

# Parish of Saint Leonard

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**The limit remains at 50 people in our church because of the need for physical distancing and the design of our church. Please phone the parish office to register for Mass.**

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**We Remember... Our celebrations of Christian Burial ...**

We pray for those who have died, especially... **Raymond MacNeil, Jimmy Tucker, Gus Connell, Anita Digerio.**



Please see our Welcome Back letter on our webpage ([www.parishofsaintleonard.com](http://www.parishofsaintleonard.com)) as well as on our Facebook page, which outlines the new rules for a Worship Safe Environment.

**Link to Webpage:** <http://parishofsaintleonard.com/our-sunday-bulletin.html>

**Facebook Link:**

[https://www.facebook.com/Leonard862/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel&eid=ARBcYiIDIUEZV8CGb78v-1iqb2Wzd8bSr\\_mH3iGoS4d-2rt4uTepypxMUpnUm7Jn9Gk5HQBIQDXWAs7Y](https://www.facebook.com/Leonard862/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel&eid=ARBcYiIDIUEZV8CGb78v-1iqb2Wzd8bSr_mH3iGoS4d-2rt4uTepypxMUpnUm7Jn9Gk5HQBIQDXWAs7Y)

## First Reading (Sirach 27.30-28.7)

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner hold on to them. The vengeful person will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbour anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward another like oneself, can one then seek pardon for one's own sins? If one who is but flesh harbours wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for that person's sins?

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading (Romans 14.7-9)

Brothers and Sisters: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

# Resources to Stay Connected

## Gospel (Matthew 18.21-35)

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.” “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” The lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. “But the same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owned him a hundred denari; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. “So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

✠ **Vision TV** – Daily Mass is broadcast **Monday to Saturday at 9:00 AM and repeated at 1 PM.**

Devotions in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on **Wednesdays at 9:30 AM.**

✠ **EWTN** – Rosary at **8:30 AM, 12:30, 4:30 & 10:30 PM**

✠ CHANNEL 262 – Rosary at 8:30-9:00 or 12:30

✠ Live Mass – 9:00 AM (Replayed at 1:00PM).

During the Covid-19 Pandemic **LIVING WITH CHRIST** (Providers of our Sunday Missal) are offering free prayer resources and downloads of the daily Mass texts. Find them here: (ctrl+click)

[www.livingwithchrist.ca](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)

Bishop’s Letter:

<http://parishofsaintleonard.com/>

Questions and Answers (Welcome Back Letter):

<http://parishofsaintleonard.com/>

### **Custom Headstones at Talbot House**

Are you looking for a headstone for your loved one resting in your local cemetery?

Talbot House in Frenchvale makes beautiful headstones for \$175

The revenue generated from these sales goes to support the healing work that Fr John Webb began, and continues at Talbot House to this day.

Simply call: (902) 794-2852 to order your gravestone marker.

# Donations

Dear Friends:

During these difficult days we continue to pray for one another asking for God's grace and peace for all. Along with all the other challenges at this time, we also need your financial support to maintain our ministry as a parish community. There are several ways to contribute to the parish:

**Diocese Website – Online Donation to Parish of Saint Leonard**

<http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/>

**Donations can also be mailed directly to the parish at:**

Pastoral Centre  
5310 Union Hwy  
River Ryan, NS, B1H 1B3

**Several people have chosen to use Direct Deposit from your bank account.**

If you are interested in signing up for this option please phone the parish office for details at (902) 862-2255.

Thank you for all you do. God's grace is present in the midst of this suffering. Our prayers for one another gives us comfort and strength.

United in prayer and love,

Father Ray Huntley  
Parish Priest



*Thank You to all those who have contributed to our Parish via the Diocesan website, to those who have signed up for automatic debit, and those who have been dropping off contributions! Your generosity is greatly appreciated during this difficult time!*



## **The 2020 Terry Fox Run/Walk for Cancer Research takes place on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Terry's marathon of Hope, but because of the on-going pandemic in our world today, this will be an on-line (virtual) fundraiser this year. Supporters can merely go to "terryfox.org" to contribute to this very important cause. However, New Waterford and area residents are also encouraged to contact long time Terry Fox Run/Walk co-ordinator Bobby Aucoin to make a donation to this year's event. Aucoin can be reached at 902-862-3998, and he will be more than happy to visit you home and collect your contribution, large or small. Call him anything, up to Sunday, September 20, 2020. Please consider joining the fight to end cancer, and keep Terry's dream alive.

## **Attention CWL Members**

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at the St. Leonard Hall on Convent Street at 7:00 PM. Please wear a mask. Social distancing will be respected. Dues for 2021 may be collected for anyone who wishes to pay at this time. The fee is \$23.00

Thank you, Marilyn Reid.

## **MASS FOR SHUT-INS**

New 'Studio' for Mass for Shut-Ins Program's 57th season begins October 18. Mass for Shut-Ins will return after Thanksgiving with a new look. Episodes will be recorded in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River on Saturdays at 11 am for broadcast the next day. This year will be the 57th season of Mass for Shut-Ins, which remains the longest running television program on CTV in Canada.

Episodes in the past were either recorded in advance or broadcast live from the CTV studio in Sydney, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the studio is no longer available. Mass for Shut-Ins Producer Fr. Patrick O'Neill is pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, and using the church for television production on Saturday mornings will work for volunteers and the broadcaster. "We will continue to work with CTV Director Darryl Reeves, who has visited the church and is confident we can produce a good quality program," Fr. Patrick said. "I read letters from across Canada and see what this Mass means to our faithful viewers." Diocesan protocols for safety during the Covid-19 pandemic will require a few changes to the on-air Mass. There will be no choir or congregational singing, no Procession of the Gifts or Eucharistic Ministers. The congregation will receive Consecrated Hosts only. What has not changed is the need for priests to celebrate Mass and groups of 15-20 people to serve as the congregation. To book a date for taping, please contact Mae Rowe, Mass for Shut-Ins coordinator, at 902- 539-6188 or toll free 1-800-656-5311 ext 222. Once the new season begins Oct. 18, Mass for Shut-Ins can be seen Sundays at 11 :30 am on CTV. Episodes will also be available after broadcast on the Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel.