

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2008

Reading I: [Isaiah 45:1, 4-6](#) (There Is No Other)
Reading II: [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b](#) (Faith, Hope and Love)
Gospel: [Matthew 22:15-21](#) (What Belongs to God)

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

We welcome our newest parishioners ... *Max Andrew Griffin, Veglia Elise Hogan and Elizabeth Judith Marusiak-Spares.*

We celebrate our newly married couple ... *Mary Elizabeth Boutilier & John Robert Gazzola.*

And we pray for those who have died, especially *Father Bobby Day, Pierre Laurendeau, Shirley Lauzon and Gordon Pearson.*

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 ... You belong to two kingdoms – God's and Caesar's. As a good citizen in God's kingdom, you are called to invest yourself in spreading the Gospel, building up love of God and one another. As a member of Caesar's kingdom, you are called to invest yourself in working for the common good. Jesus says that you are to give to God what belongs to God and to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. Both kingdoms are important to your well-being. But Caesar's kingdom will last only as long as it takes for the kingdom of God to be fulfilled – a kingdom that will last forever.



Questions of the Week

Adults: To what extent do I deliberately align my political choices with the Gospel and church teaching?
Children: Do I bring everything to God in prayer, or are there areas of my life that I would rather keep hidden from him?

Parish Activities

Youth Night – Opening Night

Young people in grades 9 and up (including university/college aged) are invited to our first Youth Night **THIS Sunday -- October 19th -- at 7 PM** (until approximately 8:30PM) at the Gaul Centre. This gathering will involve the sharing of ideas for activities/events over the coming months, so come out and give us your input. Confirmation candidates are strongly encouraged to take part in this event.

October Spaghetti Night



Our first monthly Spaghetti Night will take place on **Tuesday, October 28th**. As we begin to explore our theme for the year, “The Creed”, we will focus in on the *Communion of Saints* in advance of the Feast of All Saints. Our “**Saints by Our Side**” Spaghetti Night will take place at the Gaul Centre from 5:30PM – 7:00PM and all parishioners are invited. If you plan to attend this event, please let us know using this weekend’s bulletin insert. You can complete it and drop it in the collection basket at any of the masses this weekend or next. Come out for this evening of food, fun, and faith!

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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!
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Feast of Saint Leonard



Once again this year on the Feast Day of our patron saint, St. Leonard, we will collect items for Talbot House. On **Thursday, November 6th, at the 6:30 PM Mass**, 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.



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).

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!!*

Confirmation Inscription Ceremony



This weekend, at the masses in our three largest spaces, youth registered for Confirmation preparation will participate in the Rite of Welcome and Commitment (or Inscription Ceremony). This rite welcomes the candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and asks them to make a commitment to the preparation process. The rite also asks the sponsors and the community to join in the responsibility of passing the faith to the young people through prayer and action. Parishioners are encouraged to support the candidates by choosing a prayer partner from the basket as you leave the church and praying for this candidate over the coming months.

First Reconciliation



Youth in grade 4 (and up) are encouraged to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (also known as First Confession) this fall. A meeting was held to explain the program this past Tuesday. Anyone with a young person interested in the program but who was unable to attend the meeting is asked to stop by the Pastoral Centre to complete a registration form and to pick up the program materials.

All Souls Day



On **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.

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.

Our Email Addresses

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Tending The Flock



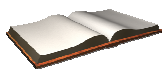
Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for **October 12, 2008**

Envelopes (474): \$5,909.75 + Loose: \$701.45 = \$6,611.20

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 **Paul Petrie** by Mount Carmel Senior Choir. 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.



Attention Ladies of St. Leonard Parish

Mount Carmel C.W.L., in conjunction with the members of St. Agnes C.W.L., are inviting you to an Information Session to be held on **Saturday, October 25, from 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM** at St. Agnes Centre. If you 16 years of age or older, and wish to know what the Catholic Women's League is all about, please join us. Guest Speakers will share information about the Catholic Women's League. Bring a brown bag lunch. Tea and snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there!



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. Admission is an item for the Food Bank!

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.



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.



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!!

Annual Horyl's Pancake & Sausage Brunch

TODAY - 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. **We hope to see you there!!**



A former priest of the parish, **Fr. Bob Day** died this past week in New Glasgow. He was well loved by the people in the area when he arrived as an assistant 40 years ago. We continue to love him now by offering our prayers for the repose of his soul. Eternal rest rant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him.



Rest In Peace

Diocesan & Community Events

- **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 are 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.
- **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.
- **St. Anthony Daniel Annual Fall Fair – Sunday, November 30**, at 2 PM at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Hall, 105 Alexandra Street, Sydney, NS. Something for everyone!! Adm. \$2.00.
- **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.
- **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.



"Combined Christmas Giving Adopt a Family"

Over the past number of years, Combined Christmas Giving has proudly sponsored an "Adopt a Family" program. During the Holiday Season of 2007/2008 there were a total of 30 families adopted by either local businesses or by private families. We were extremely pleased with the number of families adopted during last years holiday season; and we are striving to see this number increase significantly over the upcoming year.

The Adopt a Family Program was originated not only to help those less fortunate, but also to allow those who can to share their many blessings. The families and businesses mentioned above were not looking for applause or recognition for their generosity; as this program is strictly anonymous, they did so out of compassion and love for their fellow neighbor. Each and every family sponsored is extremely pleased and thankful that there are people out there who really care enough to take the time to share their blessings with complete strangers at this very special time of the year.

As I mentioned earlier, adopting a family is also a gift you can give to yourself at this special time of year. To know that you have put a smile on a child's face is the most wonderful gift you can give or receive. Again, our program is private and anonymous. Neither the family nor the sponsor will have any knowledge of each another. Anonymous as it is, we can assure you the family is extremely appreciative and thankful for the kindness shown to them.

The size of the family you adopt is up to you. If you feel that at this time of year you can only afford to adopt a small family, then we can find that family for you. If you can adopt a larger family, we can also find one for you. Adopting a family consists of purchasing toys for the children and providing their Christmas dinner.

I will finish by saying that this is an extremely important program. If you are able, and can find it in your heart to do so, please consider adopting a family. Sharing your blessings is one of the most beautiful and meaningful gifts you can give. If you would like to know more about this very important program, please don't hesitate to call **Shelly McLellan at 862-6142**. My hope for the upcoming year is that we come together as one family and care for one another.

Signed: Shelly McLellan, Chairperson
Combined Christmas Giving