

# Parish of Saint Leonard

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Our Pastoral Centre is presently located at 553 George Street, New Waterford, NS B1H 4E4.

OFFICE HOURS - MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 9:30 AM - 12 NOON & 1:30 PM TO 4:00 PM

*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.*

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Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 25, 2009

**Reading I:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (The people of Nineveh turned from their evil ways)  
**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (The present form of this world is passing away)  
**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20 (The kingdom of God has come: Repent and believe in the good news)

## We Remember... Our celebrations of Baptism and Christian Burial ...

We welcome our newly baptized parishioners ... *Drayis Jason Darling, Alyssa Rae Doyle and Karson Gregory McVarish.*

And we pray for those who have died, especially *Margaret "Maddie" Kennedy, Sarah Ann Martell and Mary Sutherland.*

## We Celebrate ...

### Our Sunday Gatherings for Eucharist

Saturday (Vigils)		Sunday	
4:00 PM	St. Michael's	8:30 AM	St. Joseph (Lingan)
5:30 PM	St. Michael's	10:00 AM	St. Michael's
		11:30 AM	St. Michael's



### Our Daily Gatherings This Week

All weekday celebrations take place at **St. Michael's Church.**

Monday	9:00 AM	Eucharist followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Rosary and Benediction
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Eucharist
	6:30 PM	Parish Spaghetti Night
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 or a school cancellation, daily mass (morning or evening) and exposition are cancelled.**

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations of baptism take place on the third Sunday of each month at St. Michael's Church. 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 ...** How quickly Andrew, Peter, James and John accept Jesus' invitation to become his followers. But their first "yes" to Jesus is only the beginning of many other challenges that they must meet. Sometimes they fail Jesus. Later, Peter even denies knowing him. But finally with the help of the Spirit, Andrew, Peter, James and John are able to make "yes" their whole way of life. You too have accepted Christ's invitation. Sometimes you have gone back on your word. But you should never give up on yourself. You are no worse than Peter, and look how well he turned out. Take him for your model, accept God's forgiveness, and renew your own commitment to Christ on this day.



#### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** What are some things that get in my way of following Christ?

**Children:** Do I spend time talking to Jesus every day?

# Parish Activities

## Youth Night – THIS SUNDAY



Our Youth Night this week will be a Gym Night on **Sunday (January 25) at 7 PM** at Mount Carmel Gym. This is the Sunday before exams, so this night can be used as a break from the books for those who think they need it. We will also have an area set up for young people to get together to study. If you don't need the break and feel you can study better at home, please stay there. Good luck on your upcoming exams!

## Exam Prayer

O God of Wisdom, I thank you for the knowledge gained and the learning experiences of this year. I come to you on this day and ask you to enlighten my mind and heart. Let your Holy Spirit be with me as I prepare for exams, guiding my studies, and giving me insight so that I can perform to the best of my ability. Please grant me the strength to handle the pressure of these final days of the term, the confidence to feel secure in my knowledge, and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective through it all. Help me to keep in mind what is truly important, even as I focus my time and energy on these exams in the immediate future. Finally, may I sense your peace in knowing that I applied myself to the challenges of this day. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Spaghetti Night THIS TUESDAY!!



Looking for a night off from cooking?? Bring your family along to this Tuesday's Spaghetti Night from **5:30 – 7:00 PM at the Gaul Centre**. Parishioners of all ages are welcome, no registration is required, and it's FREE! In addition to sharing a meal, we will also explore our faith together through a number of activities. The title of this month's gathering is "The Gospel of Mark: The Human Face of Jesus." Come join with fellow parishioners for an evening of faith, food and fun!!

## Confirmation Preparation

→ Don't forget to do your **Online Activities** (posted on the "Youth Corner" page of our website).



→ **Interviews** will begin in February. Be prepared to talk about your participation in Parish Life.

→ On **Sunday, February 8**, we will be having a **Teaching Mass** in the evening. Confirmation Candidates should be in attendance and are encouraged to bring their sponsors along. Stay tuned to next weekend's bulletin for more details.

## First Eucharist Preparation

A Parent/Caregiver Meeting and Registration was held this past Sunday for those with children in Grades 2 and up wishing to prepare for First Eucharist. If you missed that meeting and wish for your family to take part in the preparation, please visit us at the Pastoral Centre as soon as possible to register and to pick up the home component of the program.



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

To mark the closing of our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2009, a Prayer Service and Celebration will be hosted by the Parish of St. Leonard at **St. Michael's Church this Sunday -- January 25<sup>th</sup> -- at 3:00 PM**. The **homilist** will be **Rev. Duncan Roach**. Let us join together to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for one another.



