

# Parish of Saint Leonard

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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 23, 2008

**Reading I:** [Ezekiel 34:11-12,5-17](#) (I Will Tend My Sheep)

**Reading II:** [1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28](#) (Brought to Life in Christ)

**Gospel:** [Matthew 25:31-46](#) (The Corporal Works of Mercy)

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

We welcome our newest parishioners ... *Keigan Nathaniel Fraser-Attwood, Logan Blair Fraser-Attwood, Spencer Richard Green, Sophia Antoinette Hillier, Peyton Dayleah Maria Hurley, Aden George Roderick William MacLellan, Breton Alexander MacPherson, Jack Allen Daniel McNeil, Mia Jane Nordine, Elizabeth Morgan Rourke and Andrew Wayne Young.*

We pray for those who have died, especially *Georgette Desveaux* and *Margaret MacEachern*.

## 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 **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
	5:30-7 PM	Spaghetti Night Parish Gathering
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 ...** Today's Gospel calls us to look ahead to the time when Christ, our humble Shepherd-King will reward our faithfulness. If we have been faithful, he will lead us to everlasting joy. But if we have strayed far from his path and used our powers for evil, we will be lost from him forever. What must you do to be faithful? You must feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, comfort the sick, and visit those who are in prison. If you do these things, Jesus assures you, you will be doing them for him.



### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** How well do I understand the connection between praying "Thy kingdom come" and acting ("thy will be done") in a way that brings it about?

**Children:** How carefully do I think about what I am saying each day when I pray the Lord's Prayer?

# Parish Activities

## Building Households of Faith: All are Gifted, All are Disciples



Our parish had a strong presence this past weekend at a diocesan conference entitled, "Building Households of Faith: All are Gifted, All are Disciples". For two very intense days, participants explored the vision, format possibilities, and content of lifelong catechesis in the parish. Among other things, events-centred catechesis was explained (i.e. learning that takes place to prepare all ages for the events in the life of the community); adult faith formation was presented as a primary focus; ways to reach out to and connect with the Domestic Church (the home) were explored. The General Directory of Catechesis, a document of the worldwide Church, tells us "the Church community is the primary communicator of the faith tradition and practice" (GDC no 77, 141, 105). A parish should aim to offer a variety of program types (intergenerational, family, age-specific, etc), providing plenty of opportunities for all parishioners to grow in faith and to contribute their gifts to the common goal of passing on the faith. Much thanks to those who took part in the conference, giving of their time and energy to learn how we, as a community, can better journey in faith with one another.

*"The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason for hope."*

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

## November Spaghetti Night

We will continue to explore our theme, *The Creed*, at our monthly Parish Spaghetti Night, being held this **Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 to attend. Registration (using inserts from last weekend's bulletin or by calling the Pastoral Centre) is encouraged but not required.

## Youth Night

Our next gathering of youth in grades 9 and up will be held **THIS Sunday, November 23rd at 7PM at the Gaul Centre.** This gathering will be a **Movie Night.**



Participants will explore aspects of our faith by watching clips of a movie and exploring the key messages within. All youth are invited to attend; Confirmation candidates are strongly encouraged to take part.

## Attention First Reconciliation Candidates

Please note that the First Reconciliation retreat has been moved from December 5<sup>th</sup> to **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Gaul Centre.** The retreat will begin at **5 PM** and will include supper. **Families are invited to join the candidates at 7 PM** for our communal Reconciliation Service, where the candidates will celebrate the sacrament.



## Advent Reconciliation Service

The community is invited to join our First Reconciliation candidates in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at St. Michael's.** There will be a communal service followed by the opportunity for individual confessions. Make the Sacrament of Reconciliation a part of your Advent journey this year.

## Shepherd's Trust Campaign 2008

Thank you for your contributions to the Diocesan Shepherd's Trust collection which is being taken up in all parishes this weekend. If you didn't make your contribution this weekend, you may pick up an envelope at the church entrance and return it next weekend. Your generous contributions to this fund will benefit all our retired priests and make sure they enjoy financial security when they have completed their ministry to 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.



## Funeral Choir Practice

**Please Note:** Practice for the Funeral Choir will be cancelled until further notice.

# Tending The Flock

## Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for November 16, 2008

Envelopes (445): \$5,136.50 + Loose: \$586.59 = \$5,723.09 ♦ Cemetery Collection: \$360.00

Thank-you for your continued support!



### Upcoming Meetings

Liturgy Committee Meeting	Wednesday	December	10	7:15	PM	Gaul Centre
Pastoral Council Meeting	Wednesday	December	17	7:00	PM	Pastoral 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** by calling Francis MacLean (862-2298) or Anna Caverzan (862-3725). The Telethon will be held on **Sat., Nov. 29th, from 3-7 PM** at J.T'S Pub N Grill hosted by Pauline Leadbeater & Chera Clements and featuring local talent. Come out and support a great cause!!!
- **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!!

