

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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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2008

Reading I: [Isaiah 25:6-10a](#) (The Feast of the Lord)
Reading II: [Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20](#) (Strengthened by God)
Gospel: [Matthew 22:1-14](#) (The Parable of the Wedding Feast)

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

We welcome our newly married couple ... *Nicole Gouthro & Phillip Gouthro*.
And we pray for those who have died, especially *Sharon Fennell*.

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.

"I Want To Be A Catholic"

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the normal way that adults become full members of our Catholic Faith Family. It is a process for those seeking Confirmation and those seeking Baptism in our beautiful and rich Catholic Christian Tradition. If you or a family member or a friend would like to explore this process, please contact Fr. Paul at 862-2255.

We Believe ... Nowadays, it's hard to know how to dress for a party. Fortunately, you don't have to worry about what kind of clothes are expected at the heavenly banquet. Your host has given you the proper clothes to wear. In baptism, you received a shining garment that is woven of God's very life, a garment that will become ever more splendid as you embellish it with love of God and others. You are free, of course, to treat your garment carelessly. But if you do, like the ungrateful guest in today's parable, you will be turned away from the party.



Questions of the Week

- Adults:** What "garment" do I need to clean or iron this week to better prepare to participate in the banquet of God, the Eucharist?
- Children:** How do I prepare myself for the Sunday Mass?

Parish Activities

Tuesday Nights are Parish Nights!

Parishioners of all ages are invited to take part in a weekly Breaking Open the Word at 6:30 PM at our St. Michael's site. All ages come together in the main body of the church, and once we begin, children go downstairs with catechists for discussion and activities (a.k.a. religion classes). On the last Tuesday of each month, beginning October 28th, all are invited to take part in a Spaghetti Night, where we will share a meal and learn more about "The Creed," our theme for the year. These gatherings will begin at 5:30 PM and last until 7:00 PM. Parishioners of all ages are strongly encouraged to take part in our Tuesday night Parish Nights!!

Help Wanted!



On the last Tuesday of each month, parishioners of all ages are invited to come together, share a meal, and explore various aspects of our faith at our monthly Spaghetti Nights. If you are willing to help out with these monthly gatherings **by being a part of the kitchen crew or by being on a call list to bring a dessert when needed**, please contact the Pastoral Centre. Alternatively, there will be a sign-up sheet at the regular Tuesday night gatherings for the next couple of weeks. Also, **donations of crushed canned tomatoes, tomato paste, and/or spaghetti** for use at our Spaghetti Nights would be much appreciated. These items can be dropped off at the Pastoral Centre or brought to any of our Tuesday night gatherings.

Youth Ministry

Young people in grades 9 and up (including university/college aged) are invited to our first Youth Night **Next Sunday -- October 19th -- from 7-8PM in the Gaul Centre**. This is the night when the issues and ideas of our youth take centre-stage. Come out and help us kick off this new initiative!

Attention Eucharistic Ministers



Any Eucharistic Minister who has a pyx they are not using is asked to drop it off at the Pastoral Centre. Thanks!

Holy Hour in Honor of Saint Paul

This year marks the 200th Anniversary of the birth of St. Paul, the most prominent personality of the New Testament apart from Jesus himself. This year, we as Christians are invited to "get to know" Paul once again and be inspired and energized by his life, teachings and selfless example. The New Waterford-Glace Bay Deanery will host a Holy Hour in Honor of Saint Paul on **Wednesday, October 15, at 7:30 PM** at St. Anne's Church. Father Leo Boone will facilitate this session. Everyone is invited to attend!



No Scents Is Good Sense -- we ask that you help make all parish buildings Scent Free. Thank you for your consideration of others.

Confirmation Preparation



Last Sunday we had a gathering and registration night for youth in grades 9 & 10 (and up) interested in preparing for the celebration of Confirmation. If you missed that gathering, you can pick up a registration package at the Pastoral Centre. Candidates are reminded to complete their **sponsor forms** as soon as possible and to drop them off at the Pastoral Centre or in the collection basket. Also, a reminder of the **Inscription Ceremony** during mass at our three largest worship spaces on **October 18/19 weekend**. If possible, we ask that the sponsors accompany the candidates to this ceremony. Finally, don't forget to complete the October online activity found on our website.

First Reconciliation



Youth in grade 4 (and up) are encouraged to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this fall. Young people and their parents/caregivers are invited to take part in our Parish Night on **Tuesday, October 14, at 6:30 PM at St. Michael's**. Registration for First Reconciliation and an overview of the program will take place on this night, immediately following our Breaking Open of the Word. There is a *suggested* donation of \$20 for Program Materials (note that this is suggested, not required). This year, First Reconciliation will be held on **December 5, 2008**.

Family Faith Celebration Concert

Young families in our parish are strongly encouraged to take part in a diocesan sponsored Family Faith Celebration Concert entitled, "God Delights in You" on **Saturday, October 25**, from 1:30-3:30 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Hall. This concert will feature Monica Brown and Bubbles the Clown and promises to be a spirit filled celebration of God in our family life and relationships. The admission for this wonderful event is an item for the Food Bank!

Information Session

All women of our Parish are invited to attend an Information Session on **Saturday, October 25, from 10 AM-2 PM at St. Agnes Centre**. Guest Speakers will share information about the Catholic Women's League. Bring a brown bag lunch. Tea and snacks will be provided. All are welcome!

