

*Parish of Saint Leonard*  
*New Waterford & Area*  
*Nova Scotia*



*Annual Report*  
*For 2015*



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**Parish of Saint Leonard  
Seventh Annual Parish Meeting  
May 1, 2016 ♦ 1:00 PM  
Pastoral Centre**

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**AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introductory Remarks by Father Ray Huntley, P.P.
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Catechesis & Youth
  - b. Liturgy
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# **Welcome To The Parish of Saint Leonard**

*Our mission:*

*To be a visible sign of the Body of Christ  
in our welcome, witness and  
celebration of all that we are  
as People of God.*

The Parish of Saint Leonard was founded on the Feast of Pentecost, May 27, 2007, through a decree of the Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish. The Parish of St. Leonard is the result of an amalgamation of five parishes – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Agnes, St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph (New Victoria), and St. Michael's – and one mission – St. Joseph (Lingan). Together, community members have combined resources and are working toward a new sense of Church.

# Pastor's Message

May, 2016

Dear Friends:

Pope Francis continues to inspire and challenge the world with his words and actions, calling us to walk the paths of justice and peace. His call for "A Jubilee Year of Mercy" invites us "... to see Jesus Christ as the face of the Father's Mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith". (*Pope Francis, April 2015*)

Our Parish of Saint Leonard strives to be a community of mercy and hospitality to all, and the generosity of many people contribute to the life of our parish community.

The enclosed reports give an account of the activities and mission of our parish. Thank you for all you do ... the Parish Staff, Parish Team, the Parish Pastoral Council and Committees, the Parish Organizations and all involved with our liturgies and activities. Thank you to all who share their time, talents and resources, and a special "thank you" to all who carry the mission of the parish in their prayers as we gather each week at mass.

As we continue to live this beautiful "Year of Mercy" may the Holy Spirit open our hearts to the mercy of God, Our Father, so that we may ever more faithfully proclaim to all "The mercies of the Lord"!

Sincerely,

Father Ray Huntley

# Pastoral Council Message

## **Present Pastoral Council Members:**

John M. Angione (Chair)

Michael Campbell      Ray MacNeil

Maureen Finlayson      Paul McNeil

Randy Getto      Gary Micholsky

Cyril McKinnon      Shirley Rockett

Marcy MacKinnon      Rodina Whitman

## **Ex-Officio Members:**

Fr. Ray Huntley

Leo Penny

Viola Penny

Mary Clare Sampson

Another year has passed and our parish continues to grow.

In representing our parishioners, all members of council attempt to grow the parish with events and programs that foster strong faith as well as develop a community of family. We hope to continue with spiritual and social events such as our Mother's Day Dinner, a Family Fall Fair, a Parish Mission along with the many other activities that bring our parishioners together to celebrate our love of Jesus and of each other.

Please always remember that this is your parish; and, as your representatives, we are always open and willing to present your ideas and assist you in any way we can. We are a parish family with a common goal, which is to Love, Praise and Honor Jesus.

Please add your voice to council so that we may work together in achieving these goals.

*Respectfully Submitted by John M. Angione  
(Pastoral Council Chair)*



# Pastoral Council Committee Reports

# Catechesis & Youth Report

## 2015

### **Present Committee Members/Catechists:**

Faith Formation Coordinator – Mary Clare Sampson  
Barbara Baker   Raymond MacNeil   Emma McLeod  
Marion Grant   Angela McKinnon   Anne Stubbart  
Parents

### **The Objective of Our Committee is:**

The ongoing Faith Formation and development of all parishioners and the provision of Sacramental Preparation.

### **Activities in 2015:**

- **First Eucharist Preparation** began with a Parents' Meeting on January 15, 2015, where material was given to the parents for the Home Component entitled "Together in Jesus". Other activities took place such as, **Learning Centers and a Bread Workshop**.
- **Breaking Open the Word** provides children with an opportunity to explore their faith and learn prayers. Lessons are provided and various activities take place. Children experience Faith Formation/Religious Education at these gatherings. We are in great need for adults/parents to assist with this, as in recent years, our program is growing. This year, we have had up to 45 in attendance.
- This year, we started a new program for **Grades 6, 7 & 8** on Thursday evenings. Although the numbers attending are small, the program is going very well and we hope to continue to build on that.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** continued into the Spring of 2015. In addition to exploring the Gospel reading of the week, children learn various lessons and receive a Children's Bulletin to take home.
- **A Pancake Supper and Burning of the Palm** for Ash Wednesday took place on April 14, 2015. Two previous dates had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Our Confirmation Candidates participated and contributed to the success of the evening.
- **Confirmation Preparation Sessions** continued into the Spring of 2015 and the candidates attended a Retreat and Learning Center.
- Confirmation Candidates participated in **Mass for Shut-Ins** on March 22, 2015.

