

Parish of Saint Leonard

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2008

Reading I: [Ezekiel 18:25-28](#) (Turning from Wickedness)

Reading II: [Philippians 2:1-11](#) (United in Heart)

Gospel: [Matthew 21:28-32](#) (The Two Sons)

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

We welcome our newly baptized ... Hunter Campbell, Jenna Issigaitok, Devin Lusk & Chloe Tomiczek

We celebrate our newly married couple ... Tanya Wadden & Chris MacNeil

And we pray for those who have died, especially John Michael MacNeil, Fabian Ratchford and Dan Sullivan.

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	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 in the Parish of Saint Leonard, please contact the Pastoral Centre at 862-2255. 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.

"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 ... Jesus says his true follower is the one who actually does good deeds, not the one who says "yes, I will do them," and then walks away without doing them.

Questions of the Week

Adults: In what ways have I resembled both sons in today's Gospel?

Children: What stories have helped me become a better Christian?



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!!

Youth Ministry

Youth Night: This year, we intend to place an increased emphasis on Youth Ministry. In addition to welcoming youth to our Tuesday Night Gatherings, we plan to make **Sunday evenings "Youth Night."** Youth in Grades 9 and up (including university/college aged) are invited to gather on Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Gaul Centre to hang out and chat. The first such gathering will take place on **October 19th**. Various ideas for events/activities will be discussed at that time.

Junior High: We recognize the need to connect with youth who have yet to reach Grade 9. We strongly encourage Junior High youth to take part in our Tuesday Night whole community gatherings. If anyone has a particular interest in working with this age group, either on Tuesdays or through other events/activities, please contact Marcy at 862-2255 or mackinnon.nwagp@ns.sympatico.ca

Intern: We are excited to announce that **Melissa Caume** has come forward to represent the needs of the youth of our parish. Melissa is a Grade 12 student at Breton Education Centre, who has always been very involved in our parish and community at large. Young people are encouraged to connect with Melissa if they have questions/concerns/ideas you would like to share.

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!

Firefighters Annual Memorial Service

All parishioners are invited to attend the 74th Cape Breton Firefighters Annual Memorial Service on **Sunday, September 28**, at 2 PM at St. Michael's Church. The Fire Chief, local Councillor and a Member of the Nova Scotia Legislature will be addressing the firefighters and guests. A reception will follow at the Scotchtown Fire Hall. All parishioners of St. Leonard's are welcome.



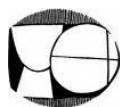
Preparation for Sacraments



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 night on **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**.

Social Justice Committee

Within the organization of our parish, we have a number of different committees that focus on specific areas of our parish life. One such committee that exists on paper, but has never formally been set up is the Social Justice Committee. This committee would encompass such things as Development & Peace initiatives, connecting with St. Vincent de Paul Society on food drives, etc., establishing a "Green Team" in our parish to address environmental issues, and so on. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, or would like to get more information about it, please connect with any member of our Pastoral Team or call the Pastoral Centre at 862-2255.

Annual Cemetery Masses

Thanks to all who came to celebrate our masses in St. Joseph's (L) and St. Alphonsus Cemeteries this past week. Our thanks to all who helped with the set-up for each of the masses, to those who served in ministries, to all who attended and to all who contributed to the collections. **Please continue to pray for all those who are buried in these holy places, and for those who work to maintain these properties on our behalf.**

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 21, 2008

Envelopes (449): \$5,343.50 + Loose: \$625.52 = \$5,969.02

Pre-Authorized Debit Contributions from June to August, 2008 (45 Contributors)			
Sunday Offerings:	\$7,088.69	Latin America:	\$120.00
For the Needy:	\$200.00	Shepherd's Trust:	\$60.00
Cemetery:	\$210.00	Church Upkeep:	\$205.00

Thank-you for your continued support!

Special Collection – Needs of the Canadian Church



Each year during the last weekend of September, a special collection is held in parishes across Canada to support the national and international pastoral work of the Bishops. This collection helps the Bishops fulfill their obligations as members of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). The Bishops of Canada thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Meetings

Finance & Administration	Tuesday	September	30	7:30	PM	Pastoral Centre Meeting Room
Liturgy Committee	Wednesday	October	8	7:00	PM	Gaul Centre

Our Parish Gathering Was a HUGE Success!!



