

Parish of Saint Leonard
New Waterford & Area
Nova Scotia



Annual Report
For 2016

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Parish of Saint Leonard
Seventh Annual Parish Meeting
April 30, 2017 ♦ 1:00 PM
Pastoral Centre

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 Saint Leonard is the result of an amalgamation of five parishes – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Saint Agnes, Saint Alphonsus, Saint Joseph (New Victoria), and Saint Michael's – and one mission – Saint Joseph (Lingan). Together, community members have combined resources and are working toward a new sense of Church.

Pastor's Message

April 30, 2017

Dear Friends:

Another year has passed, and the time is here to review the activities of last year!

It is clear from the enclosed reports, that our Parish of Saint Leonard continues to be a vibrant community of faith. The activities and ministries of our parish are a visible expression of our faith in Jesus and of our desire to build a community of compassion and hospitality.

A sincere "Thank You" to the Parish Staff, Parish Team, the Parish Pastoral Council and Committees and the Parish Organizations and all involved in our liturgies and activities. And to all who carry the mission of our parish in prayer, I extend my sincere gratitude.

Pope Francis has called for parishes to be "Islands of mercy, in a sea of indifference". Let us pray that we, the Parish Community of Saint Leonard, may indeed be an expression of God's mercy to all with whom we come in contact.

I am grateful for your faithful friendship and for your support of my ministry here.

Sincerely,

Father Ray Huntley

Pastoral Council Message

2016

Present Pastoral Council Members:

John M. Angione (Chair)
Jack Beaton Cyril McKinnon
Michael Marcy MacKinnon
Campbell Ray MacNeil
Randy Getto Paul McNeil
Mary Gillis Shirley Rockett

Ex-Officio Members:

Fr. Ray Huntley
Leo Penny
Viola Penny
Mary Clare Sampson

Pastoral Council continues to work toward building and developing our parish with a strong community identity that shows its' strong faith and true love of Jesus. Various activities are offered with the goal of bringing our family together to celebrate our faith.

During the past year, our house of worship has undergone some repairs and physical improvements with more to take place in the future.

We ask all parishioners to please offer their advice, guidance and suggestions to assist Council in better serving you. Please take the time to contact us with your words of wisdom, so that we can continue to grow our parish with a strong love of Jesus. Our goal is to live a oneness with Jesus and a strong love of each other.

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

Pastoral Council Committee Reports

Catechesis & Youth Report

For 2016

Present Committee Members/Catechists:

Faith Formation Coordinator – Mary Clare Sampson
Barbara Baker Raymond MacNeil Emma McLeod
Marion Grant Angela McKinnon Anne Stubbert
Winnie Donovan Parents, Guardians & Grandparents

The Objective of Our Committee is:

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

Activities in 2016:

- **First Eucharist Preparation** began with a Parents' Meeting on January 14, 2016, 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-Making 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 50 in attendance.
- This year, we continued our program for **Grades 6, 7 & 8** on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM. The numbers are gradually growing and the program is going very well.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** continued into the Spring of 2016. 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 March 8, 2016. Our Confirmation Candidates participated and contributed to the success of the evening.
- **Confirmation Preparation Sessions** continued into the Spring of 2016 and the candidates attended a Retreat and Learning Center.
- Confirmation Candidates participated in **Mass for Shut-Ins** on Sunday, March 6, 2016.
- Confirmation Candidates participated in the **Washing of the Feet** at Holy Thursday Mass on March 24, 2016.

- The celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for Confirmation Candidates was held on April 9, 2016 in the Church.
- **The Sacrament of Confirmation** was celebrated by Bishop Brian Dunn on April 13, 2016. Bishop Dunn confirmed 30 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 8, 2016 downstairs in the Pastoral Centre. First Eucharist was celebrated on April 9 & 10, 2016 when 34 children came to the Table of the Lord for the first time.
- A celebration took place in conjunction with **Catechetical Sunday** on September 24, 2016. Father Ray blessed the catechists and commissioned them for the next year.
- **Registration for Confirmation Classes** for the year 2016-2017 took place on September 25, 2016. Gatherings take 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 20, 2016 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 10, 2016 in the Parish Church of Saint Leonard. This was followed by a Reception for candidates and parents downstairs in the Pastoral Centre.
- In preparation for the **Feast of Christmas** an evening of prayer, music, and food was scheduled to take place on December 13, 2016 but, unfortunately, had to be cancelled due to poor weather conditions.
- 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, parishioners and the many volunteers** for their ongoing support of our Faith Formation Programs. As well, I would like to thank Father Ray, Deacon Leo & 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 2016

Present Committee Members:

Bryan McDonald (Chair)	Barbara Baker	Priscilla Kennedy
Trickie Madden (2 nd 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	Shawna 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 2016:

The Liturgy Committee met on nine (9) occasions in 2016.

