

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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Triumph of the Cross

September 14, 2008

Reading I: [Numbers 21:4b-9](#) (Complaining Against the Lord)
Reading II: [Philippians 2:6-11](#) (The Exalted Christ Jesus)
Gospel: [John 3:13-17](#) (Saved Through the Son)

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

We celebrate our newly married couple ... June Rockett & Gordon Smolensky

And we pray for those who have died, especially **Trina Bewsher, Frank Bota, Anne MacLean and Robert Petrie.**

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 (Sept. 15)	9:00 AM	St. Michael's Church
Tuesday (Sept. 16)	9:00 AM	St. Michael's Church
Wednesday (Sept. 17)	6:30 PM	St. Michael's Cemetery
Thursday (Sept. 18)	6:30 PM	St. Joseph's (NV) Cemetery
Friday (Sept. 19)	9:00 AM	St. Michael's Church

***Please note:** *In the case of a funeral in our parish, daily mass and exposition are cancelled (with the exception of our Cemetery Masses).*

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. In preparation for this sacrament, we offer gatherings for parents and godparents, usually on the second Sunday of the month. If you would like to have your child baptized in the Parish of Saint Leonard, please contact the Pastoral Centre at 862-2255. We are currently booking baptisms/preparation for the months of October through December. Please note that the Baptisms in October will take place on Thanksgiving Weekend.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Evening Masses (Wednesday & Thursday), or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

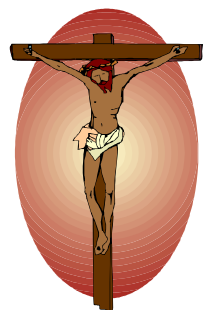
If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Pastoral Centre at least 6 months in advance.

We Believe ... We honor the Cross today and remember that Jesus showed us how much he loved us by giving us his life on the Cross. The Cross is a sign of love and healing. Like Jesus, we are called to love and heal each other.

Questions of the Week

Adults: To what extent do I try to join the trials and sufferings of my life to those of Jesus?

Children: When I see a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross, do I say a prayer of thanks to him for loving me that much?



Parish Activities

Coffee House Series

We will begin this pastoral year with another gathering of our Coffee House Series. **Josie England**, our Diocesan Chair for Development & Peace, will be in our community to provide us with some insight into the role and work of Development & Peace. The Coffee House is tentatively scheduled for this **Sunday, September 14th at 7 PM at St. Agnes Centre**. Development & Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.



Liturgy of The Hours

Liturgy of the Hours is an official liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. It includes psalms, scripture readings, hymns and prayers of the faithful. Since Vatican II, the Church has encouraged all the faithful to use this form of prayer in their communities. The Parish of Saint Leonard will begin Liturgy of the Hours **THIS Monday, September 15, at 6:30 PM**, at St. Michael's Church in River Ryan. All are invited to attend and praise God using these beautiful prayers of the Church.



Catechist Team Meeting

There will be a gathering of all catechists involved with the Households of Faith Program **THIS Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30 PM at the Pastoral Centre**. This will be an opportunity to discuss previous experiences and to look at some new ideas for the coming months.

Can You Help??

Volunteers are needed to assist with the weekly liturgy for the residents of Maple Hill Manor. This would involve a sacrifice of only two hours per week (Fridays from 1-3 PM). If you can offer yourself in this way, please call Eunice McCarthy at 862-3409.



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. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets and to help out at the brunch. Please contact the Parish Office, if you can offer your help in any way! Thank you for supporting this Parish Fundraiser!!



Parish Gathering

Each and every parishioner is invited to attend a Parish Gathering **Next Sunday, September, 21, at 2 PM** at Mount Carmel Church. We will begin with a Time of Prayer for Unity and Solidarity in our Parish and conclude with a fun Parish Picnic on the church grounds. There will be lots of food, activities and entertainment. **Please set aside this special time on your calendars.** P.S. kids... bring your super soakers... 😊



Breaking Open the Word

The Word offers us great spiritual nourishment. Gathering together to reflect on Scripture with other members of our faith community allows us to actively engage the Scriptural text and to be fed by that encounter with the Word. This pastoral year we would like to provide this opportunity for all our parishioners to gather and break open the Scriptures of the coming week. Our first such gathering will take place on **Tuesday, September 23rd from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM (at the latest) at St. Michael's Church**. All are invited!