Altar Servers Needed

There is a need in our community, at all of our sites, for more altar servers. Anyone who has celebrated First Eucharist is able to serve in this ministry. This is a wonderful way for children to become more involved and more interested in parish life. It is also a ministry in which families can become involved together. There is no age restriction for altar servers, so this is something that father/daughter, mother/son, grandfather/grandson, etc. could do together. Please give some consideration to serving in this role and/or strongly encourage the younger members of our parish community to do so. Those interested can contact the Pastoral Centre or speak with a member of our Pastoral Team.



Tending The Flock



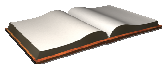
Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for October 5, 2008

Envelopes (473): \$6,091.00 + Loose: \$572.17 = \$6,663.17

Thank-you for your continued support!

Hymn Book Donation



A CBW III Hymn Book has been donated to the Parish of Saint Leonard in Memory of **Lucy A. Chiasson** (Ann. October 9) by her daughter Elaine and son Vince. Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Meetings

Pastoral Care of the Sick Committee	Wednesday	October	22	2:00 PM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee	Wednesday	November	12	7:15 PM	Gaul Centre

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 of 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 are 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. Come Celebrate With Us!

Annual Horyl's Pancake & Sausage Brunch

The Ways & Means Committee of our Parish will sponsor their Annual Pancake & Sausage Brunch on **Sunday, October 19, at the Gaul Centre.** Take Out from 10-11 AM. Eat In from 12:30-2:30 PM. Adults \$6; Children (12 & Under) \$3. For tickets, call 862-7775, 862-2253 or the Pastoral Office at 862-2255. Please contact the Parish Office, if you can offer your help in any way!



Funeral Choir

Our Funeral Choir holds practices on **Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 PM,** at St. Michael's Church. *More voices are needed ... Members of our existing choirs, as well as any others, are invited to join. If you can offer some time in this ministry, it will be greatly appreciated!!*

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).

Talbot House

Once again this year on the Feast of St. Leonard (November 6th), we will collect items for Talbot House. Currently, Talbot House is in need of shaving cream, deodorant, bars of soap, toothbrushes, razors, bath and hand towels, and playing cards are always welcome. Please keep this list in mind over the coming month.



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 as soon as possible, but no later than **November 30.** Thanks for supporting this project!!



Diocesan & Community Events

● **“The Reason We Sing”** – The Burkes CD Release will take place on **Saturday, October 11**, at 7 PM at First United Church, Sydney. Tickets \$10 (Call 862-2066), or at the door. A portion of the proceeds will go to First United Church.

● **Bereaved Families of CB** – Support & Share Meeting for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. **Tuesday, October 14**, from 7-9 PM at the Parkdale Room, Salvation Army Community Church, 55 Inglis Street, Sydney. The topic of this meeting is “Grief Challenges.” For information, call 564-6795.

● **Living With Cancer Support Group** – **Wednesday, October 15**, at 7 PM at 329 George Street, Sydney. Guest Speaker Bernadette MacDonald from Bay Health Food. Topic: Detoxing and keeping the body healthy. Support Group & Discussion.

● **Celtic Colors at Our Lady of Fatima** – **On Thursday, October, 16**, at 7:30 PM Our Lady of Fatima Church will host Pan-Celtic Voices, featuring Mary Jane Lamond, Wendy MacIsaac, Tracey Dares, Mairi Rankin and others. For tickets call Fran Campbell 564-4747 or www.celticcolours.com. You can also enjoy a Roast Beef Dinner in the Church Hall before going upstairs, from 4:30-7:30 PM. \$15/person. Call Fran at 564-4747.

● **St. Agnes Elementary Fall Fair Tea & Sale** – **October 19 from 3-5 PM at St. Agnes School (F.J. Angot Building)** – Bake Sale, Pumpkin Patch, Crafts & more. Everyone is welcome.

● **Annual Meeting of Antigonish Diocesan Society** – Sunday, October 19, at 2:30 PM at the KOC Hall, Port Hawkesbury. All parishioners interested in the role of the Society in support of our present and future seminarians is urged to attend and participate.

● **Combined Christmas Giving Applications** – Applications will be accepted on **October 20th & 21st from 10 AM to 4 PM** at the Salvation Army Hall, King Street. Health Card and proof of income is essential. For info, call Marjorie Peckham, Chairperson (862-3822) or Shelly (862-6142).

● **Weekend Retreat – Bethany Center – October 24-26**. Retreat Director: Father Michael Crosby, a Capuchin Franciscan Priest from Milwaukee, WI. Cost \$175 (all inclusive). Register at 863-4726 or email bethanycenter@auracom.com

● **Marriage Encounter – October 24-26**. – Learn to be straightforward and honest in your communication, thus building a foundation for the kind of trust and love every marriage deserves. For info, 755-4994.

● **Pre-Marriage Program** – For couples planning marriage – **October 24-26**, at St. Anthony Daniel Church. Pre-registration is required (\$60/couple) by calling Family Service Dept. at 539-6868, ext.2.

● **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.

● **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.

Our Email Addresses

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Dear Parishioners,

Most of us will be getting together sometime this long weekend to celebrate Thanksgiving with a special dinner. It might be with our own family or with friends. This is our special opportunity as individuals and as Canadians to say thanks to God for all that we have and for the bounty of creation; for the gift of life, the gift of faith, the gift of family and the gift of friends. We are indeed blessed. May we always keep this perspective and focus as God's people. And let us pause to pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Let us pray for the poor, the hungry and those who lack adequate shelter. May we resolve to reach out in charity to any person in need, not just this Thanksgiving Weekend but each day of our earthly journey, for in doing so, we are reaching out to Christ himself. Happy Thanksgiving!

*From Your
Pastor*



Peace and prayers, *Fr. Paul*