- Confirmation Candidates participated in the **Washing of the Feet** at Holy Thursday Mass on April 2, 2015.
- The celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for Confirmation Candidates was held on April 11, 2015 in the Church.
- **The Sacrament of Confirmation** was celebrated by Bishop Brian Dunn on April 16, 2015. Bishop Dunn confirmed 32 young men and women. This was followed by a Reception in our Parish Hall.
- **First Eucharist Candidates** and their parents attended a reception, held in their honor, on April 10, 2015, in the Pastoral Centre. First Eucharist was celebrated on April 11 & 12, 2015, when 45 children came to the Table of the Lord for the first time.
- A celebration took place in conjunction with **Catechetical Sunday** on September 19, 2015. Father Ray blessed the catechists and commissioned them for the next year.
- **Registration for Confirmation Classes** for the year 2015-2016 took place on September 27, 2015. Gatherings took place on Mondays at 7:30 pm, upstairs at the Pastoral Centre with a Parents' Meeting held on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.
- **First Reconciliation Preparation** began on October 9, 2015, using the same format as First Eucharist, with a Home Component and Learning Centers. Additional sessions were held in the church.
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** was celebrated on December 5, 2015 followed by a Reception downstairs in the Pastoral Centre.
- On December 1, 2015, adults and children gathered downstairs in the Pastoral Centre, where, together as a faith community, a wonderful evening of prayer, music and song, food and celebration was shared in preparation for the **Feast of Christmas**. The Confirmation Candidates provided food, entertainment, decorating and, most importantly, hospitality to all those in attendance.

Our Faith Formation Programs would not be possible without the continued support of our **Catechists** who, so willingly, share their time and energy with the children of our parish. We appreciate their dedication and thank them sincerely. **New Catechists are always welcome**. Also, I would like to acknowledge the **Pastoral Council and the parishioners** for their ongoing support of our Faith Formation Programs. As well, I would like to thank Father Ray, Deacon Leo and Viola Penny and Gary Fancey for their continued guidance and involvement in our programs.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Clare Sampson, Coordinator*

# Liturgy Committee Report

## For 2015

### Present Committee Members:

Bryan McDonald (Chair)	Barbara Baker	Priscilla Kennedy
Trickie Madden (2 <sup>nd</sup> Chair)	Gerardette Brown	Emma McLeod
Eunice McCarthy (Sec't)	Lorette Campbell	Rod Mitchell
Fr. Ray Huntley (Pastor)	Helen Dwyer	Angela McKinnon
Leo Penny (Deacon)	Florence Fraser	Shauna Murrant
		Viola Penny

### The Objective of Our Committee is:

The objective or mission of the Liturgy Committee is to promote the full, active and conscious participation of the People of God in the praise and worship of God. To this end, we seek to create a prayerful and welcoming environment where people feel part of a community of prayer.

### Activities in 2015:

The Liturgy Committee met on nine (9) occasions in 2015.

- Each year, after every major celebration and Liturgical Season, the **Liturgy Committee** reviews the celebrations in terms of church capacity, scheduling, attendance, resources, ease of access and liturgical function. Each review helps us improve future celebrations and can be a reference for future planning. Remembering always our Mission: To be a visible sign of the Body of Christ in our welcome, witness, and celebration of all that we are as a people of God.
- The Liturgy Committee is responsible for the planning and execution of our **daily and weekly liturgies**, as well as the many funeral liturgies which take place in our parish. As well, the Committee plans for seasonal liturgies during Advent and Lent.
- A **Seder Meal** was held on March 19, 2015. The Seder is a Jewish Traditional ritual performed by a community or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt, as told in the Book of Exodus. Each year since 2009, we have held a Seder Meal as a way to connect with the heritage of our own religion, and each year, different parish groups, interested parishioners and community guests are invited to attend.

## *Liturgy Committee Report (continued)*

- During Lent (March 21-25), Father Ray Huntley, presented a **Parish Mission** based on the teaching of Pope Francis: “The Joy of the Gospel.” The Mission was very well attended and much appreciated by our parishioners.
- **Divine Mercy Sunday** – Deacon Leo Penny presided at a Celebration of Mercy in our Church on Sunday, April 12, 2015.
- On April 14, The Liturgy Committee worked in conjunction with the Faith Formation Program to put on our annual **Pancake Night**. This event was cancelled on two occasions (Feb. 17 & Mar. 3), due to inclement weather. A special thank you to the Pancake Committee and to our Confirmation Candidates, for their participation.
- 45 Children celebrated **First Eucharist** on April 26 & 27, 2015. 32 Young Adults celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on May 1, 2015. 64 Children were baptized in our Parish in 2015; 12 couples were married, and 162 people died.
- On June 21, 2015, the Parish of Saint Leonard hosted a Mass in honor of the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assassination of Scarboro Missionary and Low Point native, Father Art MacKinnon**. Our Parishioners were joined by members of the Scarboro Foreign Mission Society, as well as many family members and friends, for a very moving liturgy. This was followed by a reception in our Parish Hall, hosted by our CWL.
- The **Annual BEC Grads Ecumenical Service** was hosted by our parish on June 25, 2015, at the Pastoral Centre. A Reception followed.
- On June 28, 2015, our Parish Family joined the Penny and Gallant families and many friends as they celebrated the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Deacon Leo Penny**.
- The **Feast of Saint Leonard** was celebrated on Friday, November 6, 2015, with a special communion service.