- 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.
- 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.
- The Liturgy Committee assists in all aspects of the **Celebration of the Sacraments** in our parish. In 2016; 80 Children were baptized, 16 couples were married, and 167 people died. Thirty-four children received First Eucharist and 30 young people were confirmed in 2016.
- Our parish participated in **Mass for Shut-Ins** on a number of occasions in 2016 – January 8 (Parishioners), March 6 (Confirmands & Catechists), April 10 (CWL) and October 16 (CWL). Sincere thanks to all who participated in this important ministry to our sick and shut-in throughout the Atlantic Provinces. We also extend sincere appreciation to Helen Dwyer, who coordinates this ministry on behalf our parish!

- During Lent (February 25, March 3 & 10, 2016) Rose MacKinnon presented a **Lenten Learning Series on Pope Francis' encyclical letter "Laudato Si" (On Care For Our Common Home)**.
- On March 8, The Liturgy Committee worked in conjunction with the Faith Formation Program to put on our annual **Pancake Night**. This event had been cancelled Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 9), due to inclement weather. A special thank you to the Pancake Committee and to our Confirmation Candidates, for their participation.
- During Lent (March 12-16), Father Ray Huntley, presented a **Parish Mission**: "The Call To Mercy." The Mission was very well attended and much appreciated by our parishioners.
- A **Seder Meal** was held on March 17, 2016. 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.
- **Divine Mercy Sunday** – Deacon Leo Penny presided at a Celebration of Mercy in our Church on Sunday, April 3, 2016.
- On two occasions in 2016 (April 18 & August 16), Father Albert MacPherson, OMI, presided at a **Mass & Healing Service**.
- In May, 2016, 30 parishioners took part in "**33 Days to Morning Glory**" -- a program of preparation for consecration to Jesus through Mary.
- A **Directed Retreat** was held in the Parish from May 15-19, 2016. Approx. 30 parishioners took part in this retreat, which was led by local spiritual directors from AASEA.
- The **Annual BEC Grads Ecumenical Service** was held in June, 2016.
- On June 3, 2016, the Parish hosted **Celebration of Life in Honor of Brine McIsaac**, remembering our organist of over 50 years, who passed away on April 28, 2016.
- On June 7, 2016, the Parish of Saint Leonard hosted a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the **35th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of our Pastor, Father Ray Huntley**. This was followed by a reception at the Gaul Centre, hosted by our CWL.

- On June 22, 2016, the Parish of Saint Leonard hosted a mass in honor of the **51st Anniversary of the Assassination of Scarboro Missionary and Low Point native, Father Art MacKinnon.**
- During the month of July, **Cemetery Masses** were held in each of our six graveyards. These masses were very well attended and are much appreciated by the families and friends of those who are buried there.
- The **Feast of Saint Leonard** was celebrated at the weekend masses on November 5 & 6, 2016, and included a special blessing with the relic of St. Leonard.
- The **Annual Memorial Mass** for all parishioners who died during the past year was held on November 18, 2016.
- In the Fall of 2016, 65 parishioners took part in the "**33 Days to Merciful Love**" program, using the book and DVDs by Fr. Michael Gaitley, based on the spirituality of St. Theresa: her Little Way, and her Offering to Merciful Love.
- On December 3, 2016, a **Rite of Candidacy** took place in our church, when **Bryan McDonald** was formally accepted into the Permanent Diaconate Program for our Diocese. This was followed by a reception at the Parish Hall, hosted by our CWL.
- On December 7, 2016, our parish hosted church leaders from all congregations in the New Waterford Area for an **Ecumenical Healing Service**, which included a Liturgy of Healing and Blessing with Holy Oil.

