

*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.

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 28th, 2024**

**REFLECTION**

*There are people whose minds are torn, whose emotions are falling apart. There are people who have felt distress and loneliness and the terrors of war and fear for their children and fears for their future.*

*What Mark is saying is: When Jesus comes, it is God Himself. And he brings with him the peace of God, the love of God, the forgiveness of God, the caring of God, the power of God, the strength of God. This is what Jesus gives, and he comes not to give it with his hands, but to become one with us. One in spirit. One with him as he is one with us today.*

*And we know that no matter what happens to us, what kind of circumstances we find ourselves, we know that God is with us to heal us, to fill us with new courage, new strength, and, most of all, the way of his life, the way of love.*

*Fr. Hanly*

**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions  
January 29th - February 4th**

**Monday, January 29th - No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 30th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**

*Eugene Francis Bradley by Nora McCarthy-Joyce*

**Wednesday, January 31st at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's.**

*Austin & Mary Donahoe & Deceased Family*

*by Paul & Sandra Brothers*

**Thursday, February 1st at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**

*Wille Chaisson by Jerome Chaisson*

**Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM - St. Mary's**

*No Specific Intention*

**Saturday, February 3rd at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**

*Tommy & Gertie Murphy, Tommy Jr. Murphy & Peter Smith*

*by Family*

**Sunday, February 4th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**

*Newman Steele by Debby, Howie, Lindsay & Families*

**Sunday, February 4th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**

*For the People of the Pastoral Unit*



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



**FIRST FRIDAY**

**First Friday Adoration**  
February 2nd, 2024  
Confession at 6 PM  
Benediction, then Mass at 7 PM  
at St. Mary's in Montague.



Nate Shaw, a grade 12 student from Montague Regional High School, will be speaking before the Masses on February 10 & 11 in our pastoral unit. He belongs to St. George's Parish, and he will be leaving next summer to serve with NET Canada. NET is a Catholic missionary group, made up of young adults who travel across the country bringing the good news of Christ and His Church to thousands of Canadian youth. Nate will be making an appeal to our parishioners, asking for support in his mission. Please keep Nate in your prayers as he prepares for his year of mission!

**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.



**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/>



*Let us pray together for Christian unity. May we never tire of invoking the Lord for peace in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and in many other parts of the world. It is always the weakest who suffer when peace is lacking.*  
**Pope Francis**

**The PEI Catholic Girls Bursary** is available to PEI Catholic Girls and Women attending College or University Institutions. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2023. Application forms are available at the Parish Office or on the Diocese of Charlottetown website.



**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.



**Pancake Supper Notice:** We are looking for volunteers to assist with our Shove Tuesday Pancake supper on February 13, 4:30-6:30 p.m. We need help in the kitchen, servers and cleanup. If able to volunteer contact Nancy Matheson at 902-969-8731 or the Parish Office 902-838-2253.

Join the **"Embrace Discovery"** online Pre-Lenten Retreat for men on Wednesday February 7, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hosted by Dr. Wayne Short, the retreat will explore self-care through active listening, silent reflection, and sharing. Suggested fee \$20.00, For registration contact Sister Joan at [drjoancsm@gmail.com](mailto:drjoancsm@gmail.com). For other queries and the retreat guide, contact Wayne at [mcast709@gmail.com](mailto:mcast709@gmail.com)

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).



**DIocese OF CHARLOTTETOWN  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP  
POSITION TITLE**

Executive Assistant to the Bishop.  
**PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:** The purpose of the position is to maintain effective and efficient operation of the Bishop's office by providing senior level administrative support.  
**SUMMARY OF DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:** On behalf of the Bishop, draft letters and messages for his signature for circulation within the diocese. / Provide administrative support to the Bishop, including emails, phone messages, and mail; oversee the Bishop's calendar and schedule meetings; make travel arrangements. / Prepare letters, cards, and responses for the Bishop's signature and/or approval. / Attend meetings of Councils and Committees as required by the Bishop and take notes. / Coordinate monthly staff meetings. Become familiar with diocesan policies. / Assist in the development of brochures, pastoral letters, special bulletin inserts and business cards. / Maintain accurate records and files for the Bishop. / Other administrative and communications related duties as assigned.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Must have completed Grade 12 supplemented by a diploma from a recognized Office Studies Program. Considerable knowledge and skills in Word Processing and computer applications is required. Must have considerable experience in a professional administrative environment. Must have considerable knowledge of the Catholic faith and Roman Catholic Diocesan structures.  
**COMPENSATION:** The position will pay approximately \$40,000 per year plus benefits. Deadline for applications: February 7, 2024.

**St. Paul's Notice Board**

**Church Cleaners:**  
**January 21st-27th/January 28th-February 3rd**  
Gerard & Mavis Landrigan  
**February 4th - 10th/February 11th - 17th**  
Stella Creed & Winnie McGuigan

**St. Mary's Notice Board**

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** The schedules for 2024 are available at the front entrance. Please pick up a copy of your schedule.

**Gift Bearers:** If you, your family, or you and your friends would like to participate in this meaningful part of Mass, please call or email the Parish Office. If you could partner up with someone else, it would be arranged.



A thoughtful way to remember loved ones is to purchase a leaf on the **Tree of Life** that is in the Parish Centre at St. Mary's. For a suggested donation of \$100.00, you can have their name engraved on a leaf for the tree. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Please remember, no scents make good sense!



**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



**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)



**Offerings**  
**Sunday, January 21st, 2024**

St. Mary's:	\$ 988.00
St. Michael's:	\$ 227.00
St. Paul's:	\$ 783.00

*thank you*



**Readings for Sunday, February 4th**  
**First Reading:** Job 7.1-4, 6-7  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23  
**Gospel:** Mark 1.29-39