As one can see, our Liturgy Committee is very busy and involved in the daily running of our parish. We are so blessed to have Father Ray and Deacon Leo & Viola Penny working on our behalf. It takes a lot of time and hard work to make our Parish of Saint Leonard that visible sign of the Body of Christ and all we are as a people of God.

Remembering always, the wonderful volunteers who step forward to partake in all the meetings, committees and the many ministries.

May God abundantly bless each of you and your families.

*Respectfully submitted by Bryan MacDonald (Chair)*

# Pastoral Care of the Sick Report

## For 2015

### Objective:

As Christians and followers of Jesus, we are mandated by Christ to serve one another. It is the role of all of us to care for and serve the sick, shut-in and bereaved. As a parish, this ministry is part of everyday life and certainly part of the role of pastoral agents in the parish. The ministry is supported by a committee coordinated by Deacon Leo and Viola Penny.

In addition to regular visits to the sick at home or in hospital, the **Sacrament of the Sick** is celebrated when requested. **Communion to the Sick** from Sunday Eucharist and on First Fridays is offered. Communion is served at the hospital daily.

**Funerals** are celebrated in a variety of ways as outlined by the rites of the Church. In 2015, we supported the celebration of 162 funerals and/or burials. Our **Annual Memorial Liturgy** for families who have lost a loved one during the previous year was held on Monday, **November 2, 2015**, the Feast of All Souls. Preparation for this liturgy is shared by the Pastoral Team.

Bereavement calls and visits to the sick take place at home or in hospital, as requested by families.

In May of 2015, our monthly **Grief Support Session** was discontinued, due to low numbers. This program, which is coordinated by Bereaved Families of Cape Breton, continues in Glace Bay, Sydney and Sydney Mines. Many thanks to *Eunice McCarthy*, *Sister Anne Marie McKinnon* and *Lorraine MacNeil*, who so generously facilitated this program in our parish since 2010.

Support to the **Maple Hill Manor** and the New Waterford Consolidated Hospital is ongoing. Formation of ministers visiting the sick on behalf of the parish is ongoing throughout the year.

*Respectfully submitted by Deacon Leo & Viola Penny*  
*Pastoral Assistants*

# Social Justice Report

## For 2015

### Objective:

To support and reinforce our commitment to Christian Service, issues concerning justice and peace, issues concerning our environment and care for the earth.

- Internally, the parish supports and collaborates with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. In addition to spiritual support, the parish supports this work in the provision of financial, administrative and space support.
- The Parish of Saint Leonard supports Combined Christmas Giving, a community initiative which provides assistance for families in need at Christmas. A church collection is taken up in support of the group, and members of our parish are instrumental in the execution of their annual campaign.
- Locally we also provide emergency aid, on a case by case basis, through a Christian Service initiative.
- Looking outwardly, the parish supports the work of Development and Peace, initiatives in Social Justice on a diocesan level and ongoing learning of global issues.
- Our Parish continues to support a child in the Philippines through the Chalice Organization.
- The *Friends of Nora's House* in our parish are working to support the Nora Huntley Home for the Disabled in Arthamuru, India. The home was established in 2010 to address socio-economic, political, health, education and environmental problems adversely affecting the lives of marginalized people suffering from disabilities and currently houses thirty residents.

# **Finance & Administration Committee**

## **Report For 2015**

### **Present Committee Members:**

Barry Corbett (Chair)  
Charles Campbell  
Ambrose White  
Colleen Tighe

### **Ex-Officio Members :**

Fr. Ray Huntley  
Leo Penny  
Viola Penny  
John Angione

### **The Objective of Our Committee is:**

To oversee the temporal management of the Parish and to support the Pastoral Plan.

### **Activities in 2015:**

During 2015, the Committee met several times, addressing the following issues:

- A review of the monthly income and expenditures of the Parish.
- A Review of the Annual Financial Report of the Parish
- Addressing necessary repairs and concerns required to maintain Parish Assets.
- Support of various Parish functions to enhance Parish Life.

The Committee is committed to keeping parishioners informed of all financial matters in regard to the operation of the Parish.



