

Parish of Saint Leonard



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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 Masses****

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

****Weekday Masses****

Wednesday 12:10 pm

Thursday 12:10 pm

Friday 12:10 pm

****Sacrament of Reconciliation****

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28 & 29, 2024

First Reading: Numbers 11.25-29

Psalm: 19

Second Reading: James 5.1-6

Gospel: Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48

We welcome our newest parishioners **Connor Alexander Lahey, Brielle Marie MacDougall, Asher Edward Richards, Ryker Tate Richards** to our church family. May God bless them and keep them always in his arms.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Murrina Ryan, Sheila Durdle, Veronica Cormier**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Supporting Ourselves as a Parish

Weekend of September 21 & 22, 2024

# Envelopes	160	\$3006.00
Loose		\$ 393.25
Total		\$ 3399.25
Needs of the Canadian Church		\$345.00

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Saint Leonard Church

Takes place on Mondays beginning 10:00 am ending at 3:00 pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome to stop by!

We Believe: The second part of today's Gospel contains a strong message for those who share the responsibility of fostering faith. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith is a lifelong journey toward God. We don't always get it all or even get it right. But we pray for the grace to acknowledge and build upon even the smallest signs of faith, in ourselves and in others. There are plenty of obstacles that might prevent the growth of faith. Let us pray that we are not contributing to the obstacles that might hinder another person's faith in Jesus. As you gather as a family, observe that there are things in our lives that nurture our faith and things that can hinder it. Talk about some of the things that nurture our faith, name some of the things that might be an obstacle to faith. Observe that Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we are to do everything we can to help one another have faith in Jesus and do all that we can to avoid creating obstacles that might hinder another person's faith.

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 Marian Grant at 782-777-1253 or capermarian1954@gmail.com. **Baptisms are held on the third weekend of each month.**

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

Contribution Envelopes:

Envelopes can be found at the entrances of 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 Highway, River Ryan, NS B1H 1B2

****Faith Formation****

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.

Registration for Sacraments will be held on **September 29** between 2-4pm at the Pastoral Centre (5310 Union Highway). Please use the front door.

First Eucharist is for grade 2 and up.

First Reconciliation is for grade 4 and up.

Confirmation is for grade 9 and up.

For more information, please contact Marian Grant at 782-777-1253 or capermarian1954@gmail.com. Thank you and God Bless!



Men's Cursillo weekend October 25-27 Camp Bretondean & **Women's Cursillo weekend** November 7-10 Camp Bretondean. For more information, please contact Karen at 902-317-5425.

Choir practise on Monday September 30 at 6 pm. New members are welcome. Please contact Karen MacSween at 902-317-5425. Remember when we sing, we pray twice.

New Waterford Food Bank Society is having **Food Drive** on Saturday, October 5 between 10 am--2pm around New Waterford & Area. Please leave non-perishable food in a visible spot on your front step and call 902-862-3779 if you are missed. Your contribution can make a real impact in someone's life. Thank you for your generosity and support!

The **Men of the Deeps** will be coming to the Parish of Saint Leonard on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be obtained from Pastoral Centre, St. Leonard Church after weekend Masses and New Waterford Pharmasave.

Living with Grief Support

Tuesday mornings: 10am to 11:30am starting from October 8, October 15, October 22, October 29, November 5 & November 12. Holy Family Parish, Sydney Mines.

Bereaved Families of Cape Breton in partnership with the Diocese of Antigonish and Holy Family Parish in Sydney Mines is offering a six-week grief program to those who have lost a loved one. Each week, a grief-related topic is covered to help participants move through the grief process. Participants can attend alone or bring a support person. To register please contact Norma Blinkhorn at 902-202-2972 or Bereaved Families of Cape Breton at 902-564-6795.

Quilt Tickets Draw will take place on Monday, September 30. Get your tickets by calling Basil at 902-577-5140.

Celtic Concert

There will be a Celtic Concert at St Margaret Community Hall in Grand Mira South on Sunday September 29 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Performers will include Aaron Lewis, Kimberley Fraser and Mac Morin. Joe Gillis will be MC for the afternoon. Everyone is invited to Grand Mira to enjoy the best of Celtic music. Admission will be by donation at the door.

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event to raise awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Participants pray silently and hold non-graphic signs with messages of love and truth at hundreds of locations across North America. Join us for this year's Life Chain event in Sydney and bear witness to the sanctity of human life!

What: **Life Chain pro-life event**

When: Sunday, October 6, 2:00-3:00 PM

Where: Sidewalk in front of the Mayflower Mall (800 Grand Lake Rd)

Contact: Pat Moore, 902-322-5624

Visit: campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain

Our Pastoral Centre will be closed on Monday, September 30 for **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** and will be back on Tuesday, October 1.

The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

“We want to walk together, to pray together and to work together, so that the sufferings of the past can lead to a future of justice, healing and reconciliation.” – Pope Francis