

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.

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29th, 2024**

REFLECTION

Following Jesus does not necessarily mean being different from others. It means throwing ourselves into the everyday life and needs of people and giving what we can.

Jesus is asking for a definite way of life and of wanting to make a difference. Faith is more than assent of the mind, but a way of life and of trust - a way of life in not hindering others, but helping with compassion and good deeds. Our way of life is a sharing of faith one to another.

The people who make a difference are building blocks rather than stumbling blocks. Every good cause will have its begrudgers'. The apostles themselves were like that and bit by bit realised that following Jesus can be seen in many ways, and in the giving of cold water or hot soup, or in any way, making a big difference in life is being a true follower.

Donal Neary SJ

"Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another" Pope Francis.

**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
September 30th - October 6th**

Friday, October 4th at 9:30 AM - Gillis Lodge

For the Intention of the Priest

Friday, October 4th at 7:00 PM - St. Mary's

Sterling Whiteway by Janet & Family

Saturday, October 5th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's

Dorothy Tierney by Clarence & Karen Roche

Sunday, October 6th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's

John Steele by Phyllis & Family

Sunday, October 6th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's

For the People of the Pastoral Unit

Blessing of the Animals will take place today, Sunday, September 29th at St. Mary's Church, Montague at 2 PM, as we approach the Feast of St. Francis, patron of animals and ecology. All critters and their humans welcome.

Hosted by Brother Leo Franciscan Fraternity.



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.

Ceilidh News! Proceeds from the September 22nd Ceilidh are \$410.00 The \$58.00 in the 50/50 was won by Vivian Dourte. Next Ceilidh - Sunday, October 6th at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Hall in Sturgeon. Biscuits, Jam & tea served. Admission by donation.



Development and Peace/Caritas Canada invites you to the Fall Action Workshop, 2:00 pm, Sunday, September 29, MacKenzie Room, St. Pius X Church, Parkdale. Theme: Create Hope: Recognizing and protecting the rights of the world's peasant farmers who provide 70% to 80% of the world's food. Guest speakers, Danny Gillis, National Council member for Atlantic Canada and Adah Ogbe,



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.

A message from Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA- "Truth and Reconciliation Fund Campaign Annual Collection: On the weekend of October 5-6th, following the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th, each parish in our Diocese will take up a special Indigenous Reconciliation Fund collection. This will contribute to the nation-wide collective financial pledge of \$30 Million over five years by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Each Diocese across Canada has made a commitment to support the Canadian Bishops with the Church's sincere dedication toward genuine reconciliation. I am deeply grateful for your financial support and ask you to pray that we may continue to foster healing, trust, truth, and reconciliation."

To read Bishop Joseph's letter to the Catholic faithful in relation to the Truth and Reconciliation Fund Annual Collection: <https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/bishop-josephs-message-in-support-of-the-truth-and-reconciliation-fund-annual-collection/>

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:



Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country: The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada takes place this weekend, September 28/29. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

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 St. John Henry Newman Dinner: Oct 4th at UPEI The Newman Dinner is honoured to have Bishop Joseph Dabrowski as its dinner speaker, with proceeds from the event supporting travel and enrichment opportunities for Catholic Studies students. Tickets can be purchased by emailing rdennis@upe.ca or online at www.newmandinner.eventbrite.ca

Blooming House second annual Ride for Refuge will be 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

Indigenous Teachings Book Study: October 7 at 3-4:30 PM. Facilitated by Donna McGreal. October's book is "Split Tooth" by Tanya Tagaq. For more information contact Sister Joan at drjoancsm@gmail.com.

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:
September 22nd - 28th / September 29th - October 5th
Gerard & Mavis Landrigan
October 6th - 12th / October 13th - 19th
Stella Creed & Winnie McGuigan



Ceilidh Helpers for October 6th:
Biscuits(3 doz/pp): Mary Frances Lannigan
TBD
Jam (2 bottles/pp): Phyllis Steele
Kitchen: Brenda MacDonald
Debbie Steele



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

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.

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St. Michael's: etransferstmichaels@gmail.com

Offerings

Sunday, September 22nd, 2024

St. Mary's: \$ 1390.00
St. Michael's: \$ 353.00
St. Paul's: \$ 763.00



Readings for Sunday, October 6th
First Reading: Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24
Second Reading: Hebrews 2.9-11
Gospel: Mark 10.2-16