

Parish of Saint Leonard

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2008

Reading I: [Isaiah 5:1-7](#) (The Vineyard of the Lord)

Reading II: [Philippians 4:6-9](#) (The Peace of God)

Gospel: [Matthew 21:33-43](#) (The Parable of the Tenants)

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

We pray for those who have died, especially William "Bill" Lozinski, Mark Sherwood MacDonald, Catherine MacEachern (Mass.) and Paul Petrie.

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 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 ... Today we hear another parable about a vineyard. In this one, the owner rents his vineyards to some tenant farmers, asking only that they give him a share of the harvest. When it comes time to receive his share of grapes, the owner sends three servants to collect it. But the tenants kill one, beat a second and stone a third. When the owner sends still more servants to collect his share, the same thing happens. Next, the owner sends his own son, and they kill even him. God is like the landowner in Jesus' story. But we had better not be like the tenants. The Father has given us all that we need to produce a bountiful harvest for ourselves and for him to share – his very own Son.



Questions of the Week

Adults: How might I have violated another person's freedom or dignity by the use of my authority or position?

Children: How is it that those who talk to solve problems can be stronger than those who fight to get their way?

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 on **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!

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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Preparation for Sacraments



Confirmation: This year, we are reducing the age at which our youth celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, to better align with practices around the Diocese. Youth in Grades 9 & 10 (and up) are invited to come along with their parents/caregivers to a gathering and registration **TONIGHT -- SUNDAY -- October 5 -- at 7 PM at our St. Michael's site**. The preparation process will be explained at that time. There is a suggested fee of \$20 for program materials. The Celebration of Confirmation will take place on **May 21, 2009**.



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. There is a suggested fee of \$20 for Program Materials. This year, First Reconciliation will be held on **December 5, 2008**.



First Eucharist (a.k.a. First Communion): Children in Grade 2 or above are able to enter into preparation for First Eucharist. Although registration for this preparation program will not take place until January, the expectation is that candidates are actively involved in our Tuesday night gatherings throughout the year (see "Religion Classes..." announcement). First Eucharist is celebrated in the Easter Season, which this pastoral year runs from **April 12 to May 31, 2009**.

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, using dance mime, clowning and scripture-storytelling. The admission for this wonderful event is an item for the Food Bank!

"Thank You" Tea and Slide Show



The World Youth Day pilgrims invite all parishioners to a "Thank You" Tea and Slide Show on Saturday, October 11th at 1:00 pm at the Gaul Centre. Their World Youth Day experience in Sydney, Australia, this past summer was extraordinary and they would like to share some stories, show some pictures, and say "thank you" to all parishioners for your support. Hope to see you all there.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers

We are presently compiling a list of any persons who bring communion to a loved one at home. Please call the Pastoral Centre (862-2255) to register.



Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for **September 28, 2008**

Envelopes (452): \$5,189.00 + Loose: \$625.52 = \$5,814.52

Cemetery Mass Collections \$1,574.59

Thank-you for your continued support!

Upcoming Meetings

Liturgy Committee	Wednesday	October	8	7:00	PM	Gaul Centre
Pastoral Council Special Meeting	Thursday	October	9	7:15	PM	Pastoral Centre
Pastoral Care of the Sick Committee	Wednesday	October	22	2:00	PM	Pastoral 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.



Congratulations, Father Paul !!!



Our Pastor, Father Paul MacNeil, is in Antigonish this weekend, where he will receive an **Award of Excellence, Friend of St. F.X.** during the annual Homecoming celebrations. This award is given to someone who has demonstrated a commitment of outstanding service, has brought honor to the university through significant contributions, and is an inspiration to St. F.X. and extended community. During his eleven years as Chaplain at the University, Father Paul comforted, inspired and supported students, faculty and staff and is greatly deserving of this award. Congratulations, Father Paul ... we are very proud of you!!!

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!



C.W.L. Meetings

St. Agnes C.W.L. -- The Regular Meeting will take place this **Tuesday (October 7)** at 7 PM at St. Agnes Centre. All Members are urged to attend!!