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 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 2016

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.

Activities in 2016:

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 2016, we supported the celebration of 167 funerals and/or burials. Our **Annual Memorial Liturgy** for families who lost loved ones during the previous year was held on Monday, **November 18, 2016**. 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.

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 2016

Objective:

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

Activities in 2016:

- 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 2016

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 2016:

During 2016, the Committee met several times, addressing the following issues:

- A monthly 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.

Some of the major expenditures for the year included:

- New carpeting in the sanctuary
- New flooring in the foyers of the church.
- Refurbishing of the Reconciliation Room.
- New Christmas Manger display.
- Filling and levelling of the former Mount Carmel Glebe site.
- Tree removal from church property.
- New chair lift installed at the Pastoral Centre (Gaul Centre)
- Installation of commercial dishwasher at Gaul Centre.

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, 2016
to
December 31, 2016**

Parish of Saint Leonard Financial Report 2016

RECEIPTS		
Regular Contributions		
Catechesis & Youth	4,175.10	
Church Upkeep	10,945.65	
Sunday Envelopes	295,523.21	
Loose	17,529.73	
Memorial	21,408.80	
Family Service	2,745.70	352,328.19
Fundraising		
Parish Activities	3,883.59	
Function Income-Halls	8,538.14	
Rentals	1,050.00	13,471.73
Interest Income		5,988.45
Misc. Receipts		
Advent Coin Folders	2,503.25	
Altar Bread	1,003.00	
Bequest	10,000.00	
Bow Tree	5,759.00	
CWL	8,000.00	
Donations	16,021.05	
Hymn Books	240.00	
KOC	2,200.00	
Mission	1,944.00	
Literature/Votive	8,757.07	
Missals	890.00	
Student Grants	6,222.00	63,539.37
TOTAL ORDINARY		435,327.74

DISBURSEMENTS		
Administration		
Bank Charges	733.05	
Gratuity	4,010.28	
Car Allowance/Travel	6,193.97	
Family Service	1,356.00	
Levy 2016	49,901.02	
Office	20,956.52	
Payroll	174,813.27	
Stipends	10,400.00	
Telephone	6,559.57	274,923.68
Property		
Heat, Light, Water	52,239.20	
Household	7,033.10	
Insurance	20,413.99	
Repairs	14,826.99	
Snow Removal	4,273.14	
Taxes	5,549.01	104,335.43
Other		
Liturgical	21,865.31	
Professional Development	165.00	22,030.31
Program Materials:		
Books/Resources	1,039.90	
Catechesis	6,717.89	
Fund Raising -Halls	959.96	
Parish Fund Raisers	916.50	9,634.25
TOTAL ORDINARY		410,923.67

Outside Collections		
Carmel Centre	5,905.00	
Cemetery	14,163.70	
Combined Christmas	4,983.00	
Diocesan Collections	8,235.95	
Food Bank	1,731.05	
India Fund	52,464.90	
Social Justice	4,655.74	
St. Vincent de Paul	1,885.00	
TOTAL OUTSIDE		94,024.34
Total Receipts*		529,352.08
Transferred from Savings/Investments		0

Outside Collections		
Carmel Centre	5,905.00	
Cemetery	14,163.70	
Combined Christmas	4,983.00	
Diocesan Collections	8,235.95	
Food Bank	1,731.05	
India Fund	52,464.90	
Social Justice	4,655.74	
St. Vincent de Paul	1,885.00	
TOTAL OUTSIDE		94,024.34
Capital Expense		
Church Carpet & Flooring	19,225.27	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE		19,225.27
Total Disbursements		524,173.28

Summary of Receipts & Disbursements for 2016	
Total Receipts	529,352.08
Less: Total Disbursements	524,173.28
Disbursements / Receipts	5,178.80

Summary 2016

Beginning Balance		Ending Balance	
Liabilities	-103,369.65	Liabilities	-103,369.65
Assets	44,258.90	Assets	49,437.70
Financial Pos.	-59,110.75	Financial Pos.	-53,931.95

Assets 2016

Beginning Balance		Ending Balance	
Current	12,895.93	Current	3,353.00
Petty Cash	300.00	Petty Cash	300.00
HST Rec.	9,220.80	HST Rec.	9,799.03
Property Bldg	21,842.17	Property Bldg	35,985.61
Total:	44,258.90	Total:	49,437.70

