



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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1st, 2024

REFLECTION



Everyone has to discern for themselves just how, in given circumstances, they can best love and serve Christ. It calls for a great deal of honesty, integrity and a high level of real freedom—the freedom to choose what is good, what is better, what is more loving. The Gospel is not a code of laws. It provides a vision of a truly human life lived for God among other people. It is focused on relationships rather than individual actions.

This very day we will have many opportunities to love and serve Jesus in various situations. Instead of being anxious about what we may do wrong (“Is it a sin?”), ask rather, “Where and how can we be a more loving, caring and compassionate this day?”

Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
September 2nd - September 8th

- Monday, September 2nd at 11:00 AM - All Saints, Cardigan
Funeral Mass for Joe MacDonald
- Tuesday, September 3rd at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's
Funeral Mass for Randy Aquila
- Wednesday, September 4th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's
Phyllis Curry by Anthony & Patricia O'Malley
- Thursday, September 5th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's
Harry MacDonald by Maria MacDonald
- Friday, September 6th at 7:00 PM - St. Mary's
Neillie Lanigan by Betty & Larry Condon
- Friday, September 8th at 10:00 AM - Gillis Lodge
For Vocations to the Priesthood
- Saturday, September 7th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's
Ira & Eunice Redmond by Rose MacKinnon & Family
- Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, September 8th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's
Mrs. Nancy McCarron by Joseph & Claire McCarron



Ceilidh News! Proceeds are \$300.00 and Allan MacDonald won \$46.00 on the 50/50 Draw and donated it back to the Parish. Thank you, Allan! Next Ceilidh - Sunday, September 8th at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Hall in Sturgeon. Biscuits, Jam & tea served. Admission by donation.

Ticket Sale Update: There are approximately 27 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.



Lectio Divina (divine reading) is a contemplative praying of Scripture. We will meet on **Zoom** every Thursday, from September 19 to December 19 from 10:30- 11:30 AM to listen to and reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Freewill offerings welcome. 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 from September 17th to December 10th at 7 pm. In lieu of a fee, freewill offerings for Spirituality Centre programs are welcome. To register, contact ka-renyogapei@gmail.com

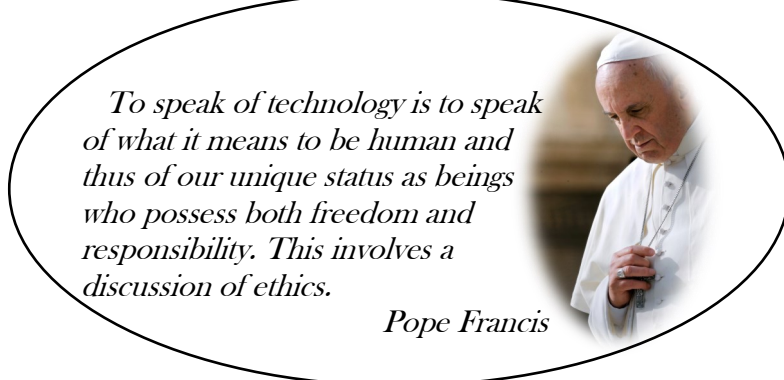
Book Study with Nancy Murphy and Sister Gemma Dunn. Topic: “**Come, Have Breakfast: Meditations on God and the Earth**” by Elizabeth A. Johnson. These sessions will be held at the Spirituality Centre on every second Wednesday beginning on Sept 25, then Oct 9, Oct 23, Nov 6, and Nov 20 at 7:00 pm. These sessions will continue in 2025. “The Bookmark” will have texts available to purchase in September. There is no additional fee. To register email: drjoancsm@gmail.com

Women's Book Study with Lynn DeLong: Our book study is re-starting Sept 23, 2024 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm by Zoom and thereafter every fourth Monday of the month (subject to change). We will continue following Joyce Rupp's book “**Return to the Root: Reflections on the Inner Life.**” Suggested fee is \$15. *New participants are welcome.* Please register by Sept 9th by emailing Lynn DeLong at lynndelong284@gmail.com. New participants will be responsible for ordering the book.

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.



To speak of technology is to speak of what it means to be human and thus of our unique status as beings who possess both freedom and responsibility. This involves a discussion of ethics.

Pope Francis

800th Anniversary Feast Day of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi

will be held at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Stratford, Tuesday, September 17th at 7 p.m. Presided by Fr. Jim Willick. Homily by Fr. Brian MacDougall, Hosted by Brother Leo Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, Montague, celebrating with St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Cornwall. Everyone is most welcome. Refreshments to follow in the church hall.

2024 Ralph Dunn Classic Annual Golf Event

Saturday, September 28th/ 10:00 AM Shotgun Start
Glasgow Hills Golf Course

Prizes / Raffles Register Today at
4 Person Scramble <https://glasgowhills.golfems2.com/events/knights-columbus-annual-golf-tournament-2024>
18 holes
Cart included

After Golf Meal provided by PEI State Council
Player - \$90.00 + HST
Team - \$340.00 + HST
Everyone Welcome

The Annual Pilgrimage to St. Peter's, Seven Mile Bay in honour of the Canadian Martyrs hosted by the PEI Provincial CWL Council will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2024 starting at 1030 am. All members and parishioners from across the province are welcome. The Mass collection will go to PEI Life.

Young Adult Leadership Team. Are you a young adult (18-25) who wants to meet new people, develop leadership skills, and growing in your faith. The Young Adult Leadership Team travels the diocese leading retreats, and gathers regularly for faith-building and community. The first meeting is an overnight retreat, September 20-21 at the Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre. For more information about the Leadership Team and to register for the Retreat, visit: <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/young-adult-leadership-team/>

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 September 8th:
Biscuits(3 doz/pp): Brenda MacLean
Teresa MacKinnon
Jam (2 bottles/pp): Mary Frances Lannigan
Winnie McGuigan
Kitchen: Jackson McGuigan

Parish Picture at St Paul's will be taken today here at St. Paul's. Please join in this former tradition following Mass.



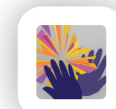
Contact Information: Fr. Andrews' email address is fathermacdonald@hotmail.com.

If you are interested in a personal spiritual director, please email Roseanne MacDonald, contact person for the *Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate (AASEA)*, at philrose1987@gmail.com.

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 Tenders are due no later than 2:00 pm on September 10, 2024.



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St. Mary's: stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com
St. Paul's: etransferstpauls@gmail.com
St. Michael's: etransferstmichaels@gmail.com

Offerings

Sunday, August 25th, 2024

St. Mary's: \$ 1146.00
St. Michael's: \$ 390.00
St. Paul's: \$ 629.00



Readings for Sunday, September 8th

First Reading: Isiah 35.4-7
Second Reading: James 2.1-5
Gospel: Mark 7.31-37