**Parish of Saint Leonard  
Financial Statement  
For the Period  
January 1, 2015  
to  
December 31, 2015**

# Parish of Saint Leonard Financial Report 2015

RECEIPTS		
<b>Regular Contributions</b>		
Catechesis & Youth	3,482.00	
Church Upkeep	11,880.50	
Sunday Envelopes	296,309.78	
Loose	18,241.31	
Memorial	20,805.65	
Family Service	2,357.80	<b>353,077.04</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Parish Activities	4,528.00	
Function Income-Halls	6,743.48	
Rentals	5,674.51	<b>16,945.99</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>		<b>5,779.85</b>
<b>Misc. Receipts</b>		
Advent Coin Folders	2,812.90	
Altar Bread	460.00	
Bow Tree	5,040.00	
CWL	8,000.00	
Donations	15,632.41	
Hymn Books	200.00	
KOC	2,200.00	
Mission	2,223.20	
Literature/Votive	7,495.65	
Missals	956.75	
Student Grants	6,104.40	<b>51,125.31</b>
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY</b>		<b>426,928.19</b>

DISBURSEMENTS		
<b>Administration</b>		
Bank Charges	627.80	
Gratuity	2,970.76	
Car Allowance/Travel	6,116.12	
Family Service	1,356.00	
Levy 2015	48,900.42	
Office	18,749.01	
Payroll	165,867.83	
Stipends	9,225.00	
Telephone	6,278.23	<b>260,091.17</b>
<b>Property</b>		
Heat, Light, Water	61,255.32	
Household	7,212.08	
Insurance	21,488.66	
Interest Hall Loan	5,120.16	
Repairs	14,281.08	
Snow Removal	10,749.97	
Taxes	5,899.51	<b>126,006.78</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Liturgical	17,867.15	
Professional Development	1,300.00	<b>19,167.15</b>
<b>Program Materials:</b>		
Books/Resources	694.46	
Catechesis	9,929.42	
Fund Raising -Halls	1,485.23	
Parish Fund Raisers	1,352.10	<b>13,461.21</b>
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY</b>		<b>418,726.31</b>

<b>Outside Collections</b>		
Carmel Centre	9,140.00	
Cemetery	13,755.80	
Combined Christmas	5,568.00	
Diocesan Collections	8,414.90	
Food Bank	1,268.25	
India Fund	58,899.55	
Social Justice	4,229.30	
St. Vincent de Paul	2,500.00	
<b>TOTAL OUTSIDE</b>		<b>103,775.80</b>
<b>Total Receipts*</b>		<b>530,703.99</b>
<b>Transferred from Savings/Investments</b>		<b>0</b>

<b>OUTSIDE</b>		
Carmel Centre	9,140.00	
Cemetery	13,755.80	
Combined Christmas	5,568.00	
Diocesan Collections	8,414.90	
Food Bank	1,268.25	
India Fund	58,899.55	
Social Justice	4,229.30	
St. Vincent de Paul	2,500.00	
<b>TOTAL OUTSIDE</b>		<b>103,775.80</b>
<b>Total Disbursements*</b>		<b>522,502.11</b>
<b>Hall Loan Payment</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>

<b>Summary of Receipts &amp; Disbursements for 2015</b>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>530,703.99</b>
<b>Less: Total Disbursements</b>	<b>522,502.11</b>
<b>Disbursements / Receipts</b>	<b>8,201.88</b>

<b>Summary 2015</b>			
Beginning Balance		Ending Balance	
Liabilities	-108,369.65	Liabilities	-103,369.65
Assets	41,057.02	Assets	44,258.90
Financial Pos.	-67,312.63	Financial Pos.	-59,110.75

<b>Assets 2015</b>			
Beginning Balance		Ending Balance	
Current	15,242.89	Current	12,895.93
Petty Cash	300.00	Petty Cash	300.00
HST Rec.	11,656.81	HST Rec.	9,220.80
Property Bldg	13,857.32	Property Bldg	21,842.17
<b>Total:</b>	<b>41,057.02</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>44,258.90</b>

<b>Current Financial Position</b>	
<b>Financial Position January 1, 2015</b>	<b>-67,312.63</b>
Add: Total Receipts	530,703.99
Subtotals:	463,391.36
Less: Total Expenses	-522,502.11
<b>Financial Position December 31, 2015</b>	<b>-59,110.75</b>

<b>Liabilities 2015</b>			
Beginning Balance		Ending Balance	
Prior Levies	34,927.08	Prior Levies	34,927.08
Loan 2002	33,057.24	Loan 2002	33,057.24
Loan (Hall)	40,385.33	Loan (Hall)	35,385.33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>108,369.65</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>103,369.65</b>