Current Financial Position

Financial Position January 1, 2016	-59,110.75
Add: Total Receipts	529,352.08
Subtotals:	470,241.33
Less: Total Expenses	524,173.28
Financial Position December 31, 2016	-53,931.95

Liabilities 2016

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)	35,385.33	Loan (Hall)	35,385.33
Total:	103,369.65	Total:	103,369.65

Sunday Contributions 2015-2016

Annual Total	Avg. Per Week	2015	2016
\$0.00 - \$104	0 - \$2.00	117	113
\$105 - \$208	\$2.01 - \$4.00	99	92
\$209 - \$312	\$4.01 - \$6.00	142	135
\$313 - \$416	\$6.01 - \$8.00	44	59
\$417 - \$520	\$8.01 - \$10.00	81	79
\$521 - \$780	\$10.01 - \$15.00	65	65
\$781 - \$1040	\$15.01 - \$20.00	46	50
\$1041 - \$1300	\$20.01 - \$25.00	18	13
\$1301 - \$1560	\$25.01 - \$30.00	11	7
\$1561 - \$1820	\$30.01 - \$35.00	4	3
\$1821 - \$2080	\$35.01 - \$40.00	3	7
\$2081 - \$2500	\$40.01 - \$50.00	5	4
\$2501 - \$3100	\$50.00 - \$65.00	2	2
\$3101 - \$3300	\$66 - \$100.00	1	2
\$3301 - \$6500	\$100 - \$116.00	1	1
\$6500 - \$9200	\$116.00 - \$177.00	1	1
Total Sunday Contributors		640	633

Envelopes & Loose Offerings 2011 - 2016

2016	\$352,328.19
2015	\$353,077.04
2014	\$359,205.39
2013	\$351,559.54
2012	\$358,231.10
2011	\$349,103.14

Parish of Saint Leonard Sacramental Statistics – 2013 to 2016

Baptism				First Eucharist				Confirmation				Marriage				Death			
'13	'14	'15	'16	'13	'14	'15	'16	'13	'14	'15	'16	'13	'14	'15	'16	'13	'14	'15	'16
69	72	64	80	55	51	46	34	36	25	33	30	17	17	12	16	127	142	162	167

- * Of the 80 persons baptized in 2016, 17 were children of visitors or former parishioners who no longer reside here.
- ** Of the 16 couples married in 2016, 9 were visiting or former parishioners who no longer reside here.
- *** Of the 167 people who died in 2016, 40 were former parishioners who no longer reside here.
- **** Of the 167 persons who died in 2016, approx. 20 were sole envelope holders (no surviving spouse).

Finance & Administration Sub-Committee Reports

Mount Carmel Auditorium Report

For 2016

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 the Parish Priest.

Activities in 2016:

With the closure of Mount Carmel in June, 2016, the closure of the Auditorium was announced. A number of events were held over the summer months, with the last official function taking place on September 3, 2016.

The closing of Mount Carmel Auditorium marks the end of an era in our community. For their decades of service to the parish and the people of New Waterford & Area, we acknowledge all who, throughout the years, served on this committee. The countless hours spent in service to others is appreciated and has not gone unnoticed.

As we move forward, we pray the blessings of God upon our community and look for ways to continue to serve one another in the name of Jesus.

St. Leonard Parish Hall Report

For 2016

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 the Parish Priest.

Activities in 2016:

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 2016, 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 2016, including our Seder Meal and the Reception for our Confirmands and their families.

The hall was also rented out for a number of private functions during 2016.

Gaul Centre Report

For 2016

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 2016:

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

The committee served a number of functions over the past year, including our Mother's Day Dinner and Nora's House Auction Fundraiser.

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 2016

Present Society Members:

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

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 2016:

- **Cemetery Maintenance** – *James McLellan* returned as our Cemetery Supervisor in 2016. 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.
- **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). The work of maintaining and updating these databases is 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. 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 2017.
- **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 completed in 2016.
- The **Annual Cemetery Masses** took place in each of our cemeteries in July, 2016. All masses were well attended and seem to be very much appreciated by the families of our departed loved ones.

