

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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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2008

Reading I: Exodus 22:20-26 (The Compassion of the Lord)

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 (Turned Toward God)

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 (The Greatest Commandment)

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

We celebrate our newly married couple ... **Robyn Lyndsay McPherson & Mark Kent Gallant**
And we pray for those who have died, especially **Mary E. "Betty" Hinchey Seratto and Earl Wilson.**

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
	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Spaghetti Night Parish Gathering
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Funeral Liturgy at St. Agnes Church
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 ... Whenever we are faced with a moral choice, we need to consider only two laws, Jesus tells us. These laws can help us decide which choices that confront us are for good and which are for evil. They are the two great Commandments of God. The first commands us to love God with our whole being; the second commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Actually, these Commandments are more an invitation from a loving God than an order. God created us out of love and wants nothing but good for us. God loves us and God loves our neighbor. Clearly, if God loves all of us, even the people we don't like, we are all worth loving.



Questions of the Week

Adults: What prejudices block God's love from flowing out from me to others?

Children: How can I make God number one in my life?

Parish Activities

Attention Confirmation Candidates!

Confirmation candidates are reminded that if they have not already done so, it is time to complete the October Online Activity. The link to the online activity can be found on the Youth Corner of our parish website at www.parihofsaingleonard.com/youth_corner.html.

The November Online Activity is now also posted and is to be completed by the end of November. Candidates are reminded to submit their blue sponsor forms and are encouraged to take part in our Youth Nights.

October Spaghetti Night



Our first monthly Spaghetti Night will take place **THIS 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 on Tuesday you think you would like to attend, but haven't completed the response form, please come anyway. The more the merrier! Come out for this evening of food, fun, and faith!

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!

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 at St. Michael's Church**, 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).

Ways & Means Committee

Thanks to all those who took part in our Pancake & Sausage Brunch last Sunday! The outpouring of support from volunteers and patrons was very much appreciated. The Committee is pleased to report a profit of \$2,864.00 from this event!



Youth Night – Halloween Party



There will be a Halloween Party for Youth in grades 9 and up **THIS Sunday, October 26th**, at the Gaul Centre. This is a chance for our youth to come together for friendship, fun, and some good laughs. The party will take place from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, but youth are encouraged to come a bit early (at 6:30 PM) to take part in pumpkin carving and/or painting. These pumpkins will be delivered to those in our parish who may be unable to carve/decorate their own pumpkins. Youth are encouraged to wear costumes to the party but costumes are not a requirement.

First Reconciliation



It is still not too late for youth in grade 4 (and up) to take part in the preparation program for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (also known as First Confession) this fall. Anyone with a young person interested in the program 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

Pastoral Centre: pastoralcentre@parihofsaingleonard.com
Fr. Paul: pastor@parihofsaingleonard.com
Fr. Doug: associatepastor@parihofsaingleonard.com
Marcy MacKinnon: catechesis@parihofsaingleonard.com
Deacon Leo & Viola Penny: deacon@parihofsaingleonard.com

Funeral Choir

Our Funeral Choir holds practices on **Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 PM**, at St. Michael's Church. **More voices are needed ... Please join us.**

Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for **October 12, 2008**

Envelopes (506): \$5,662.25 + Loose: \$672.18 = \$6,334.43

Thank-you for your continued support!

Upcoming Meetings

Cemetery Committee	Wednesday	November	5	7:15	PM	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. If you can offer your time to assist with this project, it would be greatly appreciated!! Call 862-7580 for information.



Happy Birthday!

Happy 90th Birthday to **Frances Crocker-Quann**, who is celebrating with her family and friends today. May God shower you with many blessings as you continue your journey of life!!



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!!

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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!!



Diocesan & Community Events

- **Knights of Columbus** – The Regular meeting will take place on **Sunday, October 26**, at 8 PM at the KOC Rooms. The Executive will meet at 7:30 PM.
- **Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary** – The Regular meeting will take place on **Sunday, October 26**, at 8 PM at the KOC Rooms.
- **Parish Fair – St. Joseph's Parish, Sydney** will hold their Annual Fall Fair this afternoon (**Sunday, October 26**) from 2-4 PM at St. Theresa's Parish Center, Sydney. All are welcome.
- **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!
- **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, 2000. (\$3,949 + taxes pp). Brochures are at the back of the church.

Our Parish Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the gift of each other and the blessings of our parish. Help us to be aware of our baptismal privilege and obligations. Guide us in a spirit of co-operation and enkindle in us the passion to shine your light in our parish and the wider community. Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

I remember reading a little prayer card many years ago while attending university in my early twenties. On it was the following... "A young man came up to the Lord and asked, 'How much do you love me'. Jesus replied, 'This much' and stretched out his arms and died". From that moment my eyes and my heart both saw something old become new and my life was changed. I finally 'got' Christ's message. Today's gospel is just as powerful. It summarizes the Bible, it condenses Christ's teachings for all of us in a simple and succinct way. In reality it states that love is not so much a noun as a verb as witnessed by the life of Jesus. As his disciples, let us 'do' love and 'be' love today, tomorrow and each day after that.

Peace and prayers,
Fr. Paul

From Your
Pastor 