

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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Dedication of St. John Lateran

November 9, 2008

Reading I: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 (Water Flowing Out)
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 (God's Temple)
Gospel: John 2:13-22 (The Temple of His Body)

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

We pray for those who have died, especially **Sr. Pauline Chiasson, Joseph Harte, David MacLean, Theresa Madden, Robert Turnbull, Jr. and Milentie "Millie" Wiseman.**

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
	3:00 PM	Remembrance Day Service at St. Joseph's Church, New Victoria
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Eucharist
Thursday	9:00 AM	Eucharist (<i>Change of time for this week only.</i>)
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 ... Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the Pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides. The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14th century to find the church and the adjoining palace in ruins. Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St. Peter himself celebrated Mass.

Questions of the Week

Adults: Do I realize that my worship in church loses its validity if it does not influence the way I live? What must I change before I pray?
Children: How do I need to love better?



Parish Activities

Remembrance Day Program



A **Remembrance Day Program** will take place on **Tuesday, November 11, at 3 PM at St. Joseph's Church, New Victoria**. This is a day to remember all those who died in war and to pray for victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. Let us pray for peace and consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. *All are welcomed and encouraged to attend this service.*

No Breaking Open the Word this Week

In honour of Remembrance Day, we will not have our Breaking Open the Word this Tuesday, November 11th. **This program will resume on November 18th**. Any time there is a school cancellation due to weather or an observed holiday such as this, all parish programming will be cancelled/postponed on that day. Cancellations will be posted on our parish website.

Catechists' Gathering

Our team of catechists involved in planning our monthly Spaghetti Nights will gather on **Tuesday, November 11th at 6:30 PM at the Pastoral Centre** to work on our November event. Anyone interested in helping out with the planning is encouraged to join us for this gathering.

November Spaghetti Night

Our November Parish Spaghetti Night will take place on the last Tuesday of the month, **November 25th, at 5:30 PM at the Gaul Centre**. This month's Spaghetti Night will be entitled, "I believe in God...Creator" where we will investigate what we can learn about God through Creation. We are thrilled that Sr. Donna Brady of Bethany Centre in Antigonish will help to lead us in exploring this topic. We encourage parishioners of all ages to join together for this evening of growing in faith with one another.



Thank-You!



A huge thank you to parishioners who answered the call to reach out to the men of Talbot House. We collected a large number of items including towels, socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, razors, and much more that will certainly be put to good use. As we remember our patron saint, Leonard, patron of coal mines and of prisoners, we also remember the addictions that can imprison us and we celebrate when others reach out to support us. Thank you for witnessing to the Gospel in the way St. Leonard did in coming to the aid of those struggling with addictions.

Please note that the daily mass on Thursday will take place at 9:00 AM instead of 6:30 PM, for this week only.

Building Households of Faith Conference

A reminder to those who have registered for the Diocesan "Building Households of Faith" Catechetical Conference that this event will begin this **Friday, November 14th at 9 AM at the Delta in Sydney**. The conference runs from 9AM – 9PM on Friday and Saturday and will focus on the faith development of parishioners of all ages, with a particular focus on the domestic church (i.e. the home).

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; just come and hang out with the other youth of our parish!



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.



Shepherd's Trust Campaign 2008

Please keep in mind the Diocesan Shepherd's Trust Collection that will be taken up in all parishes on the **weekend of November 22 & 23**. Next weekend, November 15 & 16, envelopes for this very special collection will be distributed, along with a very special gift from the priests of the diocese in gratitude for your generosity. You are asked to take an envelope home and return it with your contribution on the following weekend.



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.*

Happy Birthday!!

Special greetings today to **Sr. Loretta Bates**, a Sister of Saint Martha, and former parishioner who now resides at Bethany. Sister Loretta will mark her **107th Birthday** on November 15. May God continue to bless you in your journey!



Tending The Flock

Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for November 3, 2008

Envelopes (471): \$6,885.50 + Loose: \$585.82 = \$7,471.32

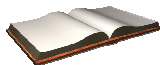
Cemetery Collection: \$442.00

Thank-you for your continued support!



Hymn Book Donation

Five Hymn Books have been donated to the Parish of Saint Leonard in Memory of our Deceased Parishioners by our Funeral Choir. Thank you for your generosity!



Upcoming Meetings

Support Team Meeting	Wednesday	November	12	10:00	AM	Pastoral Centre
Steering Committee	Wednesday	November	12	1:00	PM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee	Wednesday	November	12	7:15	PM	Gaul Centre
Steering Committee	Saturday	November	15	9:00	AM	Pastoral Centre
Finance Committee	Thursday	November	20	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**. Call Francis MacLean (862-2298) or Anna Caverzan (862-3725).
- **Giving Trees** – will be placed in each of our churches for next weekend. 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!!

Mount Carmel C.W.L.

The Regular Meeting of Mount Carmel C.W.L. will take place on **Wednesday, November 12, at 7:30 PM** at the Multi-Purpose Room (Mount Carmel Auditorium). New Members are always welcome!

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. **\$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!!



Christmas Tea & 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 – 2PM.

➔ **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!!!

Our Email Addresses

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

Diocesan & Community Events

- **Knights of Columbus** – The Regular Meeting will take place this evening (**Sunday, November 9**) at **8 PM** in the KOC Rooms. The Executive will meet at 7:15 PM. Special Guest will be the State Deputy, James Cookson.
- **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.
- **Combined Christmas Giving – Final Day for Applications** – **Wednesday, November 12, from 10 AM to 4 PM** at the Salvation Army Hall, King Street. The Combined Christmas Giving Committee wants to ensure that NO family is missed ... **if you require assistance, this will be the final day to apply.**
- **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.
- **St. Anne's Parish, Alder Point – 6th Annual Christmas Craft Show & Sale** – **Sat., Nov. 15** (10 AM – 5 PM) & **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
- **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.
- **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. Come celebrate with the Burke Family as they share their music about family, love and Christ. (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 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), (\$3,949 + taxes pp). Brochures are at the back of the church.

Dear Parishioners,

This past Thursday, the 6th of November, we celebrated our Parish Feast Day, the Feast of St. Leonard. It is so fitting that our parish, made up of the former faith communities of St. Alphonsus; St. Joseph's, New Victoria; St. Agnes; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; St. Michael's and St. Joseph's, Lingan, have been drawn together officially on May 27th of 2007 on the Solemnity of Pentecost, and named the Parish of St. Leonard. Our local community's strong connection to the mines, mining and the underground bodes well in the choosing of St. Leonard. Patron of prisoners, and patron of miners, Leonard was one who helped the vulnerable, and sought out those who were lost or imprisoned. Today Leonard's spirit and intercession continues to be strongly felt with those who are imprisoned behind bars and those forced to make a living deep under the earth. I am so happy to tell you that, after making a formal request to our bishop, Raymond Lahey, and he in turn petitioning the proper authorities in Rome, we have been given an actual relic of our patron, St. Leonard, from the Holy See. It is a bone fragment of St. Leonard, reminding us that our patron will be with us and interceding for us all on our journey as a newly formed faith community. The relic will be at St. Michael's Church this week for veneration and will then visit all of the churches, for those who wish to venerate after Mass in the coming weeks.

Peace and prayers, Fr. Paul

P.S. Thank you all for contacting me, our Pastoral Team and our Pastoral Staff in person, by phone or email regarding our current parish situation. This is a challenging time for all of us and I promise you that in the next few weeks, once the Steering Committee has submitted their findings to Pastoral Council, this will be offered to our entire parish and all parishioners for further discussion and input. Many thanks for your strong faith, patience and understanding as we continue to discern our life and mission as a parish community.

