



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.

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13th, 2024**

REFLECTION

In reply to the man's profession that he has kept the commandments, Jesus lovingly says to him, "You are lacking in one thing." This suggests that, flowing from an undivided heart, dispossessing oneself and following Jesus are one and the same thing.

Does our culture today value the dignity of each person and the treasure that each person is? In any community the best gift of God to the community is its people, like in a school or any institution which gathers people together. The rush of life and a general self-centredness can take the focus off the essential in communities and in people. The gospel today asks us to look in the right place for our true wealth and riches - in our giving of time and self to others in the sort of relationships of love which value the worth and dignity of all.

"Let your face shine on us O Lord"



**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
October 14th - October 20th**

- Friday, October 18th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's
Jimmie Steele by Betty & Larry Condon
- Saturday, October 19th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, October 20th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's
Robert Dunn by Verna & Family
- Sunday, October 20th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's
David & Doreen McGuigan by Family

Catechism



Catechism is just around the corner. Parents/guardians are asked to register their child(ren) by contacting the parish office at (902) 838-2253, emailing stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com, or filling out a registration form on the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit website.

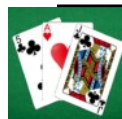
Teachers are also needed in order for this catechetical year to be a success. Those who are interested in sharing their faith with the youth of our parish may also contact the parish office.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS: Men's Weekend – November 7 to November 10 at St. Marguerite Bourgeoy's Centre, Summerside, Rector - Garth MacKinnon;
Women's Weekend – November 14 to November 17 at St. Marguerite Bourgeoy's Centre, Summerside, Rector - Rachel Butler. Please keep all involved in your prayers as they prepare and participate in the weekends. Applications can be found on the PEI Cursillo website, under downloads: www.peicursillo.com

Bottle Depot Refund

St. Mary's Parish has a 'Refund Account' set up at Myers Industries Bottle Exchange, **4393 Alleys Mill 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. **Please note address correction.**

Ceilidh Report: Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Ceilidh on October 6th. It was great to listen to our 'new to us' piano being played. Proceeds are \$264.00, Harold Green won \$46.00 on the 50/50 and Bernice DeCoursey won a tape donated by Marie MacIntyre. Join us at the next Ceildih on October 20th.



Come join us for Tuesday Night Cards (Progressive 45's), beginning Oct. 15th at St. Joachim's Hall in Vernon River at 7:30pm. Great Prizes. Light lunch. Admission: \$7.

"Eucharist and Church in the World: A Spirituality to Live By." Father Charlie Pottie, SJ is a native of Nova Scotia. A member of the Society of Jesus since 1959, he taught liturgy and sacramental theology at universities in Toronto, Ottawa, Rome, and Halifax. Moreover, he has been a spiritual guide in the Exercises of Saint Ignatius since 1970. At 7 pm on Monday evenings (October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 25) Father Charlie will host Zoom sessions on "Eucharist and Church in the World: A Spirituality to Live By." Suggested Fee: \$25. To register contact Sister Joan at: drjoancsm@gmail.com

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 at 7 PM until December 10th. In lieu of a fee, freewill offerings for Spirituality Centre programs are welcome. To register, contact karenyogapei@gmail.com



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



FundScrip: FundScrip order will be sent on October 27th. This would be a good time to think about Christmas gift giving. Order forms are at all entrances of the church. Order anytime; however, payment is not due until October 27th. You may purchase these cards for any reason, gift giving or just your own weekly shopping – these cards give 2% – 7% back to our church. For example, purchase a \$100 gift card for either Sobeys or the Superstore and Fund Raising gives us back \$3.00! Cost to you - \$0

The Saint Dunstan's University (SDU) Board of Governors is pleased to offer financial assistance toward the development and implementation of parish and unit pastoral programs and ministries. All parishes and units within the Diocese of Charlottetown are invited to submit proposals. **This funding is not for capital projects but is targeted at resources for programs.** Five applications have been approved to date: John Paul II Unit Alpha program, Holy Trinity Unit Good Shepherd program, Good Shepherd Unit youth initiatives, Our Lady of the Assumption drive-by Christmas pageant, Saint Dunstan's cross-cultural family ministry programs. For application guidelines and/or for more information, please contact George Morrison, Executive Director at sdu@eastlink.ca.

Connecting Culture: Come to hear Lisa Dollar from the Immigrant and Refuge Services Association for a Learning Session on Cultural Inclusion. As PEI becomes more multicultural, it can be helpful to expand our understanding of culture. This presentation will look at how culture influences our lives, and how we can build intercultural skills to develop positive relationships with one another. At The Living Well, 96 Patterson on October 16, 1:30-3:30. A break with a snack is provided. To register email rmd17csm@gmail.com. We are SCENT FREE. There is no charge for this session however, you are welcome to bring a food item for our monthly in-house Food Bank.

Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate (AASEA): If interested in a personal spiritual director, the contact person is Roseanne MacDonald. You can email Roseanne at philrose1987@gmail.com.

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.

Knitting Group: Do you like to knit? Are you interested in joining a "Knitting Group"? We will meet once a week for a couple of hours for knitting and social time. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. 838-2253 / stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com



St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
October 6th - 12th / October 13th - 19th
Stella Creed & Winnie McGuigan
October 20th - 26th / October 27th - November 2nd
Fred & Rose Landrigan

Ceilidh Helpers for October 20th:
Biscuits(3 doz/pp): Mavis Landrigan
Susan Kearney
Jam (2 bottles/pp): Phyllis Steele
Kaye Condon
Kitchen: Janet Whiteway
Mary Frances Lannigan

Gift Basket Draw: We will be selling tickets on a Gift Basket and if you would like to contribute Gift Cards / Preserves/Seasonal items, etc., items can be left at the back of the Church or contact Betty Condon (838-4709) or Rose Landrigan (838-4865). The Draw will be held in December.



Free Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at St. Paul's following Mass on Sunday, October 27th. All are welcome! *Gluten Free pancakes will also be available*



Sincere "Thank You" to Jackie MacKay who very generously donated a Piano for our St. Paul's Hall. What a great addition to our Ceilidhs!

Rehearsals for the Basilica Christmas Concert begin Wednesday October 16 in the SDU building across from the Basilica and run from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. All choristers are welcome. The concert is scheduled for Tuesday December 17th at 7 pm.



Al-Anon meets at St. Mary's Parish every Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Parish Centre entrance.

Diocese of Charlottetown:
www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com



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St. Paul's: etransferstpauls@gmail.com
St. Michael's: etransferstmichaels@gmail.com

<i>Offerings</i>	
<i>Sunday, October 6th, 2024</i>	
St. Mary's:	\$ 1012.00
St. Michael's:	\$ 453.00
St. Paul's:	\$ 800.00



Readings for Sunday, October 20th
First Reading: Isaiah 53.10-11
Second Reading: Hebrews 4.14-16
Gospel: Mark 10.35-45