<b>Sunday Contributions 2014-2015</b>			
Annual Total	Avg. Per Week	2014	2015
\$0.00 - \$104	0 - \$2.00	99	117
\$105 - \$208	\$2.01 - \$4.00	80	99
\$209 - \$312	\$4.01 - \$6.00	130	142
\$313 - \$416	\$6.01 - \$8.00	39	44
\$417 - \$520	\$8.01 - \$10.00	67	81
\$521 - \$780	\$10.01 - \$15.00	81	65
\$781 - \$1040	\$15.01 - \$20.00	44	46
\$1041 - \$1300	\$20.01 - \$25.00	14	18
\$1301 - \$1560	\$25.01 - \$30.00	13	11
\$1561 - \$1820	\$30.01 - \$35.00	4	4
\$1821 - \$2080	\$35.01 - \$40.00	3	3
\$2081 - \$2500	\$40.01 - \$50.00	5	5
\$2501 - \$3100	\$50.00 - \$65.00	3	2
\$3101 - \$3300	\$66 - \$100.00	1	1
\$3301 - \$6500	\$100 - \$116.00	1	1
\$6500 - \$9200	\$116.00 - \$177.00	1	1
Total Sunday Contributors		585	640

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose Offerings 2010 – 2015</b>	
2015	\$353,077.04
2014	\$359,205.39
2013	\$351,559.54
2012	\$358,231.10
2011	\$349,103.14
2010	\$357,337.03

<b>Parish of Saint Leonard Sacramental Statistics – 2012 to 2015</b>																			
<b>Baptism</b>				<b>First Eucharist</b>				<b>Confirmation</b>				<b>Marriage</b>				<b>Death</b>			
'12	'13	'14	'15	'12	'13	'14	'15	'12	'13	'14	'15	'12	'13	'14	'15	'12	'13	'14	'15
85	69	72	64	55	55	51	46	51	36	25	33	25	17	17	12	130	127	142	162

\* Of the 64 persons baptized in 2015, 17 were children of visitors or former parishioners who no longer reside here.

\*\* Of the 12 couples married in 2015, 1 was visiting or former parishioners who no longer reside here.

\*\*\* Of the 162 people who died in 2015, 21 were former parishioners who no longer reside here.

\*\*\* Of the 162 persons who died in 2015, approx. 20 were sole envelope holders (no surviving spouse).

# Finance & Administration Sub-Committee Reports

# Mount Carmel Auditorium Report

## For 2015

### **Present Executive Members:**

Steven Corbett (Chair)	B.J. Grechuk	Basil McGillivray
Steve Peters (Secretary)	Roger Guyaux	Chris Nemis
Rob Boudreau	Timmy Head	Joey Nemis
Erin Campbell	Jason Hogan	Paul Pembroke
Lowell Cormier	Jason Kavanaugh	Jim Rankin
Karl Curtis	Doug MacKinnon	Mike Rizzato
		Mark Walzak

### **The Objective of Our Committee is:**

To oversee and facilitate the operation and maintenance of Mount Carmel Auditorium, located on Nicholson Avenue, New Waterford. We also facilitate parish functions, as requested. We report to the Parish Council, Finance Committee and Parish Priest.

### **Activities in 2015:**

The Auditorium Committee facilitated seven events in the year 2015, including 2 Rotary Club Functions, 4 weddings, and 1 fundraisers. We currently have 18 active members on our committee who do all they can to help in making sure the committee runs as smoothly as possible and to help raise funds for our Parish. We look forward to another great year with the Auditorium committee.

*Respectfully submitted by Steven Corbett (Chair)*

# **St. Leonard Parish Centre Report**

## **For 2015**

### **The Objective of Our Committee is:**

To oversee and facilitate the operation and maintenance of the Saint Leonard Parish Hall, located on Convent Street, New Waterford. We also facilitate parish functions, as requested. We report to the Parish Council, Finance Committee and Parish Priests.

### **Activities in 2015:**

Although there is no formal committee in place to look after the affairs of the hall, the building is being used on a regular basis through the cooperation of our part-time caretaker, our pastoral council and hall committees.

During 2015, our Catholic Women's League used the parish hall for their monthly meetings and functions, as well as funeral receptions. The Catholic Women's League donated a total of \$8,000.00 to the Parish to offset the expenses of the Hall.

A number of Parish Activities took place in the Parish Hall in 2015, including our Seder Meal and the Reception for our Confirmands and their families. As well, our parish, with the assistance of our Catholic Women's League, hosted a reception following the Mass to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Father Arthur MacKinnon on June 22, 2015.

The hall was rented out for a two private functions during 2015. As well, the hall was used in both the provincial and federal elections.



# **Gaul Centre Report**

## **For 2015**

### **Present Committee Members:**

Michael Campbell (Chair)

Gerald Burke	Bradley Campbell	Xie MacDonald
Paul Burke	Herbie Currie	Terry MacSween
Joe Boudreau	Lauchie Hinchey	Ray Purdy
Robert Bourque	Fred MacEachern	David Sheppard

### **The Objective of Our Committee is:**

To provide stewardship and financial support to the Parish of Saint Leonard through the management of the bar and Gaul Centre activities including weddings, dances and showers. Gaul Centre revenue is transferred to the parish general account and supports maintenance of the centre facilities.

