

*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.

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 25th, 2024**

**REFLECTION**

*Life is made up of many choices, big and small. Human, spiritual and religious choices.*

*Peter had this sort of choice today. Would he go after Jesus or leave like others did. He stayed and he would have many more attempts at that choice. Why did he stay? Our choices come from something within us. We need Christ within us if we are to follow him.*

*Peter had enough of love for Jesus inside him to make this choice, it might not always be easy and he would give in later but come back. His choice eventually would be to answer Jesus' question - do you love me?*

*The choice for Jesus is the choice for love. In all sorts of ways. For those near at hand. If you choose Jesus then the hunger of the world as well as the tears of a baby affects you. What we do in love for others comes from the deepest part of life. We need to fill our lives with Christ to be able to share this love in big and small ways.*



**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions**  
**August 26th - September 1st**

- Saturday, August 31st at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**  
*Deceased Members of the Crowley, McTague & McGarry Families by Catherine Crowley*
- Sunday, September 1st at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**  
*Katherine, Rudy & Buddy Lanigan by Family*
- Sunday, September 1st at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**  
*For the People of the Pastoral Unit*

*I will be away for the next week. Please call the Parish Office in the event of an emergency.*  
*Fr. Andrew*



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



*at St. Paul's in Sturgeon*  
*August 25th at 6:30 PM*  
*in the Parish Hall.*

*Biscuits, jam and tea/coffee served*  
*Admission by Donation*  
*50/50 Draw*

**Ticket Sale Update:** There are approximately 30 unsold tickets for our upcoming Draw on September 8th. It would be of great benefit to the Parish if all tickets could be sold. If you can help out in anyway whatsoever by selling a ticket or two it would be appreciated. Thanks for your consideration.



**CLERGY**  
ASSIGNMENTS

**ADDITIONAL CLERGY APPOINTMENTS FOR 2024**  
**EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 20, 2024**

- Rev. Mahendran (Mahesh) Rathinasamy, SAC is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Paul's parish (Summerside) and St. John the Baptist parish (Miscouche).
- Rev. Krzysztof Stanula, CSMA is appointed as part-time Associate Pastor of St. Pius X and part-time hospital chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
- Mr. Sam Vail will begin his seminarian internship at St. Augustine's parish (Rustico), St. Anne's parish (Hope River) and Stella Maris parish (North Rustico) under the pastoral supervision of Fr. Albin Arsenault.

**The Summer Pipe Organ Concert Series continues:** Oklahoma organist **Devon Turner** is a specialist in early organ music and visits PEI to perform on the beautiful tracker organ at the Church of St. Simon and St. Jude in Tignish on Tuesday August 27 at 7 pm, and then on the magnificent Casavant pipe organ at St. Dunstan's Basilica in Charlottetown on Wednesday August 28 at 1 pm. Program includes music by Henry Purcell and César Franck. Admission by donation.

**St. Mary's (Hunter River) Cemetery Sunday:** There will be a service of prayer and song at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hunter River on Sunday, September 8 at 1pm. All are welcome. Please pass this invitation along to anyone you know who may have friends or family members in the cemetery or former parishioners of St Mary's of the People.

**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.

*The Lord made us for the joy of Heaven. Our life is not a meaningless journey, but a project of love. Life is a pilgrimage that leads us, day by day, to the encounter with Him and to the endless joy that He has prepared for us.*

*Pope Francis*



**Please Remember no Scents make Good Sense.**

**Metal roof replacement tender:** St. Pius X Parish is inviting tenders from qualified contractors for Roof replacement in metal for the Church, Office and Rectory. Tender specifications are available at the Parish Office during Office hours or via email at: [admin@stpiusxpei.com](mailto:admin@stpiusxpei.com) Tenders are due no later than 2:00 pm on September 10, 2024.



*Owen Connolly*  
ESTATE BURSARY  
[www.owenconnollyestate.com](http://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](http://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

**St. Paul's Notice Board**

**Church Cleaners:**  
**August 25th - 31st / September 1st - 7th**  
Willie & Lois Murphy  
**September 8th - 14th / September 15th - 21st**  
Lawrence & Mary Steele



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

**Parish Picture at St Paul's** will be taken at St. Paul's on September 1st. Please join in this former tradition following Mass on September 1st.



**Community Luncheon** at Hillcrest United Church the last Thursday of each month from 11:30-1:00. Everyone is welcome to join us for this free community meal. Come for a meal. Stay for a game and/or some friendly conversation.



**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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**Offerings**  
*Sunday, August 18th, 2024*

**St. Mary's:** \$ 1743.00  
**St. Michael's:** \$ 353.00  
**St. Paul's:** \$ 705.00



**Readings for Sunday, September 1st**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8  
**Second Reading:** James 1.17-18, 21-22, 27  
**Gospel:** Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23