Mount Carmel C.W.L. – The Regular Meeting will take place this **Wednesday (October 8)** at 7:30 pm. The Executive will meet at 7 pm. A good turn out is requested in order to make plans for the Fall Fair. New members always welcome.

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 will hold practices on **Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 PM,** beginning **October 9,** 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!!*

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.



Lost & Found



A watch was lost in Mount Carmel Church last Sunday. If you have found a watch in or near the church, please call the Pastoral Centre at 862-2255.

If anyone would like to send a *"Thinking of You"* message to **Father Bobby Day**, his address is 163 Stellarton Road, New Glasgow, NS, B2H 1M2.

Diocesan & Community Events

- **Maple Hill Manor Bake Sale** -- Sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary – **TODAY -- Sunday October 5**, from 1-3 PM at the Manor. Everyone is welcome!!
- **Cursillo School of Leaders** -- **Sunday October 5**, from 1-5 PM, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sydney. **All** Cursillistas are encouraged to attend. Contact Blair Murray (862-9201).
- **Taize Prayer** – Next on **Monday, October 6**, at 7 PM in St. Anthony Daniel Church, 105 Alexandra Street, Sydney. Taize Prayer is a prayer form with emphasis on silence, light and the meditative weaving together of prayer and music. All welcome!.
- **“Benedict XVI: Scholar and Pope”** – **Monday, October 6th**, at 8 PM in St. Anthony Daniel Church, Sydney. Presentation by Dr. Charles MacDonald, a doctoral student of Dr. Ratzinger in Germany. All are welcome. Admission is free.
- **Colorectal Cancer Support Group** – **Tuesday, October 7**, at 7 PM at the CB Regional Hospital, Level 3, Room 3638. For information, call Stasia at 562-1367.
- **Cancer Lecture** – **Tuesday, October 7**, at 8 PM at the CB Regional Hospital, Level 4, Room 2. An overview from a Cancer Doctor's Perspective with Dr. Robert Rutledge, Radiation Oncologist. Space is limited. Register at 562-1367.
- **Practical Ideas for Improving Quality of Life with Alzheimer's Disease** – **Wednesday, October 8**, from 6-9 PM, at the Membertou Trade & Convention Centre. Family members & friends of those touched by Alzheimer's Disease are invited to view exhibits and a presentation by a panel of experts.
- **French Mass** – **Saturday, October 11**, at 5:30 PM, at Centre Etoile l'Acadie, 15 Inglis Street, Sydney. Potluck Supper and Cercle Musical to follow. All are welcome!
- **“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.
- **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, call Joy & Eric Polley at 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 Programming 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. Their primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. 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 is being offered including a 4-day cruise to the Greek Islands. Cost is \$3,949 + taxes. Chaplain for the tour is Fr. Tom MacNeil, Rector, St. Ninian's Cathedral, 863-3147. Brochures are available 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed for the Church a special year to honor St. Paul the Apostle, which began on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 28th of this year. This year honors the Saint at the 2000th anniversary of his birth. St. Paul is the most prominent personality of the New Testament apart from Jesus himself. Thirteen of the 27 books of the New Testament bear his name and all of them are in the form of letters. Much of what we know about St. Paul comes from these letters. This year as Christians, we are invited to “get to know” Paul once again and be inspired and energized by his life, teachings and selfless example. Re-reading his letters in our Bible at home and spending time with this great missionary and martyr in prayer is a wonderful way to do this. Another way will be an opportunity for all of us, the people of the Deanery of New Waterford and Glace Bay, to join together in prayer for a **Holy Hour in Honor of St. Paul at St. Anne's Church in Glace Bay on Wednesday, October 15th, at 7:30pm with Fr. Leo Boone presiding.** Through the intercession of St. Paul, may we be faithful to our commitment to love Christ in and out of season and serve our neighbour tirelessly until our earthly lives are over. Peace and prayers, *Fr. Paul*

From Your
Pastor 