lamb. The reading from Wisdom 3:1-9 expresses the theme of God's vindication of the just and is also the basis for one of the Prayer of Commendations for the dead. The just man, the devotee of the Lord, has a hope that is full of immortality. This is echoed in Paul's letter to the Romans -- the day's second reading -- where he explains that those who have shared in a death like Christ's will also share in His resurrection.

Questions of the Week

Adults: How has my developing faith impacted my understanding of death?

Children: What are my favorite stories about the saints?



Parish Activities

All Souls Day



This Sunday, November 2, at 7:00 PM at St. Agnes Church, a mass will be celebrated to commemorate all of our parishioners who have died during this past year. A candle will be lit in their honor. We welcome all parishioners to celebrate this commemoration.

Week of Prayer for the Feast of Saint Leonard

† **Liturgy of the Hours** -- Father Doug will preside at Liturgy of the Hours on **Monday, November 3, at 6:30 PM at St. Michael's Church.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will accompany this special prayer encounter. All are welcome to come to praise and glorify God.



† **Feast Day of Saint Leonard** – Mass will be celebrated on the Feast Day of our Patron Saint on **Thursday, November 6th, at 6:30 PM at St. Michael's Church.**

Once again this year, we will collect items for Talbot House. We ask that you bring items to be used by the



residents of Talbot House such as: soap, shampoo, shaving cream, socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, deodorant, new facecloths and towels, underwear, combs/brushes or shaving kits.

Funeral Choir

Practice for our Funeral Choir will be **Tuesday, November 4, from 1-2 PM** at St. Michael's Church **for this week only.** Next week we will return to our usual time of 12:30-1:30 PM. *More voices are needed ... Please join us.*

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).

Tuesday Night Parish Nights

A huge *Thank You!* to all those who attended and helped out with our first Parish Spaghetti Night. Planning is already underway for our next Spaghetti Night on Tuesday, November 25th, and we hope even more parishioners will come out and join us for an evening of growing in faith with one another. **This Tuesday (November 4), we will resume our Breaking Open the Word at 6:30 PM at our St. Michael's site.** Parishioners of all ages are welcome to take part!

Youth Gym Night

Once a month, our youth have decided that they would like our Youth Night to be a Gym Night. Our first such Gym Night for youth Grades 9 and up will take place on **Sunday, November 9th at 7PM at Mount Carmel Gym.** All youth are invited! Don't worry if you are not so sports inclined; there will be non-sports activities available.



First Reconciliation Learning Centres

First Reconciliation Candidates and their families are reminded of the Learning Centres taking place **November 9th and 10th.** The Learning Centres are to be completed by candidates and any other family members able to attend. They take one and a half to two hours to complete and you are welcome to do so within the following hours: **Sunday, November 9th from 1PM-5PM and Monday, November 10th from 5PM-8PM.** Please remember to take with you your completed drawings from the first three lessons. The next three lessons can be picked up at this time.



Confirmation Online Activities

It is expected that all Confirmation candidates have completed the October Online Activity. The November Online Activity, which requires candidates to pick a saint and learn more about him/her, is now posted. It can be found on the Youth Corner of our parish website at www.parishofsaintleonard.com/youth_corner.html.



Shepherd's Trust Campaign 2008



The annual collection for the Diocesan Shepherd's Trust will be taken up in all parishes on the weekend of **November 22 & 23.** Thanks to your tremendous generosity, more than **\$1,000,000** has been received since the start of this collection in 2005. We are hoping you will support this year's campaign with the same spirit of generosity in order to assure our retired priests a secure financial retirement.

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Have you checked out our website lately??? We have recently added a couple of new features to our website, both of which you can find in the header of the Home page. The first is a link to a daily 3-minute retreat that will allow you to take a little prayer break each day at your computer. The second is a parish calendar that includes the dates and times of our parish activities. And, don't forget that you can also access information on our Faith Formation and Sacramental Programs, read the Parish Bulletin, request certificates and services, and lots more!!



Tending The Flock

Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for **October 26, 2008**

Envelopes (471): \$5,656.75 + Loose: \$435.67 = \$6,092.42

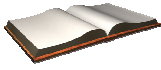


Pre-Authorized Debit Contributions for October, 2008 (45 Contributors)

Sunday Offerings:	\$2,419.53	Thanksgiving:	\$190.00	Shepherd's Trust:	\$20.00
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Thank-you for your continued support!

Hymn Book Donation



A Hymn Book has been donated to the Parish of Saint Leonard in Memory of **Mark Sherwood McDonald** by Joe & Marlene MacDonald. Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Meetings

Cemetery Committee	Wednesday	November	5	7:15	PM	Pastoral Centre
Support Team Meeting	Wednesday	November	12	10:00	AM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee	Wednesday	November	12	7:15	PM	Gaul Centre

Adopt-A-Family



Once again this year, the Churches and Organizations in our town are working together to help those in need at Christmas. 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.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

We presently have two St. Vincent De Paul Groups working within the Parish of Saint Leonard. New members are greatly needed and appreciated. If you can give of your time in this service, please come to one of our meetings:

- ➔ On the First Tuesday of Each Month at 7 PM at St. Agnes Church
- ➔ Or on the First Thursday of Each Month at 10 AM at Carmel Centre

Bringing an item of non-perishable food when you come to church each Sunday is one way that we can help provide for each other in times of need and share what we have as we can. Boxes are available in each of our churches for your donations. Services are available in our Parish, as follows:



- ◆ **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.