### 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!!



### A Sincere Thank You From Talbot House

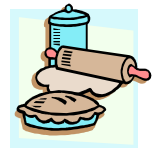
On behalf of the men of Talbot House, I would like to express our very sincere gratitude to the parishioners of St. Leonard Parish for your recent generosity to our community. Your annual collection of personal items and toiletries seems to come at the moment of our most critical need and is all the more so appreciated. Please know that your kindness and support are recognized by our community and at times can be overwhelming for our men as they see these boxes of donations arriving at our door. Thank you & God Bless. Fr. Paul Abbass, Executive Director



### Catholic Women's League

#### Mount Carmel CWL Bake Sale

Mount Carmel CWL will be holding a Bake Sale on **Sun., Dec. 7th from 11 AM - 1:30 PM** at the **Carmel Centre**. Complimentary tea will be served. Members are asked to donate baked goods, preserves, or fudge and if any parishioners would like to do the same,, it would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off your baking at the Carmel Centre on Sat., Dec. 6th from 2-3:30 PM and Sun., from 9:30-11 AM.



**All CWL Members** are reminded that the Annual Dues of (\$13) should be submitted by December 31, 2008. You may place them in a plain envelope (clearly marked "CWL") and drop them in the Sunday Collection. Thanks!

# 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.

● **Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary** – the regular meeting will take place on **Sunday, November 23 at 8 PM** in the KOC Rooms.

● **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](mailto:murray.brian@chandlersales.com).

● **Bethlehem Walk** – will be held **Nov. 26, 27, & 28 from 6- 9:30 PM** at 10 Davenport Road, Sydney. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. See our re-creation of the town of Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth. Live animals, shepherds, potters, carpenters, weavers and even Roman Soldiers. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

● **Cursillo Monthly Mass** – followed by Ultreya will take place on **Thurs., Nov. 27 at 7:30 PM** at our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sydney River. All Cursillistas & Challengers welcome.

● **Taize Prayer** – the next Taize Prayer will be held on **Mon., Dec. 1st at 7 PM** in St. Anthony Daniel Church, Sydney. Taize prayer is a prayer form developed by an ecumenical community of brothers in Taize, France. "The emphasis of its style is on silence, light, and above all, the meditative weaving together of prayer & music. All are welcome.

● **St. F.X. Alumni Annual Mass** – A special Mass for the St. F.X Alumni Family & Friends will take place at **7 PM on Tuesday, December 2, 2008** at St. Anthony Daniel Church, 105 Alexandra St., Sydney. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

● **No Time to Bake for Christmas???** - **Christmas Bake Sale, Sat., Dec. 13 from 12-3 PM** at the New Victoria Fire Hall hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the New Victoria Fire Department. Tickets will be sold on a beautiful basket filled with Christmas goodies. See you there!

● **Bereaved Families of Cape Breton** – is offering a Grief Support & Share Night on **Thursday, December 4, 2008 from 7-9 PM** at the Recreation Room, Miners Memorial Manor, 6 Lorne St., Sydney Mines. Topic: Coping with the Holidays. No fee or pre-registration is required. Everyone is welcome. For more info, call 564-6795.

● **Experience A Burke Family Christmas - Sat., Dec. 13, 2008 at 8 PM.** The Burke Family will be visiting the Savoy stage to combine the music of their ECMA winning Christmas CD and their newly released CD, to give audiences a seasonal evening like no other...but the music is just the beginning. Tickets (\$20) available at the Savoy Box Office (842-1577), Centre 200 Box Office (564-6668) or on-line at [www.savoytheatre.com](http://www.savoytheatre.com)

● **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, Sydney
- Pre-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 [tojesussthroughmary@gmail.com](mailto:tojesussthroughmary@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](http://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**.

● **Prostate Support Group** - Available through the Canadian Cancer Society. Information & support from a source you can trust. Call Toll Free, 1-888-939-3333.

● **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.

● **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 past Tuesday at our Parish Night "Breaking Open the Word," I asked the children about what they discussed in regards to this weekend's gospel. One girl put up her hand and said, "Jesus is in my brother and sister". That was a big 'wow' moment for me and I'm sure many of the approximately 100 parishioners who were gathered to break open God's Word that night. She got it ... as we say... "out of the mouths of babes".

JESUS IS IN OUR BROTHER AND SISTER IS EXACTLY WHAT TODAY'S GOSPEL IS ALL ABOUT. "The least you do to my brothers and sisters, you do to me". I invite all parishioners, young and old, single and married, questioning and comfortable, to gather together on Tuesday evenings as we break open God's Word so that we can share and grow together as disciples of Jesus.

*Peace and prayers, Fr. Paul*

From Your  
Pastor

