

Parish of Saint Leonard

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2008

Reading I: [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#) (Warn the Wicked)

Reading II: [Romans 13:8-10](#) (Love is the Fulfillment of the Law)

Gospel: [Matthew 18:15-20](#) (A Sinful Brother)

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

We celebrate our newly married couple ... Lisa Hynes & Graham Campbell

And we pray for those who have died, especially Angus Gillis and Anne MacNeil.

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 (Sept. 8)	9:00 AM	St. Michael's Church
Tuesday (Sept. 9)	11:00 AM	Funeral at St. Joseph's, New Victoria
Wednesday (Sept. 10)	6:30 PM	St. Agnes Cemetery
Thursday (Sept. 11)	6:30 PM	Mount Carmel Cemetery
Friday (Sept. 12)	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. Our next such gathering will take place on **Sunday, September 14, 2008**, at 2 PM at St. Michael's Church. It is important for anyone wishing to celebrate baptism in September be registered for this preparation session. To register, contact the Pastoral Centre at 862-2255. Our next celebration of baptism will take place on **Sunday, September 21, 2008**. We are also currently booking baptisms/preparation for the months of October through December.

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 ... Jesus is in our midst helping us live and act as a loving, peaceful community. However, community members sometimes are in need of correction. Jesus gives some suggestions on how.

Questions of the Week

Adults: How do I manage conflict in my family or workplace?

Do I first approach the "offender" face to face or is gossip my initial reaction?

Children: What do I do when I feel hurt by a relative or a friend?

Can I ask Jesus to help me deal with the situation?



Jesus turned and said to Peter, *Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.*
Matthew 16:23

Parish Activities

Blessing of the Backpacks This Weekend



September is a time for students to return to the classroom and for other fall schedules to resume. The Parish of Saint Leonard will have a **Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone Celebration at each of the masses this weekend, (September 6th and 7th)**. We are hoping that all students, from preschool through to post-secondary, come to mass with their backpacks or another kind of student bag. A blessing will be extended on the young people and their backpacks and a token presented to them as they enter a new school year. *Every parent/caregiver wants his or her child to have all the advantages possible for a good education. This year, have that include a blessing!*

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 **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 on **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. More detailed information about this type of prayer is included in an insert in today's bulletin!



Catechist Team Meeting

There will be a gathering of all catechists involved with the Households of Faith Program next **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.

Parish Gathering

Each and every parishioner is invited to attend a Parish Gathering on **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.

Coming Soon...

In the coming weeks you will be hearing more about this year's **Households of Faith Program**, as well as some ideas we are working on in the area of youth ministry. There may also be some changes to our sacrament preparation programs. Please stay posted to the bulletin for registration information, as well as details regarding dates and times of gatherings.



Mount Carmel C.W.L.

The Regular Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 10**, at 7:30 PM at the Multi-Purpose Room (Mount Carmel Auditorium). The Executive will meet at 7:00 PM. New Members are always welcome!

Tending The Flock



Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for August 31, 2008

Envelopes (438): \$5,330.00 + Loose: \$345.83 = \$5,675.83

Thank-you for your continued support!

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council	Monday	September	8	7:00	PM	Pastoral Centre
Cemetery Committee	Tuesday	September	9	7:00	PM	Pastoral Centre
Support Team	Wednesday	September	10	10:00	AM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee	Thursday	September	17	7:00	PM	St. Leonard Meeting Room

St. Vincent De Paul Society

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.



Our Mass Schedule has Changed (again)
Effective August 16, 2008

Weekend Masses

Saturday:

4:00 PM - St. Agnes
5:30 PM - Saint Joseph (NV)

Sunday:

8:30 AM - Saint Joseph (L)
10:00 AM - Mount Carmel
11:30 AM - Saint Michael

Weekday Masses

All Weekday liturgies take place in
St. Michael's Church

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 9:00 AM
Wednesday & Thursday: 6:30 PM

Happy Birthday!

We extend our good wishes to **Father Bob Day**, who celebrated his 75th Birthday this past week. Father Day was ordained to the Priesthood on June 11, 1960, and served in the Catholic Community of New Waterford from 1963-1968. Father Day now resides in Stellarton and is struggling with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Please remember him in your prayers.



