

*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.

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 18th, 2024**

**REFLECTION**

*The challenge that is put to us not just this week but every time we gather is to believe the good news. We are not being told to perform heroic deeds of self-sacrifice or to overcome and master our sinfulness; no, we are being challenged to really hear and believe that through baptism we have become children of God and that God says to each of us: 'You are my beloved.' It is hard to really accept this and there are many voices that try to convince us that it is not the truth. So Lent is a wonderful opportunity to rediscover our worth and the wonder of coming to life in Christ. The readings today challenge us not to focus on storm clouds but to see in the rainbow the beautiful faithfulness of God. Let that be the focus of all we undertake during this season of repentance.*

*Sean Goan*

**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions**  
**February 19th - February 25th**

- Monday, February 19th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, February 20th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**  
*Miney Sanderson by Anne Hibbert*
- Wednesday, February 21st at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's.**  
*Mary & Austin Donahoe & Deceased Family*  
*by Brenda & Francis Brothers*
- Thursday, February 22nd - No Mass**
- Friday, February 23rd - No Mass**
- Saturday, February 24th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**  
*For the People of the Pastoral Unit*
- Sunday, February 25th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**  
*Margaret & Alfred Condon & Robert Dunn*  
*by Verna & Family*
- Sunday, February 25th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**  
*Paul & David McGuigan by Family*

**Clergy Days:** The priests of the Diocese will be attending Clergy Days on February 22nd & 23rd. Kindly remember us in your prayers.  
*Fr. Andrew*

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



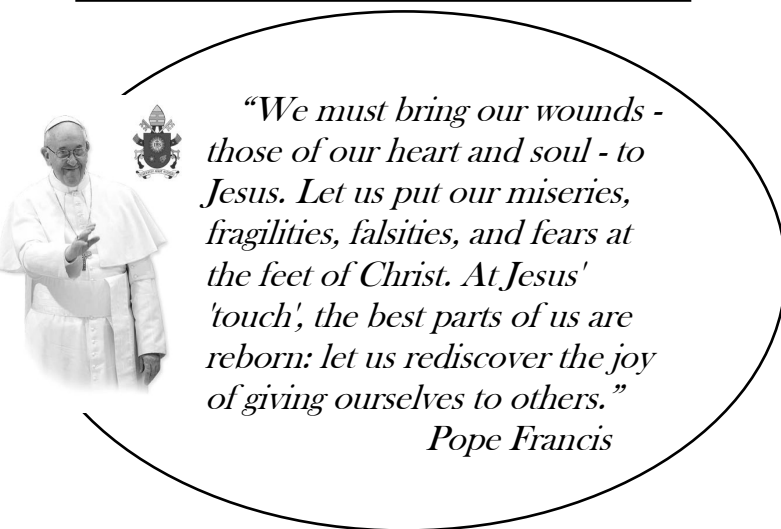
**Stations of the Cross** will be held Friday evenings at 6:30 PM. This Friday, February 23rd, the Stations will be led by Tony and Bea Molloy.



**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week:** New Pilgrim Path offers a host of online resources to provide spiritual sustenance throughout the Lenten journey. These include online retreats, guided meditations, reflections, poetry and music appropriate to this holy season.  
[www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)



**Stebenville Atlantic is coming!** Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Stebenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at Dalhousie University, July 5-7. This year's theme is **illuminate (Jn 1:5)**! Registration is open for youth in grades 9-12. The cost \$250. For more information visit <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/stebenville-atlantic/>



*"We must bring our wounds - those of our heart and soul - to Jesus. Let us put our miseries, fragilities, falsities, and fears at the feet of Christ. At Jesus' 'touch', the best parts of us are reborn: let us rediscover the joy of giving ourselves to others."*  
*Pope Francis*

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



**Planning a Marriage?:** For those who may be planning a wedding at one of our Churches in the future, please contact the Parish Office before setting a date and time. Thank you.

Dr. Joan Campbell, CSM is offering a **Lenten Scripture Series** on Zoom entitled "**Living Discipleship**." The four sessions include: the Call, the Values, the Mission, and the Destiny of Disciples. Zoom sessions are from 6:30 to 7:45 pm on Wednesday February 21 & 28 and then on March 20 & 27. Suggested Fee \$25. To register contact Sister Joan at [drjoancsm@gmail.com](mailto:drjoancsm@gmail.com).

**Development and Peace**  
**Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity**  
Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. Our transformative work is possible thanks to the generosity and support of our members and Canadians who stand by us. Join the movement of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community.



Live your best life in love with your spouse! Unlock the power of your relationship with new ways to do the "I Do" by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. It will be held in PEI at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre, on **April 26-28th 2024**. We need a minimum of 10 couples for this weekend to go ahead. Please consider applying early! For more information and to receive an application form, call 902-626-8875 or email [noonans@eastlink.ca](mailto:noonans@eastlink.ca)



**Upcoming Cursillo weekends** will be held April 4-7 for men and April 11-14 for women at Our Lady of Hope Center in Stanley Bridge. The cost is \$150 per person and the application can be found on our PEI Cursillo website under "downloads" <https://peicursillo.com> or email [peicursillo@gmail.com](mailto:peicursillo@gmail.com) for application.



**Christian Meditation**, the prayer of the heart, opens us to the presence of God in the silence and stillness of the present moment. Sessions will be held on Zoom on Tuesdays to April 30 from 7-8 pm. No fee. To register, contact [karenyogapei@gmail.com](mailto:karenyogapei@gmail.com).

**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



For all the latest information, cancellations, news & updates, please check out the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit Facebook page or our webpage at <https://bishoppmaceachern.ca>

**St. Paul's Notice Board**

**Church Cleaners:**  
**February 18th - 24th/February 25th - March 2nd**  
Betty Condon & Nora Gormley  
**March 3rd - 9th/March 10th - 16th**  
Freddy & Rose Landrigan

**St. Mary's Notice Board**

**Thanks so much!** Thanks to everyone who helped in any way whatsoever to make our Annual Shrove Tuesday a wonderful success! We appreciate your support and your presence. Net proceeds are \$545.00.

**Getting married?** There will be a *Heart-of-the-Matter* marriage preparation course offered on Friday evening and all day Saturday, **March 1st and 2nd**, for anyone who is planning to get married. A marriage preparation course is a requirement for marriage. If interested, please contact Pat Wiedemer at [patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com)



**Al-Anon** meets at St. Mary's Parish every Tuesday at 7:00 PM. (Lower entrance)



A safe space to explore faith & spirituality with women of all ages & walks of life. Childcare provided for ages 6 and under Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Hosted at Montague Christian Church. 513 Main St., Montague. Questions? Contact Linda Geurms at [940-7371/lindaperic11@gmail.com](mailto:940-7371/lindaperic11@gmail.com)



**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](mailto:stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com) St. Paul's: [etransferstpauls@gmail.com](mailto:etransferstpauls@gmail.com) St. Michael's: [etransferstmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:etransferstmichaels@gmail.com)



<b>Offerings</b>	
<i>Sunday, February 11th, 2024</i>	
<b>St. Mary's:</b>	<b>\$1339.00</b>
<b>St. Michael's:</b>	<b>\$ 480.00</b>
<b>St. Paul's:</b>	<b>\$1050.00</b>



**Readings for Sunday, February 25th**  
**First Reading:** Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8.31b-35, 37  
**Gospel:** Mark 9.2-10