## Winter Burials

Due to ground conditions, the Winter Chapel in Mount Carmel Cemetery will be used for all burials in our Parish during the winter months. Following a funeral in any of our churches, the priest, deacon or other minister can go to the Vault Chapel, where the committal prayers will be said. The actual burial of remains will take place after May 1, and can take place without a priest, deacon or other minister present.



## The Sign of Peace During Cold & Flu Season

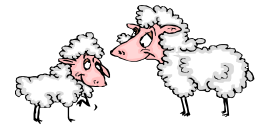
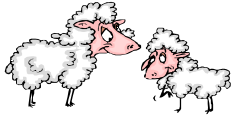


The Sign of Peace is exactly what it says ... a sign. In our culture, we have accepted shaking hands as a sign of greeting ... as a sign of peace. We know, however, that germs are also transmitted through human contact. When people have cold and flu symptoms, they prefer not to shake hands, so as not to transmit illness to another. We respect and appreciate this gesture. Also, if people are concerned about catching anything, they also may be hesitant in offering their hand, we respect their choice. There are other signs people may give. Some may bow, some may give a verbal exchange, a nod or a wave. It is important we exchange some sign of peace, for when we are at peace with one another, we are now ready and able to receive the Eucharist with open hearts and minds.

## Attention C.W.L. Members

*All CWL Members are reminded that the Annual Dues (\$13) should be submitted as soon as possible. You may place them in a plain envelope (clearly marked "CWL") and drop them in the Sunday Collection. Thanks!*

# Tending The Flock



## Supporting Ourselves as Parish

Sunday Collection for **January 18, 2009**

Envelopes (426): \$4,648.00 + Loose: \$343.46 = \$4,991.46.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

## 2009 Church Envelopes

If you are not presently using envelopes, but would like to start, simply pick up a box in the church. If you wish to support your parish through pre-authorized debit, please contact the Pastoral Centre. Thank you for your generous support through the use of your church envelopes.



## Special Collections

This weekend's special collection is designated for Catechesis and Youth. Money contributed to this collection goes toward funding the various catechetical programs offered in our parish community. This includes Breaking Open the Word, resources for the children, Spaghetti Nights, Youth Nights, special gatherings & workshops (for example the Christmas Children's Day), online & other catechetical resources, and any costs connected to our sacramental preparation programs that are not covered by registration fees. Learning and growing together in faith is central to any faith community. We very much appreciate your support on this journey.

## Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee Meeting	Saturday	January	31	9:00 AM	Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee Meeting	Thursday	February	12	7:15 PM	Gaul Centre

## St. Vincent De Paul Society



◆ 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.

◆ Good, Used Furniture Needed - Please Phone Dan MacMullin at 862-8832

## Church Parking



We ask you to respect the needs of our disabled parishioners when parking at our churches, by leaving a sufficient amount of room in front of our churches for drop-off and pickup. In order to use our parking space to its fullest potential, please try to park as close to the church as possible when you arrive. This would eliminate the problem of open spaces which cannot be reached, once the perimeter of the parking lot is filled. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated ... especially in these winter months when safety is so important!

## Calendar Project

Before her death, Sister Elana Killilea and Richard Chiasson had completed a Calendar Project featuring artwork of the residents of the Cape Breton Correctional Facility. A limited number of these calendars are still available (\$10) by calling Sr. Anne Marie at 862-6764.



## Accommodations Needed

The NET (National Evangelical) Team will be conducting retreats in the Diocese during April 2009. There are four nights over Easter when the team will not be attached to a parish and will need accommodation. These dates are April 9, 10, 11 & 12. The team consists of five males and five females. We are seeking homes to billet these individuals. If you are interested in offering hospitality to some members of the team, please phone the Emmaus Centre at 539-6188, extension 224.



## Our Email Addresses

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## Fishcakes & Beans



St. Agnes C.W.L. are sponsoring a Fishcakes & Beans Dinner on Ash Wednesday (February 25), from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Take-Out Only. \$7 / plate. For tickets, call Rita McEachern at 862-6370.