The overwhelming support of the Parishioners of Saint Leonard, through their presence at our Parish Gathering last Sunday, was truly amazing!! The beautiful weather provided a perfect setting for a great afternoon of prayer, fun, food, music, and fellowship. Thanks to our choir, lectors, and all who participated in our Prayer Service. To the Knights of Columbus Council 3209, and our CWL Ladies ... your wonderful gifts of food, prepared and presented, were appreciated by all who attended. Thanks to the Auditorium Committee and those who donated and set up the tents. Thanks to our parish musicians who were generous enough to share their talents ... your beautiful music set the tone for a wonderful day!! It was uplifting to see so many youth of our Parish donating their time and talent ... thank you so much!! Thanks to Dan MacDonald, who videotaped the Prayer Service and Picnic activities. Thanks to Horyl's and Sobey's, for their donations of food and supplies. We thank Richard Chiasson, who donated an original watercolor painting to offset the cost of the picnic. Ticket sales on the painting realized \$319.00. The winner of the painting was Dolores MacNeil, New Victoria. To any person, group or organization that we may have failed to mention, please accept our sincere thanks. To the members of our organizing committee, we say "thank you" for a job well done!

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!



Eucharistic Workshop

St. Leonard's will host a one-hour workshop for all issues surrounding the Most Blessed Sacrament – on Thursday, October 2, at 7 PM at St. Michael's (Optional Mass at 6:30 PM). This one-hour workshop will be led by Fr. Doug and is open to anyone in the parish; especially those who may be interested in taking on a ministry for the first time in any of our parish churches. New documents surrounding our Eucharistic liturgies have come out, so it will be a great opportunity for all of us to get a refresher. For all current servers, eucharistic ministers, sacristans, those who bring communion to the sick, manor liturgy or other eucharistic ministries, we expect you to attend this refresher workshop. For parishioners at large who receive the Eucharist in a pyx for a loved one, we also encourage that you join us, too. It will be a great opportunity to reaffirm our belief and enhance our participation in this great mystery.



Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgy of the Hours is an official liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church which 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. All are invited to celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours each Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Michael's Church.

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.



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.



Diocesan & Community Events

- **Knights of Columbus** – The Regular Meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 28**, at 8 PM in the KOC Rooms. Executive will meet at 7:30 PM. A good attendance is requested.
- **KOC Ladies' Auxiliary** – The Regular Meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 28**, at 8 PM in the KOC Rooms.
- **Wellness Program for Breast Cancer Survivors** – Offering various fitness activities and complimentary therapies for successful coping and healthy lifestyle choices. The program will run two days a week for 9 weeks, **beginning Sept. 29** at the YMCA. For info, call the 562-9622 or 567-8074.
- **Step Dancing Lessons with Helen MacDonald** – at the Gardiner Mines Pensioners Hall beginning **Thursday, October 2**, for 8 weeks. 6-7 PM for 5 years and up (\$80). Call 862-6186.
- **Bottle Drive** – **Saturday, October 4**. To aid BEC students traveling to Cuba in May, 2009. If you can donate recycleables, please contact 862-2104. Students will be happy to pick up donations at your convenience.
- **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.
- **"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.
- **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.
- **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
- **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.\

Dear Parishioners,

I was so happy and proud of all of you last Sunday at our very successful Parish Gathering. I cannot thank you enough for your support, faithfulness and generous sharing of gifts and talents on that sunny and memorable day. I still have that wonderful image of the eager children swinging wildly at the colorful piñata deeply engraved in my mind as I write this message. A special thanks goes out to our Pastoral Council, Pastoral Team, Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Support Team, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, Auditorium Committee, Parish Musicians, Dan MacDonald (videographer) and the many parishioners who brought desserts and snacks and offered donations to our celebration. Thanks to all of the volunteers who set up, maintained, dismantled and cleaned up our picnic site. Thanks to all those who helped provide the various fun games for the children. Also, a sincere thanks to Richard Chiasson for creating and donating the beautiful winter scene that was won by a very fortunate parishioner. God has blessed us and continues to bless us as a faith community. Deo Gratias. Thanks be to God. Peace and prayers, *Fr. Paul*

From Your
Pastor