Cemetery Society Report (continued)

- **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.
- **Roadway at Mount Carmel Cemetery** – The roadway in Mount Carmel Cemetery has been deteriorating over the last number of years. Since the roadway is being used as a thoroughfare by large vehicles, snowplows, etc., it was decided that the level of paving we can afford will simply not hold up. In 2016, we hired a local contractor to remove the existing pavement and install compacted Class A gravel. We will continue to monitor the condition of the roadway.
- **Vandalism in our cemeteries** is an ongoing issue. As reported in the Cape Breton Post on November 14, 2016, St. Joseph’s Cemetery in New Victoria suffered major damage when a large section of the roadway and grassed area were heavily damaged, presumably by a large vehicle. James MacLellan volunteered to do some repairs in the fall, but we will still be looking at significant repairs in the spring. The damage was reported to the Cape Breton Regional Police, but we are also appealing to the public to report any signs of damage. Gating the area has been considered, but ruled out because it would limit access for visitors to the cemetery. We are also considering more lighting in the cemetery to discourage activity at night.

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)

**New Waterford & Area Cemetery Society
Financial Statement 2016**

Income	2016
Church & Cemetery Mass Collections	13,428.70
Burial Fees	63,319.00
Private Donations	735.00
HST	2,367.56
TOTAL INCOME	79,850.26
EXPENSES	
Operational Expenses	
Grounds Maintenance & Supplies	14,411.39
Equipment Purchases	6,677.57
Equipment /Vehicle Repair	4,672.50
Equipment Insurance	873.00
Storage Building Expenses (Security, Utilities)	303.60
Insurance (Vault, Sheds)	275.11
Nova Scotia Power	543.26
Total Operation Expenses	27,756.43
Major Projects / Repairs	
Repair of Roadway at Mount Carmel Cemetery	10,750.00
Kiosks / Installation	762.36
Benches Mount Carmel, Statues Refinish St. Alphonsus	1,714.63
St. Agnes Project	2,493.69
Sound System for Cemetery Masses	117.17
Total Major Projects/Repairs	15,837.85
Payroll	
Student Wages	15,760.77
Caretaker & Administrative Costs	29,559.80
Receiver General	2,391.89
Workman's Compensation	242.58
Benefits	335.28
Total Payroll	48,860.32
Miscellaneous Expenses	
HST Paid on Purchases	2,970.11
Societies Registration	31.15
Office Expense	909.84
Licenses/Permits	81.10
Honorarium	300.00
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	4,292.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	96,746.80
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	-16,896.54
SUMMARY	
Bank Balance January 1	86,245.82
Add Deposits to December 31	79,850.26
Less Expenses to December 31	-96,546.80
Balance December 31	69,349.28

Catholic Women's League Report

For 2016

2016 Executive Members:

President	Betty Bennett
President-Elect	Helen Dwyer
Past President	Mary MacKenzie
Secretary	Ann MacSween
Treasurer	Maureen Finlayson
Spiritual Development	Rodina Whitman
Education & Health	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 2016:

- The **Spiritual Theme for 2016** was The Year of Divine Mercy. Rodina Whitman focused on this theme when presenting the spiritual reflection during each meeting.
- The CWL held another successful **Fish Cakes & Beans Supper** on February 10, 2016, under the guidance of Mary MacKenzie & CWL Volunteers. This is the major fundraiser for the year and the CWL is appreciative of the community's support.
- On April 13, 2016, the CWL assisted with the reception following **Confirmation**.
- In April, 2016, CWL Members attended the **Appreciation Banquet sponsored by Maple Hill Manor**.
- CWL Members attended the **Diocesan Convention** on April 23 & 24, 2016, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. A report on the Convention was given to the membership.
- Several CWL Members attended the **Provincial CWL Convention** on June 4 & 5, 2016, hosted by Holy Redeemer Parish, Sydney.

