

Parish of Saint Leonard



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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.

Our Sunday Gatherings

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday,
or by appointment

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jan. 13 & 14, 2024

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 - 6

Psalms 40: 1+3b, 6, 7-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1: 35 - 42

No Masses weekday Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

Supporting Ourselves as a Parish

Weekend of, Jan. 6 & 7, 2024

Sunday Envelopes (201) \$2,576.00

Loose 257.10

Total \$2,833.10

New Year \$ 430.00

Initial Offering 329.00

Catechesis & Youth 335.00

We remember.... Our celebrations of Baptisms, Matrimony and Christian Burial....

Please pray for the repose of the souls, of the people who have died this past week, **especially the family of Jessena "Zena" Saule, John Joseph Wolodka, Michael Gordon McIntosh, Jimmie Mackie & Margaret Penney** may their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed

Donations to our parish are appreciated and can be submitted in the following ways:

Contribution Envelopes:

Envelopes can be found at the entrances to the church or at the Parish Office. Please fill in name and address.

E-transfer: bookkeeper@parishofsaintleonard.com

Pre-authorized Debit: call 902-862-2255 to arrange

Mail: 5310 Union Hwy, River Ryan, N.S. B1H 1B2

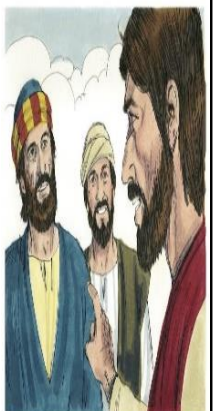
Baptismal Preparation - Parents who wish to have their child baptized are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session; to register or for more information please contact Mary Clare at 574-8800 or e-mail at maryclaresampson9590@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 12:00 this Monday in the side chapel, ending at 3:00pm with Divine Mercy chaplet., due to a funeral in the morning. It will end with the Divine Mercy chaplet at 3:00 pm. All are welcome. Stop by!

We Believe ... Today we meet John the Baptist and two of his followers, a fisherman named Andrew and a man whose name we do not know. While they are talking, Jesus walks by and John encourages Andrew and his friend to leave him and become followers of Jesus. This is the moment for which John has prepared his followers. The two friends spend several hours listening to Jesus and asking him questions. Then Andrew rushes to find his brother Simon Peter so that he too may become a follower of Jesus. It is remarkable that a poor, unlearned fisherman like Andrew is able to see what learned, religious people of his time cannot see. There are many still who cannot see Jesus for who he is, God's own Son.



Faith Formation – Please Note**

Regular Tuesday Evening gatherings will not begin until February 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm. These sessions are open to children from 4 years old to 13 years of age and candidates for First Eucharist & First Reconciliation. Registration for Sacramental Programs will be accepted until February 25, 2024.

First Eucharist is for children Grade 2 and older.

First Reconciliation is for children Grade 4 and older.

Confirmation is for young people in Grade 9 or higher and will take place on Mondays at 7:30 pm beginning February 26, 2024 as Monday the 19th is a holiday. Also, I would like to meet with the parents of the candidates on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:30 pm to discuss the upcoming year.

For more information or to register (if you haven’t already) please contact Mary Clare @902-574-8800 or email: maryclaresampson9590@gmail.com

Thank you and God Bless.

Contribution Envelopes, 2024

Contribution envelopes have been delivered. Please check your mailbox or doorways. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to begin using them you can pick up a box in the church or drop by the office.

Remember to put your name and full address on the envelope so we may receipt you at Income Tax time.

Thank you for your support.

2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A Service will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the Pastoral Centre, St. Leonard Parish, 5310 Union Highway, River Ryan. **All are Welcome to attend.**

The New Waterford & -Area Cemetery

The New Waterford & Area Cemetery Society is accepting applications for a Cemetery Supervisor. The successful candidate should be mechanically inclined having the ability to maintain and do small repairs on equipment used in our six (6) cemeteries. The position requires current WHMIS and First Aid Certification, a Valid Driver’s License and managerial and interpersonal skills as they will be in charge of three (3) cemetery labourers. Good physical condition is a requirement. The position will begin mid May and run until the end of September. This is a 30 hour a week position. You may drop your resume of at the Saint Leonard Pastoral Centre, 5310 Union Highway, River Ryan or email to: pastoralcentre@parishofsaintleonard.com

Baptism of Our Lord, Feast Day, Jan. 8

In the mystery of Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord’s incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus’ Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father’s voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him. The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation.

Memorial Fund, December 2024

Tommy, Alan & Judy	Jerry MacDonald
Deceased family	Simon White
of Pauline Tighe	Bernie White
John Mitchell	Myrtle Bisson
Donna Mason	Fraser White
Margaret Bota	Daniel MacPhee
Martin Ropek	Judy Stubbart
Jeremiah Hennessy	Aubrey MacDonald
Lylie Burchell	Raymond Burns
Stasia Sweeney	Special Intention
KaleyInn AuCoin	Lawerence MacDonald
Bernadette Campbell	Shirley LeBlanc
Michael Fraser	Stewart Cameron
Kevin J. MacDonald	Millie & James Burke
Danny Moran	Don & Kathleen Cameron
Olive McGillivray	Francis MacLean
Anna McGillivray	Russell Fraser
Evelynn McGillivray	John Campbell
Dan McGillivray	Anna Baldwin
Bernadette	Richard King
MacGillivray	Mary”Patsy” McSween
Families of Terry &	Baxter
Rod Mitchell	Lylie Burchell
Barney & Ida Ryan	Gordon McIsaac
Dolores Fraser	Cathy Thorpe
Shirley McNeil	Bernadette Campbell
Deceased Members	Arnold Deruelle
of the Ryan Family	Glen Matheson
James Alexander	John James MacLeod
MacDonald	Lynn Ann Campbell
Manning Murphy	Cecilia Gosbee
Anna Baldwin	
Edward Deruelle	

Healing Mass with Father Albert MacPherson, O.S.A. Augustinian Healing Ministries will take place Friday, January 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Our Lady of Grace Monastery, NS.

Mass for Shut-Ins 61st Season airs on **Sunday mornings on CTV channel at 11:30 am and is available for viewing on our Diocese of Antigonish You Tube Channel.**

