

# 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

Wednesday 12:10 pm

Thursday 12:10 pm

Friday 12:10 pm

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16 & 17, 2023

First Reading: Sirach: 27.30 - 28.7

Psalm: 103: 1-4, 9-12

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7 – 90

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21 - 35

### Supporting Ourselves as a Parish

Weekend of September 9 & 10, 2023

Sunday Envelopes (160) \$3,425.00

Loose 250.00

Total \$ 3,675.00

### 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 **Graham Simms, Ralph Campbell and Thomas Head**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace.

We welcome our newest Parishioner **Scarlet Anne Marie Donovan** to our church family.

**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](mailto:bookkeeper@parishofsaintleonard.com)

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

**Mail:** 5310 Union Hwy, River Ryan, N.S.

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**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](mailto:maryclaresampson9590@gmail.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

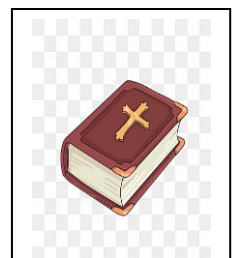


**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - Every Monday beginning at 10:00 am in The side chapel, at 3:00 pm, Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Benediction.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Pastoral Centre, Union Highway.**

### We Believe ...

How do mercy and justice go together? In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that one must forgive in order to be forgiven. If we do not forgive one another, how can we expect God to forgive us? Mercy is truly a gift and it is offered in such a way that justice is not negated. If we want mercy shown to us, we must be ready to forgive others as God has forgiven us. Jesus made it clear that there is no limit to forgiveness. He drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. No offence our neighbor can do to us can compare with our debt to God! We have been forgiven a debt which is beyond all paying; to ransom our debt of sin God gave up his only begotten Son.



**Faith Formation 23/24 (Religious Education)**

Welcome back, hope you had an awesome summer! We look forward to a new year as the children get to know Jesus, and become his friend. We will be having registration in the near future, please watch the bulletin or our Facebook page for information.

Children's Liturgy will begin the week on Saturday, September 23 at the 4:00 pm Mass and on Sunday, September 24 at the 11:00 am Mass.

We can learn a lot from our children. Young children are very receptive to prayer and learning about Jesus. We must become childlike in our faith, always trusting in the Lord and knowing that he is our protector. Those who love and care for children also love and care for the Lord. (Matthew 18: 1 – 5).

Thank you and God Bless. Mary Clare & Catechists.

**The CB Cancer Center** provides free support programs for those with a diagnosis of cancer and their support person.

The following programs are available: Monday - Get Moving (Gentle exercise); Tuesday - Yoga; Wednesday - Tai Chi; Thursday - Drama; Friday - Music Therapy; 3rd Wednesday- Living With Cancer Support Group;

These programs will be held at the Whitney Pier Seniors and Pensioners Club **For more information- times and to register, please contact the social work office at 902-567-8551 or email [cbccsocialwork@nshealth.ca](mailto:cbccsocialwork@nshealth.ca)**

***Cancelled due to the upcoming weather event-*** The Parish Picnic, Sunday Sept. 17, 2023 @ Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River, has been cancelled and may take place at a later date. Thank you.

**Food Bank** is now open on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please be advised if school is cancelled the Food Bank will not be open.

**Cape Breton Ostomy Peer Support group** will meet on Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 2pm – 4pm at the South Bar Fire Hall, South Bar The ostomy support group is for those who have an ostomy or will be having an ostomy and their support person. For more information contact Stasia at 902-562-1367

**A Student's Prayer for a New School Year** - Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen

**2023 Terry Fox Run/Walk**

**The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk**, for cancer research takes place in New Waterford on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Francis MacKinnon Memorial Park on Eighth Street, across from the Breton Education Centre. Once again, New Waterford and area residents are encouraged to step up in the fight against cancer. Participants may drop by the track, anytime between 2:00 – 4:00 pm to walk, jog, run or bike at their own leisure. They may decide to do a lap or two in memory of a loved one, lost to cancer or merely to support Terry's Marathan of Hope. People can just drop by to place their donation, as no physical activity is actually required on their part. Any donation, large or small is gladly accepted, but not necessary with all money collected going towards cancer research and hopefully an eventful end to this disease which has touched every family in Cape Breton. Washroom Facilities will be available and refreshments served. We will have Terry Fox t-shirts for sale. The Terry Fox Run/Walk will take place rain or shine on September 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact local coordinator Bobby Aucoin at 902-862-3998. If you are a regular supporter of the Terry Fox Run, thank you for your long time attendance or if you decide to make this year your time to step up and help in the fight **against cancer, thank you.**

**TEA and TALK**

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023 1:30-3:30 p.m., at Holy Redeemer Convent, 24 Neville St. Whitney Pier, just behind the Post Office. This invitation is open to **women** of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together.

