

Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit

13th Sunday Ordinary Time

30 June 2024

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St Michael's	June 23 Saturday	\$472
St Paul's	June 23 Sunday	\$798
	June 23 Building Fund	\$10
St Mary's	June 23 Sunday	\$1233
	June 23 Ticket Sales	\$500

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK OF July 1 – July 14
Mon July 1: Wedding Randy Aquila & Sheryl Banaag
Sat July 6th: 4 PM at St Michael's: Paula Murray and Mark Murray by Mel & Boys
Sun July 7th: 9 AM at St Paul's: JR. Condon by Kaye & Family
Sun July 7th: 11 AM at St Mary's: For the People
Sat July 13th: 4 PM at St Michael's: For the People
Sun July 14th: 9 AM at St Paul's: Harold and Reta Jamieson By Family
Sun July 14th: 11 AM at St Mary's: Joe and Jamie Lannigan By Shirley and Family

AUTOMATIC DEBIT AND E-TRANSFER: These are easy ways to financially support your parish. Contact Terry at the parish office for information or e-transfer:
St Mary's: stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com
St Paul's: etransferstpauls@gmail.com
St Michael's: etransferstmichaels@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: No office hours this week

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, July 7th

1st Reading: Ez. 2:3-5
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

UNIT NEWS

St Mary's Ice Cream Social June 30th after Mass.

All are invited to attend **The Sturgeon Ceilidh** at St Paul's Hall, Rt 17a, Sturgeon, PEI on June 30th at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6pm. This Ceilidh, in its 29th year, is dedicated to the memory of our Friend and Ceilidh Organizer, Stirling Whiteway, who at 88 yrs, recently passed away. We hope you will all come and celebrate his invaluable contribution in carrying on the Ceilidh tradition. to St Pauls & St Marys Parishes and the Community at large.

*Admission by Donation

Weekend Mass Coverage: Father Martin Carter is covering my weekend Masses for the July 6/7, and July 13/14. Thank you Father Martin for your generosity in coming to our Unit to offer Mass.

Funeral Coverage: Father Kishore of Georgetown, Cardigan, St George's and Little Pond is covering all Funerals while Fr Andrew is away from July 1-19th. When Fr Kishore is away in August Father Andrew will be covering his funerals.

Father Kishore daily Mass schedule: Wednesday at St Georges at 6:30 PM. Thursday at Cardigan at 9:30 AM. Friday at Georgetown at 9:00 AM.

St Mary's Roof Replacement: We are still fundraising to replace the Office Roof. Currently there is Green House plastic tarp covering the roof to try and keep water from coming into the building. Upon inspection of our roofing system, we realize that all of the roofs on the church building will need to be replaced in the next few years. Also the shingles on the Rectory roof, and the maintenance garage are beginning to curl which means that these roofs will also need to be replaced in the next few years.

St Mary's Elimination Draw: Tickets are available through Nancy Matheson or the Parish office at \$100 per ticket. 1st Prize is \$4000. 18 Prizes of \$100. 1 Prize of \$500. Early bird prize of \$100 on July 28th. Draw date: September 8th at 7 PM at St Mary's Parish Centre.

St Mary's FundScrip Program Fundraiser: We all need to buy groceries, and fuel. Why not purchase gift

cards for these essential items that will give money back to the parish? Speak with Nancy Matheson at the eastern entrance to find out more information.

Adoration and Confession: Each Friday at 8 AM until just before 9 AM Mass. First Friday at 6 PM with Mass at 7 PM. If a Funeral happens on Friday, then there will be no daily Mass or Adoration offered. If Father Andrew is on vacation, then there will be no daily Mass or Adoration offered.

Parish Cemeteries: Taking care of our cemeteries requires a great deal of time and effort. Cutting grass alone can cost parishes between \$6000 to \$10,000 per year. Please keep our parish cemeteries in mind when considering your donations to the parish, Obituary's, and Bequests in your Will.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS.

Diocesan meetings: This past week Bishop Joseph, Clergy, and representatives from each parish meet at Holy Redeemer Parish to listen to talks on the current state of our Diocese. We also listened to talks from two laymen from the Diocese of London Ontario on the process of reform within their Diocese. One slide that we looked at is data from the Federal Census here on PEI. In 1991 there was 60,591 Catholics and 4,868 Nones (People who don't practice any religion). In 2011 there was 58,895 Catholics and 19,820 Nones. In 2021 there was 51,790 Catholics and 42,830 Nones. What does this data show? It shows us that the numbers of Catholics is decreasing in PEI, and the numbers of Nones is dramatically increasing in PEI. We all know family members, neighbours, or friends who no longer practice the Catholic Faith. This means that PEI has become a missionary field. Although we are an established Church, we need to reform all aspects of our parish lives to refocus on becoming missionary disciples.

Our internal Diocese data indicate that we have seen a dramatic decline in Baptisms, Confirmations, and Marriages while we have a steady amount of Funerals. Yet hope is not lost. This only means that we, as the People of God, need to rediscover the missionary option! The early Church spread rapidly due to the missionary option. The Church in Africa and Asia is growing rapidly due to the missionary option. We on PEI need to rediscover the missionary option. Yes, we are disciples of Our Lord, but we must also go deeper to become the Missionary Disciples that we are called to be.

PILGRIMAGE: in the Footsteps of Saint Paul: Journey to Greece and Turkey next Spring, into the areas where St. Paul preached in the early days of the Church, the areas we read about in Acts of the Apostles, and into the places to which his letters were addressed. Take this pilgrimage with Fr. Andrew Handrahan, April 29th-May 9th,2025. For information, contact Chelsey at CAA Charlottetown (902-892-1612), email Father Andrew at father@handrahan.net,

St. André Bessette Relics Coming to PEI: From Saturday July 6th to Friday July 12th, major relics of St. André Bessette will be brought to 7 Churches in our Diocese. At each Church there will be Mass, devotions and a talk by Fr. Jomon Kalladanthiyil C.S.C Ph. D , who is a member of The Holy Cross Fathers from the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal. This is a golden opportunity during this "Year of Prayer" "in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025, to gather with friends, families and neighbours and reflect on how God can do great things through people who have faith in Him. Below are the dates and starting times for each parish. For more detailed information please check out the Diocese of Charlottetown website at dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Saturday July 6th - St. Dunstan's Basilica, Charlottetown at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday July 7th - St. Dunstan's, 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Monday July 8th - St. Mary's, Souris at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday July 9th - St. Augustine's, South Rustico, 6 p.m.

Wednesday July 10th - St. Paul's, Summerside, 6 p.m.

*Bishop Joseph will be the celebrant for this Mass.

Thursday July 11th - St. Philippe et St. Jacques, Egmont Bay, 10:00 a.m

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Friday July 12th - St. Simon and St. Jude, Tignish, 6 p.m.

Heart-of-the-Matter Marriage Preparation course will be offered on July 5&6 (Friday evening – all day Saturday) at St Francis of Assisi Church in Cornwall. If you are planning to get marriage this fall, this is the best time to meet this requirement. Please contact Pat at patri-cia.wiedemer@outlook.com for more information or text/call 902-393-6047. Registration is required in advance.

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.