### **Activities in 2015:**

The Gaul Centre is used extensively throughout the year for our Faith Formation programs and sponsors the Family Service Girls' Camp.

The committee served five functions over the past year (Mother's Day Dinner, Father's Day BBQ, Nora's House Auction Fundraiser, a Wedding Reception and a Jack & Jill Shower).

All receipts and disbursements associated with the running of the Gaul Centre are handled through the Parish General Account.

*Report submitted by Michael Campbell (Chair)*

# Reports of Associated Organizations

# Cemetery Society Report For 2015

## Present Society Members:

Janette MacKinnon (Chair)	Rodina Whitman (Pastoral Council Liaison)	
Wilfred Boudreau	Tom Gale	Thom McCabe
Florence Campbell	Fr. Ray Huntley	Basil McGillivray
Michael Campbell	Martin MacKinnon	Pius Stephenson
Phil Donovan	Maureen MacLean	Denise White
Rod Fraser	Naish Matlock	Pleman Woodland

## The Objective of Our Committee is:

To provide for the maintenance and upkeep of our six Parish Cemeteries and to build a monetary fund in order to provide this service well into the future.

## Activities in 2015:

- **Cemetery Maintenance** – *James McLellan* returned as our Cemetery Supervisor in 2015. He worked with three student groundskeepers for the summer months to carry out the general maintenance (ie mowing) in all cemeteries, as well as numerous repairs. They also assisted with the improvements in St. Agnes Cemetery (see below).
- **Computer Mapping** – Once again, a Federal Grant enabled us to hire a student mapper for 8 weeks to continue the work of cataloguing and photographing graves in our cemeteries. The mapping of our six cemeteries is now complete, and databases are accessible on the internet through the Parish Website ([parishofsaintleonard.com](http://parishofsaintleonard.com)). The work of maintaining and updating these databases will be an ongoing project.
- **Site Mapping** – Six kiosks were built and one is installed in each of our cemeteries, to house site maps, so that people who research grave locations on our internet databases may be able to locate these graves from a ground map at each site. The MacKinnon Family of River Ryan has asked to donate a second kiosk for St. Michael's Cemetery. This will be constructed by Students of the vocational program at Memorial Composite High School in Sydney Mines over the winter, and will be installed in the summer of 2016. We are working with a professional computer tech to come up with actual site maps and databases, which will be installed in each kiosk in the summer of 2016.
- **A Bequest** in the amount of \$10,000.00 from a faithful parishioner of the former St. Agnes Parish is enabling us to fix the cross and install benches and planters in the main entrance of **St. Agnes Cemetery**. This work was begun in the summer of 2015 and will be completed in 2016.

## *Cemetery Society Report (continued)*

- **Signage** – Two new signs were installed in Mount Carmel Cemetery in 2015, completing fulfillment of a request by our Parish Pastoral Council in 2013, that signs be installed in all cemeteries of the Parish. We are very pleased with the end result of this project and thank all those committee members who were instrumental the building and installation of the signs.
- The **Annual Cemetery Masses** took place in each of our cemeteries in July and August, 2015. All masses were well attended and seem to be very much appreciated by the families of our departed loved ones.
- **Education** – We continue to try to inform the public of the work of the Cemetery Society and exactly how burial fees are being used in the maintenance of our properties, through articles in the Cape Breton Post, New Waterford Community Press and Our Sunday Bulletin.
- **Paving at Mount Carmel Cemetery** – The issue of paving at Mount Carmel Cemetery is ongoing. Since the roadway is presently being used as a thoroughfare by large vehicles, snowplows, etc., it is feared that the level of paving we can afford will simply not hold up. We will continue to research this issue before proceeding with re-paving.

### **Financial Update:**

The New Waterford & Area Cemetery Society has a dual mandate.

- Firstly, we are striving to provide the labour and equipment needed to provide for the maintenance, repair and beautification of the six cemeteries of the Parish of Saint Leonard.
- Secondly, we are striving to build a monetary fund to provide these services well into the future, when revenue from Church Collections and Burial Fees will be reduced due to an aging population and fewer burials.

Although it is not possible to carry out all needed projects/repairs at the present time, while still maintaining a financial cushion, we have compiled a priority list, as follows:

- **Paving Repairs** are needed in Mount Carmel & St. Agnes Cemeteries.
- **Ongoing Major Levelling / Groundwork** – when possible within budgeted framework.

As always, we are grateful for the support of our local Funeral Directors, and are greatly indebted to the Parishioners of the Parish of Saint Leonard for their generous encouragement of the work of the Society through the semi-annual church collections, payment of burial fees and private donations. Thank you!