Attention Challengers and Cursillistas

Looking for a way to use what you've learned and gained from the Challenge/Cursillo movement at the parish level? This coming year we are considering a Challenge-type approach to our Confirmation preparation and would love to involve our local Challengers and Cursillistas in the planning. If you would like to be a part of this, or simply would like to discuss it further, please contact Marcy at 862-2255 or mackinnon.nwapg@ns.sympatico.ca.

Music Ministry at Saint Leonard

Our Choirs will be resuming their ministries over the next few weeks after a summer rest. Each of our choirs is open to more voices. Can you help? Just call one of our contact people ... everyone is welcome!



Church	Weekend Liturgy	Contact
St. Agnes	Sat. 4:00 PM	Lorette Campbell (862-6976)
St. Joseph (NV)	Sat. 5:30 PM	Karen MacSween (862-8517)
St. Joseph (L)	Sun. 8:30 AM	Shirley MacIntyre (862-2581)
Mount Carmel	Sun. 10:00 AM	Charlotte Jurcina (862-2476)
St. Michael	Sun. 11:30 AM	Diane Murray (862-9201)

Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for September 7, 2008

Envelopes (465): \$6,007.65 + Loose: \$478.78 = \$6,486.43

Pre-Authorized Debit Contributions from January 1 to May 28, 2008 (45 Contributors)

Sunday Offerings	\$10,917.64	New Year's Collection	\$185.00	Cemetery	\$225.00
Faith Formation	\$125.00	Shepherd's Trust	\$100.00	Good Friday	\$265.00
Family Service	\$110.00	For the Poor	\$220.0	Share Lent	\$280.00
Initial Offering	\$145.00	Church Upkeep	\$410.00	Ant. Diocesan Society	\$130.00

Thank-you for your continued support!

Upcoming Meetings

Liturgy Committee	Wednesday	September 17	7:30 PM	St. Leonard Meeting Room
Finance & Administration	Tuesday	September 30	7:00 PM	St. Leonard Meeting Room

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.



A Note of Thanks

Just a few lines to say thank you for the many kindnesses you have shown me over the past year. Though my time with you was short, I will always have fond memories of the times I spent with you, both the happy and sad. You have helped me grow both as a person and as a priest and I hope that in some small way, I have helped you as well. The people here in Ingonish, Dingwall and St. Margaret's Village have welcomed me back in their midst, and have made me feel at home. Perhaps someday, when I'm much older and wiser, we will be together once more. Till, then, may God Bless you and your loved ones abundantly - and thank you once more for the cards, well wishes, and gifts.
Sincerely, your brother in Christ, Fr. Dan

Cemetery Safety

In order to ensure the safety of staff, and volunteers working in our cemeteries, we once again ask that parishioners follow the guidelines set down with regard to placement of flowers, ornaments and other memorabilia on graves of loved ones. Our

Terms & Condition Document states that **"only items that can be securely attached to the headstone are acceptable at any time."** Further, we ask that fences not be erected, and that mulch or gravel not be placed on graves. We appreciate your cooperation ... thanks!



Annual Cemetery Masses

Thanks to all who came to celebrate our masses in St. Agnes Cemetery and Mount Carmel Cemetery this past week. We will continue our Cemetery Masses at the following times over the next couple of weeks:

September 17, 2008 St. Michael's 6:30 p.m.

September 18, 2008 St. Joseph NV 6:30 p.m.

September 24, 2008 St. Joseph Lingan 6:30 p.m.

September 25, 2008 St. Alphonsus 6:30 p.m.

In the case of inclement weather, these celebrations will move inside the related church building (in the case of St. Alphonsus, the rain site will be St. Joseph's Church, New Victoria). Offerings will be accepted at each celebration and put toward cemetery needs. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair! ***Please remember that these masses will replace the regularly scheduled daily masses, but will NOT be cancelled in case of a funeral.***

Youth Choir

Our Youth Choir will resume singing at the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass at our St. Michael's site on **September 21**. Practice will take place each week at 10:30 AM before the mass. Anyone who would like to bring their voice and/or instrument will be warmly welcomed. For more information, contact Tom (862-1140) or Diane (862-9201).