Annual Cemetery Masses

We will be having cemetery masses in each of our six Parish of Saint Leonard cemeteries over the coming weeks. The dates and times of these masses are:

September 10, 2008	St. Agnes	6:30 p.m.
September 11, 2008	Mount Carmel	6:30 p.m.
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.**

Annual Horyl's Pancake & Sausage Brunch



The Ways & Means Committee of our Parish will sponsor their Annual Pancake & Sausage Brunch on **Sunday, October 19, from 12:30-2:30 PM**, at the Gaul Centre, with set-up on Saturday, October 18. Once again this year, we will be counting on the support of parishioners in all aspects of this Parish Fundraiser.

www.parishofsaintleonard.com

Don't forget to check out our Parish Website for information on parish activities and the many programs and services we offer.



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

The Call to Serve

Sharing Our Gifts:

One Way of Being a Good Steward

Our parish is blessed with many dedicated people who offer volunteer hours of services in various ministries. There are a wide variety of such ministries; some are more manual like work in a cemetery or the grounds around a parish building; others consist of committee work which often involves time spent reading, learning, and discussing issues. Without the sense of giving that makes things happen, a parish simply cannot exist.

Some of the ways (this is by no means a complete list) parishioners share their gifts with our community include:

Lector	Ministry Trainer	Visiting the Sick
Eucharistic Minister	Catechist	Bereavement Ministry
Sacristan	Faith-Sharing Facilitator	Pastoral Centre Support
Hospitality Minister	Youth Ministry	Member of Committee
Music Ministry	Cemetery Upkeep	Special Events Worker
Altar Server	Grounds Worker	



As summer draws to a close and we settle back into our daily routines, this is a good time to reflect upon your gifts and talents and to determine what God is calling you to in the coming year. If you feel a pull in a particular direction, or if you would like to learn more about a given ministry, please contact our Pastoral Centre or speak to any member of our pastoral team. We would be glad to sit with you and discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Community Activities

- **Eastern Regional Help Line** – is now recruiting volunteers for its Fall Training Workshop to be held in September. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Help Line at 562-4357 or 1-800-957-9995.
- **Palliative Care Training** – begins in mid-September. If you are kind, caring, compassionate, and have some extra time on your hands and would like to volunteer, please phone Lisa at 567-8160. Volunteers are needed in Glace Bay, New Waterford, Sydney and North Sydney/Sydney Mines.
- **Aging Gracefully** – Meetings for the Fall Season will resume on **Tuesday, September 9**, at 1:00 PM at the Carmel Centre.
- **Bereaved Families of CB** – Support & Share Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 9**, from 7-9 PM at the Parkdale Room of the Salvation Army Community Church, 55 Inglis Street. The topic will be “Am I Going Crazy?”
- **Terry Fox Run** – The 28th Terry Fox Run for cancer research will take place on **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 will be 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).

A Message From Our Pastor

My dear fellow Parishioners ... You and I have the privilege of belonging to a Church that has been founded by Christ himself almost 2000 years ago. We are "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic" and we live, serve, pray and celebrate on every continent of our globe. Christ is the Head of the Church and we are the members of His Body. It's so wonderful to reflect upon our 'universality' once in a while. We, the parishioners of St. Leonard, belong to a bigger faith family and reality. You and I who live by the sea in the greater New Waterford area are connected to our 1.1 billion brothers and sisters throughout the world and to Christ Himself by our life-giving Catholic Faith. This past summer, many pilgrims from around the world were able to attend World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, and be re-energized in their Catholic Faith. We were blessed from our parish to have representatives there who unanimously agreed that the pilgrimage was a huge success. Each of them felt renewed in being "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic". A small number of our young parishioners were blessed to be able to attend and brought back a bulletin from one of the Catholic Communities in Canberra, Australia. In it, there was a wonderful prayer entitled, **Our Parish Prayer** which I would like you to pray when you can in your homes. May we become one by the One who was sent by God. May God bless you and keep you, *Father Paul*.

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.