*Respectfully Submitted by Janette MacKinnon (Chair)*

<b>New Waterford &amp; Area Cemetery Society Financial Statement 2015</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>2015</b>
Church & Cemetery Mass Collections	13,270.80
Burial Fees	61,831.45
Private Donations	849.00
Insurance Claim	4,864.25
HST	1,526.69
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>82,342.19</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Operational Expenses</b>	
Grounds Maintenance & Supplies	14,365.49
Equipment Purchases	5,898.56
Equipment /Vehicle Repair	6,484.34
Equipment Insurance	852.00
Storage Building Expenses (Security, Utilities)	283.80
Insurance (Vault, Sheds)	105.00
Nova Scotia Power	562.25
<b>Total Operation Expenses</b>	<b>28,551.44</b>
<b>Major Projects / Repairs</b>	
Signage	2,567.64
Kiosks / Installation	562.88
Church Bells (St. Alphonsus, St. Agnes & St. Joseph, NV)	248.85
St. Agnes Project	4,065.30
Sound System for Cemetery Masses	267.68
<b>Total Major Projects/Repairs</b>	<b>7,712.35</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	
Student Wages	14,753.28
Caretaker & Administrative Costs	29,102.49
Receiver General	2,887.42
Workman's Compensation	231.65
Benefits	329.97
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>47,304.81</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	
HST Paid on Purchases	2,367.56
Societies Registration	31.15
Office Expense	184.36
Licenses/Permits	261.30
Honorarium	200.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>3,044.37</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>86,612.97</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>-4,270.78</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Bank Balance January 1</b>	<b>90,516.60</b>
<b>Add Deposits to December 31</b>	<b>82,342.19</b>
<b>Less Expenses to December 31</b>	<b>-86,612.97</b>
<b>Balance December 31</b>	<b>86,245.82</b>

# Catholic Women's League Report

## For 2015

### 2015 Executive Members:

<b>President</b>	Mary McKenzie
<b>Past President</b>	Anna Caverzan
<b>Secretary</b>	Marjorie Wilson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sherry Timmons
<b>Spiritual Development</b>	Maureen Finlayson
<b>Education &amp; Health</b>	Connie Boone

### The Objective of the Catholic Women's League is:

- To promote the teachings of the Catholic Church
- To unite Catholic women of Canada and enhance the role of women
- To recognize the human dignity of people everywhere
- To exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
- To protect the sanctity of human life

### Activities in 2015:

- Monthly Meetings (September to June).
- On Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2015), the CWL hosted a **Fishcakes & Beans Supper**.
- On March 16, 2015, the CWL hosted a **Reception following our Parish Mission**.
- On April 16, 2015, the CWL hosted a **Reception for our Confirmation Candidates** and their families. Bishop Dunn was in attendance.
- On June 21, 2015, the CWL hosted a **Reception following the Mass to Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Father Art MacKinnon** at the Parish Hall. Members of Father Art's Family, his brother priests and many friends and parishioners attended this celebration.
- On June 28, 2015, the CWL catered the reception to celebrate the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Deacon Leo Penny's Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate**.
- On August 18, 2015, the CWL hosted an **Anniversary Lunch for A.A.**

*Catholic Women's League Report (continued)*

- At our September Meeting, we hosted a dinner for the six members who received **50 year pins**: *Eileen Muise, Gloria Timmons, Theresa Webb, Rita McEachern, Dorothy Oliver and Kay MacKinnon*.
- St. Leonard CWL donated \$8,000.00 to the Parish in 2015, to be used for the upkeep of the Parish Hall.
- Saint Leonard CWL hosted 56 **Funeral Receptions** at the Parish Hall from January to December 2015.
- St. Leonard CWL continues to support **financial commitments** to the following: BEC Scholastic Awards Trust Fund, Maple Hill Manor, Mass for Shut-Ins, Holy Childhood (Chalice), Canadian Cancer Society, and Combined Christmas Giving.
- St. Leonard CWL continues to attend wakes and conduct **Prayer Services for Deceased Members** at the Funeral Home, and to form Honor Guards at Funeral Masses.
- Members of St. Leonard CWL visit the residents at **Maple Hill Manor** and send get well cards to C.W.L. members who are ill.
- Our CWL Members participate in **Mass for Shut-Ins**, which tapes at CTV, Sydney.

Our thanks to Father Ray, the Parish Staff and the Congregation of the Parish of Saint Leonard for the support we receive from them. We are truly grateful.