Diocesan & Community Events

- **Knights of Columbus** – The Regular Meeting will take place on Sunday, September 14, at 8 PM at the KOC Rooms. Executive will meet at 7:15 PM. A good turnout is expected.
- **28th Annual Terry Fox Run – THIS Sunday, September 14**, from 2-4 PM at the Francis MacKinnon Memorial Track, Eighth Street. Everyone is invited to walk, jog, run or bike at their own pace, for as long as they wish. Donations are welcome, but not necessary. Refreshments available. In case of inclement weather, this event will relocate to the New Waterford Rink. For info, contact Bobby Aucoin at 862-3998 (home) or 592-5900 (work).
- **40th Anniversary – Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine, Mabou** – All are invited to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Shrine on **Sunday, September 14**, beginning with Continuous Rosary from 1-3 PM, followed by Feast Day Mass at St. Mary's Church at 4 PM with Intentions offered for the Shrine. Refreshments will follow at the Parish Hall, compliments of St. Mary's C.W.L.
- **Billings Ovulation Method (BOM) Workshops** – A natural and healthy way to avoid pregnancy without the harmful side effects of drugs – Two workshops will take place at Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Pictou, NS. with head instructor, Dr. Karen MacDonald of Antigonish. **Part 1 Workshop – September 19-21** -- for basic information, recommended for those wishing to learn about the method. **Part 2 Workshop – November 14-16** -- Geared to Teachers (Advanced). Cost is \$100 single or \$150 per couple. For information, call Father Doug at the Pastoral Centre (862-2255).
- **Afternoon of Prayer** – On **Sunday, September 21**, from 2-4 PM, the Divine Mercy Prayer Group of St. Columba Parish, Iona, will host all prayer groups and interested persons in the diocese to an afternoon of prayer at St. Columba Church. Fr. Ray Huntley will speak. This event is supported by the Antigonish Diocesan Service Team.
- **Matt Talbot Retreat** – September 26-28 at Villa Madonna, Bras d'Or. For info, call Russell at 862-3153 or Frank at 578-0251.
- **A Perfect Fifth** – Nova Scotia's Provincial Men's Choir will perform at Holy Rosary Church, Westmount, on Saturday, September 27, at 7:30 PM. Tickets \$15; \$12 Seniors & Students – at the door or at our Pastoral Centre (862-2255). For info visit www.novavoce.com
- **Spaghetti & Meatball Supper** – (made by Kay Violande) -- **Friday, September 26**, at St. Nicholas Church Hall, Gatacre St., Sydney. Pick up from 11 AM to 1 PM. Cost is \$7. Sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee of Holy Redeemer Parish.
- **Wellness Program for Breast Cancer Survivors** – sponsored by the CB Cancer Center in partnership with the YMCA. The program offers various fitness activities and complimentary therapies to help give survivors strategies for successful coping and healthy lifestyle choices. The program will run two days a week for 9 weeks, beginning Sept. 29 at the YMCA – Monday and Thursday from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM with fitness on Monday and coping and lifestyle skills on Thursday. Registration and medical approval are required. For more info, call the YMCA at 562-9622 or the Cancer Center at 567-8074.
- **Cursillo School of Leaders** -- Sunday October 5, 2008, from 1-5 PM, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sydney. **All** Cursillistas are welcome and encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided. For info, contact Blair Murray (862-9201) or email blairmurray@ns.sympatico.ca
- **Living With Cancer Support Group** -- For patients, survivors, family and friends living with a diagnosis of cancer. Held the 3rd Wednesday of each month (next on Sept. 17), at 7 PM at the Canadian Cancer Society office on 329 George Street, Sydney

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.

My dear fellow Parishioners ...

The feast of the Triumph of the Cross, which we celebrate this weekend, reminds us that hope wins over despair, light wins over darkness, love wins over hatred and life wins over death. Jesus showed us what the power of goodness and love can do in our world. It can change the unchangeable, it can move the immovable, it can bring life, light and hope to the darkest experience that any person can be going through. That's our Good News! Blessed Theresa of Calcutta often said, "Where there is no love, put love, and there will be love". Love by far is the most powerful force in our world, because love is of God. I received a tiny silver crucifix as a gift in my last year of seminary formation twenty years ago and have worn it around my neck ever since. It, and every other cross, challenges me and all of us to live and share the love that it represents. *Blessings and prayers, Fr. Paul*

P.S. We are really needing volunteers to help at the weekly liturgy at Maple Hill Manor. Your "yes" would bring many smiles to their beloved faces.

*From Your
Pastor* 