



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.

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15th, 2024**

REFLECTION

Jesus' Way is to be our way. Jesus is urging us to let go. To 'save our life', we cannot cling to 'things' and want security in them. Our happiness, we need to learn, is not in having or grabbing, but in sharing what we have. It is in giving, not in getting. It is in letting go and letting God, as they say.

In the end, it is not our task to end the sin and suffering of the world or to stop the mindless march of violence. It is, rather, to follow a different way: to take opportunities, small as they may be, to reduce hatred and carnage, to let go fears, and to entrust even ourselves to the hands of God. This is the taking up of our daily cross.

The cross, which is planted in the center of Christian living, is not an invitation to a miserable life, but a call to hope.

**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
September 16th - September 22nd**

- Monday, September 16th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM - Our Lady of the Assumption**
800th Anniversary Feast Day of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi
- Wednesday, September 18th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Phyllis Curry by Anthony & Patricia O'Malley
- Thursday, September 19th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Lorne Carrier by Betty & Larry Condon
- Friday, September 20th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Pearl Collins by Paul & Dianne Collins
- Saturday, September 21st at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
Jimmy & Newman Steele by Janet Whiteway
- Sunday, September 22nd at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Helen, Willard & Glenn Docherty by Cyril & Edythe Docherty



A sincere thank you to everyone that sold or purchased tickets. We appreciate your ongoing support.

\$100.00 Winners Are!

Nicole Kacsmarik & Sherry Spriet Martin / Jan MacNeill Paulette Taylor / Brenda MacGillivray / The Kent Group Lois & Leon Moyaert / Shirley Mallard / Carolyn Power / Gary Matheson / Brad & Natasha Stevens / Tony Molloy Charlotte Nabuurs / Kim MacMillan/ Geraldine Johnston / Elaine MacDonald / Darryl Kerwin / St. Mary's Choir (2)

\$500.00 Winners Are!

Charles & Gary Creed

\$4000.00 Prize Winner is!

Susan Power - Hogg

Blooming House is so excited to be hosting our second annual Ride for Refuge on October 5, 2024. We are looking for participants to walk/bike, volunteers for the event as well as more corporate sponsors. This is an incredible opportunity to make a real impact in your community – please consider supporting our organization and spreading the word! More info can be found here: www.rideforrefuge.org/charlottetown

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. (902) 838-2253 / stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com



ALPHA: Curious about Faith? Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Each session has time for connection, a talk, and space to discuss and ask questions. It is not a bible study or a catechism course. It is designed for people without a Church background or for people who wouldn't describe themselves as Christian. That could include people who have been away from the Church for some time. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. **It's free and there's no pressure to come back.** Mondays from 6pm – 8pm at Stella Maris Parish Centre, commencing September 30



Come join us for our **Parish Mission with Redemptorist Fr. Eugene O'Reilly** from Sept. 29th to Oct. 2nd starting at 7 pm each evening. The Mission will be at the Holy Redeemer Church, 3 Pond Street, Charlottetown.

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



We will be placing another order for the FundScrip gift cards at the end of October. This would be a good time to think about Christmas gift giving. Our last campaign we were able to raise \$286.50. Order forms are at all entrances of the church. We would appreciate your 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

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

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 18 holes Cart included
<https://glasgowhills.golfems2.com/events/knights-columbus-annual-golf-tournament-2024>
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.

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

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.

St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
September 8th - 14th / September 15th - 21st
Lawrence & Mary Steele
September 22nd - 28th / September 29th - October 5th
Gerard & Mavis Landrigan



Ceilidh Helpers for September 22nd: Biscuits(3 doz/pp):

Jean Kemp
Chris Fitzpatrick
Jam (2 bottles/pp): Caron Senechal
Kitchen: Susan Sorrie
Brenda MacLean

Diocese of Charlottetown:
www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

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.

Come along and enjoy **A Toe Tapping Ceilidh** this Sunday September 15at the Lower Montague Women's Institute Hall, 88 Lower Montague Road. Featuring Steve Zaat with local talent George Banks, Dianne and Charity Deagle, Kevin Jesso, Ken Clarke, Allan and Doris MacDonald and others. Doors open at 6pm with a 6:30 pm start. 50/50, Biscuits and Jam. Admission by Donation for the Hall Renovation Project.

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

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

	<i>Offerings</i>
	<i>Sunday, September 8th, 2024</i>
St. Mary's:	\$ 1188.00
St. Michael's:	\$ 510.00
St. Paul's:	\$ 1043.00

Readings for Sunday, September 22nd
First Reading: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20
Second Reading: James 3.16-4.3
Gospel: Mark 9.30-37