*Respectfully Submitted by Mary McKenzie (President)*

# St. Vincent de Paul Society Report

## For 2015

### Present Members:

President: Anne Marie MacPherson		Spiritual Advisor: Leo Penny	
Vice President: Elaine Parsons		Clothing Room: Brenda Corbett	
Treasurer: Eileen Roach		Purchasing: Elaine Parsons/Grant Cogswell	
Secretary: Sandra MacNeil		Furniture: Dan MacMullin	
John Aucoin	Richie King	Cathy Matlock	John Power
Pam Bailey	Linda MacDonald	Judy McLellan	Paul Prendergast
Anna Caverzan	Catherine MacKay	Diane McNeil	Jean Quigley
Brian Duguid	Mary MacKenzie	Susan Wade	Priscilla Kennedy
Tom Hines	Betty MacKinnon	Irene Obracay	Cathy Timmons
Joan Connors	Cynthia MacPherson	Viola Penny	Matthew Matlock
Andrew Jurcina	Sonny MacPherson	Leona Power	Chris Cormier
Maureen Prendergast	Tom Gale		

\*\* Two of our valuable members, Myles McNeil and Alice Aucoin, passed away in 2015 \*\*

### The Objective of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul is:

To help those less fortunate with groceries, clothing and furniture.

### Activities in 2015:

- Carmel Centre continues to provide us with a home for our Food Bank. Their generosity is heartwarming.
- Our organization is very busy. Our Food Bank is open every Tuesday and Friday from September thru June. In July and August, we are open every second Friday. Volunteers work the days before the Tuesday and Friday opening days, preparing orders.
- The Baby Lenten Project for 2015 was successful. Nine very large bags of items were given out by Diane and Linda. The monetary donations were used to buy additional diapers and special formula.
- Our annual Food Drive was held in September instead of October, the reason being so many businesses and organizations were sponsoring their own food drives for us. The family and friends of Carol Anne MacIntyre put a float in the Santa Claus Parade, collecting food along the route. Approximately 150 bags of food were collected.
- The Feed NS truck continues to deliver goods to us every second Thursday. We also receive bread and sweets from Sobeys every day through Feed NS.



## *St. Vincent De Paul Society Report (continued)*

- We were unable to attend the St. Vincent de Paul Spirituality Day this year because it fell on the same day as our food drive.
- Brenda Corbett continues to be very busy in the **Clothing Room**, as is Dan MacMullin with **furniture**. Dan collects and delivers furniture to the client.
- A number of volunteers help the residents of the **Maple Hill Manor** on Wednesday afternoons with playing Bingo. On the third Tuesday of each month, some of our members visit the residents of the **Braemor Home**, bringing lunch and having a social.

We are very grateful to the staff and parishioners of the Parish of Saint Leonard and Calvin United Church for their very generous support ... true Christian cooperation! We are also grateful to the businesses and other organizations, too numerous to mention, and to the community in general for their continued support in helping those in need.

### **Saint Leonard St. Vincent de Paul Financial Summary for 2015**

	2014	2015
<b>Revenue (donations)</b>	\$ 38,093.97	\$24,460.87
<b>Overhead Expenses</b>	\$5,966.17	\$5,324.14
<b>Groceries Purchased</b>	\$23,731.92	\$20,077.88
<b># of Orders Given Out</b>	1,678	1600
<b># of Clients</b>	311	331

*Respectfully Submitted by Anne Marie MacPherson, President*

# Carmel Centre Society Report

## For 2015

### Present Board of Directors:

Sr. Margie Gillis (Executive Director)	Joe Aucoin
Mary MacMillan (Board Chairperson)	Janette MacKinnon
Dan Willie MacKinnon (Treasurer)	Sr. Anne Marie McKinnon
Viola Penny (Secretary)	Leo Penny
Brian Duguid (Board Employee)	

### The Objective of the Society is:

To maintain and operate Carmel Centre as a gathering place which will stimulate social, cultural, economic and spiritual development opportunities for the citizens of New Waterford & Area.

### Activities in 2015:

- The Centre continues to support the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank. Without this organization, many people in this area would suffer greatly. We are proud to be of assistance to these wonderful volunteers.
- Several Rotary Club Re-Entry Programs took place at the Centre this year ... a needed service to this community.
- Aging Gracefully continues to meet and this group appreciates the time spent together on Tuesday afternoons each week.
- The Centre was used as a voting station during the Federal Election.
- Yoga and the Stop Smoking Group are still going.
- Various Groups hold meetings at the Centre.
- The Credit Union and Manor Union Meetings are held at the Centre.
- A program for young adults sponsored by the Cape Breton Partnership is in session.
- A Drug Program for High-Risk Youth (aged 12-17) is scheduled to begin this year.

We are in ongoing talks with the Provincial Health Department regarding our efforts to have a community Health Centre. Hopefully, some progress will be made in the coming year. We have been sustained through the generosity of patrons and funds from rent, as well as our 50/50 monthly draw. The Board of Directors appreciates all who make a real effort to support us. We need community support and we thank all the people who help us in so many ways.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary MacMillan (Board Chair)*

# Notes


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