## [www.parishofsaintleonard.com](http://www.parishofsaintleonard.com)

Have you checked out our website lately??? Our parish calendar provides up-to-the minute schedules 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

- **Calling all Cursillistas -- Jan 30-Feb 1, 2009** -- This is the one and only Cursillista Retreat this year -- an opportunity to experience some uplifting, peaceful and reflective time at the Villa Madonna. The theme is "God's Love." Limited Enrolment. Registration fee \$30. Cost of weekend: Couple \$ 130 Single \$70 (including the registration fee). Contact Blair Murray 862- 9201 / 578-2595 to register, or mail applications and registration fee to Blair at 25 Clara St., River Ryan, NS, B1H 1B6
- **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus** – There will be a meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, January 25, at 2 PM** at the Moses M. Coady Room, KOC Rooms, Sydney River (next to Our Lady of Fatima Church).
- **The Year of Saint Paul** – A video series, the DeSales Catholic Adult Education Program of "*The Writings of Saint Paul*" is being offered on **Mondays -- Jan. 26 & Feb. 9 & 23** -- from 2:00-3:30 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Board Room (75 Prince Street, Sydney). Call 539-6188 X237 to register. Space is Limited.
- **Christian Culture Lecture Series at St. F.X. University** – featuring a special lecture "**Religion in a Secular Society: Does It Have a Role?**" by **Dr. Margaret Somerville**, an internationally known ethicist – **Tuesday, January 27**, at 7:30 PM in Room 1072 Physical Sciences Complex. Admission is free. A reception follows.
- **Attention Cursillistas** – The monthly Ultreya will take place on **Thursday, January 29**, at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sydney River. Cursillistas and Challengers are welcome to attend.
- **Enrich Your Marriage** – A 1-Day Workshop for Husbands and Wives, based on the Dr. Gary Chapman book *The Five Love Languages*, will be presented on **Saturday, January 31**, from 8:45 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Peter's Parish, 10 Maple St., Dartmouth. \$40/couple, includes lunch. Email [renewmarriage@gmail.com](mailto:renewmarriage@gmail.com) or call Jamie & Connie McNeill at 902-367-2061 for registration or info.
- **Support & Share Grief Support Group** – Spons. by Bereaved Families of CB. – Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (**February 10 - "The Grief Experience"**) from 7-9 PM at Holy Angels High School Cafeteria. Bereaved Families also offers 6-8 wk programs for people who have lost a spouse or partner, a child, a parent or a loved one to suicide. For more info, call 564-6795.
- **Living With Cancer Support Group** – Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (**Feb. 18**) at 7 PM at the Can. Cancer Society Office, 329 George St., Sydney. For patients, survivors and family and friends of those living with a diagnosis of cancer.
- **Marriage Preparation** – For all engaged couples.
  1. **February 20, 21 & 22** – St. Leo's Parish, Glace Bay
  2. **March 13, 14 & 15** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Sydney
  3. **March 27, 28 & 29** – Bras d'Or Hall.
  4. **June 12, 13 & 14** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, SydneyPre-Registration required (\$60/couple). Call 539-6868, Ext. 2
- **Pancake Supper – February 24, from 4-6 PM** at the Sydney Kinsmen Resource Centre, 780 Upper Prince Street, Sydney. Eat in or take out. There will also be a bake table. Tickets (\$6) can be purchased or reserved in advance by calling 539-8553, extension 224 or 232.
- **Directed Retreat – March 27-29** at the Renewal Center, Mabou. An opportunity for personal prayer and reflection, to encounter our God in a quiet and relaxed setting away from the usual cares and concerns of daily life. A prayerful atmosphere for the retreat is facilitated by members of the Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercise Apostolate (AASEA). Brochures are available at the back of the Church. For further information, contact 862-7580.
- **Weekend of Grace – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regional Catholic Woman's Conference – April 24-26, 2009** – Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, NS. An opportunity for women to share their faith in witness and prayer. [www.stacm.ca](http://www.stacm.ca). Pre-Registration only (\$135).

## A Message From Our Holy Father

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday we began the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity dedicated this year to the theme: "that they may become one in your hand" (Ezek 37:17). This scripture passage recalls God's command to Ezekiel to take two sticks, one representing Judah and the other Israel, and join them together as a symbol of the Lord's power to gather his people into one. As Christians, we read these words as an exhortation to pray and work for the full unity of Christ's disciples. As the Second Vatican Council reminds us, "there can be no ecumenism worthy of the name without a change of heart" (Unitatis Redintegratio, 7). This week offers us an opportunity to thank God for all he has done and continues to do to bring Christians closer to one another. I am personally grateful for the many opportunities I have had to meet with representatives of Churches and Ecclesial Communities, both in the Vatican and during my travels abroad. Let us pray that the various initiatives this week at the local and universal levels will encourage all who confess "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism" to listen more attentively to the Word of God, to deepen prayer, and to intensify dialogue, so as to imitate Saint Paul's example of a life completely devoted to the Lord and the unity of his Body, the Church.

Yours in Christ,

Pope Benedict XVI,  
Vatican City