Catholic Women's League Report (continued)

- The CWL attended **Mass for Shut-Ins** in May and again in October, 2016.
- On June 5, 2016, the Parishioners of St. Leonard's held an **Appreciation Gathering for Father Ray** after the 11:00 AM Mass at the Gaul Centre. CWL Volunteers coordinated the luncheon. The CWL appreciates Father Ray's service to our parish and to St. Leonard's CWL.
- Connie Boone coordinated the awarding of **CWL Bursaries** to six members of the BEC Graduating Class at the closing meeting in June, 2016.
- The CWL resumed their regular meetings in September, 2016. **Mary MacKenzie** was presented with a forty-five year pin for her service to the CWL. **Florence Beaton** and **Anna Currie** were also presented with 40 year pins for their service as members of the CWL.
- Connie Boone invited Lori Mortimer of the CB Regional Hospital to speak to the membership on **Palliative Care**. This presentation was given in November. Members found the presentation to be very informative.
- Connie Boone drafted a letter to the **NS Health Authority** concerning the shortage of doctors in our area. The membership supported Connie in her excellent work on this important matter. Connie received a response from Health Minister Leo Glavine and Janet Knox, which were read to the membership. Both spoke of the plan of improving the doctor shortage in Cape Breton.
- In December, the CWL held their **Annual Christmas Party** and invited those who help with the funeral receptions held at the Parish Centre. The CWL truly appreciates the help "our bakers" provide!
- Throughout the year, the CWL hosts funeral receptions, donates to organizations, keeps informed on the Diocesan, Provincial and National levels of the Catholic Women's League, and supports the Parish financially.

Respectfully Submitted by Ann MacSween (Secretary)

St. Vincent de Paul Society Report

For 2016

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	Andrew Jurcina	Tom Gale	John Power
Pam Bailey	Adeline MacDonald	Tom Hines	Leona Power
Lorette Boudreau	Linda MacDonald	Richie King	Jean Quigley
Joan Connors	Catherine MacKay	Cathy Matlock	Priscilla Kennedy
Chris Cormier	Mary MacKenzie	Judy McLellan	Cathy Timmons
Brian Duguid	Betty MacKinnon	Diane McNeil	Matthew Matlock
Leigh Ann Jefferson	Cynthia MacPherson	Irene Obracay	Susan Wade
Maureen Prendergast	Sonny MacPherson	Viola Penny	

** One of our valuable members, **Paul Prendergast**, passed away in 2016. **

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

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

Activities in 2016:

- **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 2016 was successful. Nine very large bags of items were given out by Diane and Linda. The leftover money was used to buy additional diapers and special formula.
- Our annual **Food Drive** was held in September. As usual the people of our community were very generous.
- Diane McNeil organized and had volunteers decorate a float for the 2016 Santa Claus Parade. Over 60 bags of groceries 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 again 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 clients.
- On the third Tuesday of each month, some of our members visit the residents of the **Braemor Home**, bringing lunch and having a social. The residents look forward to this event.

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 2016

	2015	2016
Revenue (donations)	\$24,460.87	\$35,879.48
Overhead Expenses	\$5,324.14	\$9,018.81
Groceries Purchased	\$20,077.88	\$23,466.45
# of Orders Given Out	1600	1631
# of Clients	331	362 Families (2900 People)

Usage Statistics for 2016

# of Times Used	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
# of Clients	92	58	34	29	22	24	21

# of Times Used	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
# of Clients	19	25	9	11	16	1	1

Respectfully Submitted by Anne Marie MacPherson, President

Carmel Centre Society Report

For 2016

Present Board of Directors:

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

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 2016:

- The Centre continues to support the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank. This is, unfortunately, an essential outlet for our community. We are glad to support these volunteers and clients.
- Several Rotary Club Re-Entry Programs took place at the Centre this year, with very good results for the participants.
- Several Cape Breton Partnership Programs also proved successful for the participants.
- Aging Gracefully enjoyed their days filled with speakers, entertainment, activities and the social aspect of the group. The card players enjoyed it also.
- An Intervention Program for High-Risk Youth (aged 12-17) is meeting at the Centre. This is very appreciated and low key, which is a great asset to the community.
- Yoga and the Stop Smoking Group are still going.
- Various Groups hold meetings at the Centre. Maple Hill Manor and Credit Union Boards are annual users.
- We have once again submitted business and architectural plans in conjunction with the medical and political people to the government. This is our third attempt, and we are hoping this will be a positive report for a New Waterford Community Health Centre. Recent articles in the newspaper suggest a collaborative practice is our only hope of recruiting new doctors.

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