

Welcome

No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church. No matter what your personal history, age, background, orientation, race or colour. You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved at the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18th, 2024

REFLECTION

Like so many of God's graces and blessings, which we receive from Him daily, we take them too easily as something as ordinary as the light of day. The challenge for all of us, who have the joy and privilege of receiving Communion, weekly or even daily, is to keep in our souls a sense of wonder that the Bread of Life which we eat is the same as was distributed by Our Lord to his apostles at the Last Supper. The Last Supper is going on still. Just before we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, the Church reminds us that we are happy to be called to the table of the Lord. 'Happy are those who are called to His supper,' for at this supper it is no ordinary bread. As we receive the host, Jesus Christ is saying to each one of us in particular: 'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.'
(McCullen, Deep Down Things, p. 168)

Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
August 19th - August 25th

- Monday, August 19th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, August 20th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Ethel McCarthy by Jean Cann
- Wednesday, August 21st at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Joan, David, Philip, Kim, Karen & Heidi McGuigan
by Kelly McGuigan
- Thursday, August 22nd at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Donnie Condon by Freddy & Rose Landrigan
- Friday, August 23rd at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Donnie MacDonald by Eileen MacKenzie
- Saturday, August 24th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
Janice, Eileen & Sylvia McKenna by Cathy MacPherson
- Sunday, August 25th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
Mildred, James & Jimmy McGee
by Dorothy & Ray McGee & Family
- Sunday, August 25th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit



Contact Information: Fr. Andrews' email address is fathermacdonald@hotmail.com.



Ceilidh News! Proceeds are \$506.00 and Eileen Sorrie won \$92.00 on the 50/50 Draw. Next Ceilidh - Sunday, August 25th at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Hall in Sturgeon. Biscuits, Jam & tea served. Admission by donation.



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration on Friday: Before the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's on Fridays, there will be Adoration & Confession at 8:00 AM with the Mercy Rosary beginning at 8:30 AM.
First Friday: Confessions at 6:00 PM with Mass at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship through Planned Giving: Stewardship allows us the opportunity to do good work in our community while sharing appreciation for all that God has provided to us. If you are considering a Gift to your Parish now or at estate planning time please visit us at www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.

The 3-Minute Retreat invites you to a short prayer break online. Anytime, day or night, spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection. The 3-Minute Retreat is a peaceful online prayer experience that helps the user re-connect with God and re-centre the day: www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.

Archives

WANTED: Historical materials pertaining to the diocese prior to 1975 and no longer needed by owners. Such items might include parish notes, obituaries, old letters, pictures of important parish or diocesan events, etc. Many such historical bits and pieces are often found in attics, trunks, boxes or basements and may soon be lost. Kindly contact Fr. Art O'Shea at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre at 902-368-8005 or drop off materials at 350 North River Road, Charlottetown

Have you been experiencing problems dealing with anxiety, loss, depression, separation, parenting or relationship issues? Counselling services are available through a project sponsored by **The Living Well**. If you would like to speak to a qualified social worker about these issues you can contact us through e-mail 20tlwp23@gmail.com or call 902 330-2028. All inquiries will be confidential.



Bottle Depot Refund

St. Mary's Parish has a 'Refund Account' set up at Myers Industries Bottle Exchange, 3914 Baldwins Road. You can drop off your recyclable bottles and cans and donate the proceeds to St. Mary's Parish. A great way to help our environment and our Parish. Thank You.

Fr Andrew is looking for a parishioner, with a passion for photography and the right equipment, to take pictures of the 3 parishes with a full gathering of parishioners in front of each church building. Fr Andrew would like to take the pictures this summer, and have parishioners gather, either before or after the weekend Masses, to take a picture. This was a common practice years ago and Fr Andrew would like to bring it back.



Cash Draw! Tickets are available from Nancy Matheson (969-8731) or at the Parish Office.

Dear young people, please reflect on the wonder of God's love for us just the way we are, not the way society or we say we should be, but as we are with all our faults and our limitations. Trust in God because He is our Father who loves us.

Pope Francis



The Summer Pipe Organ Concert Series continues with Ottawa baritone **Luc Lalonde** performing with organist **Leo Marchildon** in a program or art song specially arranged for the pipe organ, including Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Songs of Travel" and Gustav Holst's "Vedic Hymns". Tuesday August 20 at 7 pm in Tignish at the Church of St. Simon and St. Jude, and then again at St. Dunstan Basilica in Charlottetown on Wednesday August 21 at 1 pm. Admission by donation.



Owen Connolly
ESTATE BURSARY
www.owenconnollyestate.com



Connolly Estate Bursary Applications: Connolly Estate bursaries are open to residents of PEI who can demonstrate that they are Roman Catholic, are Irish in heritage, and have material financial need. Applicants must be full-time students enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited university. College students who are completing a joint program / degree must be enrolled in the university portion of their studies to be eligible. You must apply at www.OwenConnollyestate.com before end of day **August 31, 2024**. If, as of August 31, 2024: you are under age 22, the applicant and parent's income shall be used to assess financial need; you are over age 22, the applicant and spouse's income shall be used to assess financial need. Successful applicants will be notified on December 15, 2024.

St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
August 11th - 17th / August 18th - 24th
Phyllis Steele & Janet Whiteway
August 25th - 31st / September 1st - 7th
Willie & Lois Murphy



Ceilidh Helpers for August 25th:
Biscuits(3 doz/pp): Phyllis Steele
Susan Sorrie
Jam (2 bottles/pp): Eileen Sorrie
Kitchen: Wayne & Susan Kearney

Please Remember no Scents make Good Sense.

Come along and enjoy **A Toe Tapping Ceilidh** this Sunday August 18 at the Lower Montague Women's Institute Hall, 88 Lower Montague Road. Featuring Killick Junction with local talent Marie MacIntyre, Barry Hogan, Willie Jamieson Frank FitzPatrick, Lisa Holland, Harold Green and others. Doors open at 6pm with a 6:30 pm start. 50/50, Biscuits and Jam, Admission by Donation for the Hall Renovation Project.

Low Gluten Hosts are available. Please indicate "Celiac" when you come for Communion.

Ecumenical Celtic Summer Worship Services



Wednesdays in August
Montague Waterfront Gazebo
12:15-12:30
Everyone welcome
For more information contact
Hillcrest United Church at 838-2698



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Pre-authorized Debit or e-transfer: Convenient and easy ways to support your Parish Church is with Pre-authorized Debit (contact the office for info) or e-transfer.



St. Mary's: stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com
St. Paul's: etransferstpauls@gmail.com
St. Michael's: etransferstmichaels@gmail.com

Offerings

Sunday, August 11th, 2024

St. Mary's: \$ 1238.00
St. Michael's: \$ 460.00
St. Paul's: \$ 749.00



Readings for Sunday, August 25th

First Reading: Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Second Reading: Ephesians 4.32-5, 1-2, 21-32
Gospel: John 6.53, 60-69