Evening of Appreciation for Sisters



The Council of Priests of the Diocese of Antigonish is hosting an Evening of Appreciation for the Sisters in our Diocese in celebration of their many contributions to the life of the church. This event will be held on **Friday, November 7, at St. Anthony Daniel Church, Alexandra Street, Sydney.** Evening Prayer will be celebrated at 7 PM., with Bishop Lahey presiding. This will be followed by a reception downstairs in the Parish Hall. All parishioners and clergy in our diocese are invited to come and offer thanks and appreciation to our Sisters.

Christmas Tea & Sale

Our Ways & Means Committee is looking for help to coordinate a Christmas Tea & Sale, to be held on **Sunday, November 23**, from 2-4 PM at Mount Carmel Auditorium. An **organizational meeting** for the Tea & Sale will be held this **Wednesday (Nov. 5) after the 6:30 PM in the Gaul Centre.** Please come if you can lend a hand.



Beef Dinner

St. Agnes C.W.L. will sponsor a Hot Beef Dinner on **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.



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. Just fill out and place in the collection basket no later than **November 30.** Thanks for supporting this project!!

Our Email Addresses

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Marcy MacKinnon:	catechesis@parishofsaintleonard.com
Deacon Leo & Viola Penny:	deacon@parishofsaintleonard.com

Diocesan & Community Events

- **Walking for Wellness** – Sponsored by Mount Carmel CWL and the Cape Breton East Community Health Board. **Beginning Monday, November 3, from 7-8 PM at Mount Carmel Gym.** Open to those 50 years and over. Indoor walking shoes are required.
- **Adult Learning** – As part of Literacy Action Week, the Adult Learning Association invites you to an Open House on **Tuesday, November 4, from 11 AM to 12 Noon**, at the Carmel Centre. Hear how important literacy is in the life of our community and find out about free, friendly classes in New Waterford.
- **Prostate Cancer Support Group – Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, November 5**, from 7-9 PM at the Canadian Cancer Society, 329 George St., Sydney. For any persons wanting support, information and help dealing with prostate cancer, especially newly diagnosed patients. Everyone welcome!
- **“Every Penny Counts”** – On **November 8** (rain date November 9) Breton Education Centre Senior High Band Students will be going door to door collecting pennies for their trip to Cuba in May 2009. If you have any pennies or would like to make a small donation, please contact 862-2104. The students thank you in advance for your support!
- **5th Annual Holiday Treasures Craft Show – Nov. 14** (5-8:30 PM); **Nov. 15** (11 AM - 7 PM); **Nov. 16** (Noon-5 PM) – at the Horizon Achievement Centre, 780 Upper Prince Street Sydney. Featuring handmade jewellery, pictures and frames, knitted and crochet goods, food items, wood products, door prizes and more. Adm. \$1. Wheelchair accessible and kitchen services available.
- **Christmas With The Burkes – Saturday, November 22**, from 7-9 PM at St. Alban's Church Whitney Pier. Tickets are \$12.50/person, available at any Pharmasave or by calling 862-2042. Come celebrate with the Burke Family as they share their music about family, love and Christ. (St. Alban's Church Fundraiser).
- **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 – Sunday, November 16**, from 12 Noon to 2 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. Adm. \$3; Children under 12 Free. Serving Chili and Tea Biscuits, hot dogs and pop, tea & sweets. Come & meet Santa Claus!
- **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. 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.
- **Holy Land Tour – February 18-27, 2009** -- \$2399 includes air from Halifax, accommodations, two meals per day, guide and tours. Call Linda Randall 902-648-0050 or email tojesusthroughmary@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), will take place May 8-19, 2009. (\$3,949 + taxes pp). Brochures are at the back of the church.
- **Oberammergau Passion Play and European Tour – September 10, 2010** – an 18 day tour guided by Vic and Sandi Ravanello. 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 more info, call 562-0676.

Dear Parishioners,

During the month of November, we lovingly remember and pray for the dead. As Catholics, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints on November 1st and the Feast of All Souls on November 2nd. Later on as Canadians, we celebrate Remembrance Day on November 11th. Each Sunday and every time we profess our Christian faith in the Apostle's Creed, we boldly profess, “...I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, *the Communion of Saints...*” Our belief in the Communion of Saints affirms that we are all members of the Body of Christ, both the living and the dead. You and I and our brothers and sisters throughout the world are part of the Church Militant (the Living members of Christ's body). Those who have died and have not yet experienced the fullness of God's presence are part of the Church Expectant (those in Purgatory). Those who have died and are in the fullness of God's presence are the Church Triumphant (the Saints in Heaven). As members of the Body of Christ and of the Communion of Saints, we can both pray for the dead and ask them to pray for us. Of course we have the thousands of canonized saints who are officially recognized by the Church who can pray for us, but there are many, many more women, men and children not on the official Roman calendar who are in the fullness of God's presence who can pray for us too. This could be a family member, a friend, a parent, grandparent or spouse who has died and we are profoundly aware that they truly loved God, neighbour and self, and that God, of course, loved them. We too can pray for our loved ones who have died before us and offer assistance, communion and love to them in our prayers.

What a hope-filled, life-giving teaching we have in the Communion of Saints.

God's mercy and love are with us in this life and in the next and not even death can keep us from being a part of God's wonderful family.

Let us reach out to one another in prayer.

Peace and prayers, Fr. Paul



From Your
Pastor