

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.

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8th, 2024**

REFLECTION



When one looks at the miracles of Jesus, it is interesting to see that so many of them are connected to opening up or otherwise healing someone's eyes, ears, or tongue. These miracles, of course, always have more than a physical significance. Eyes are opened in order to see more deeply and spiritually; ears are opened in order to hear things more compassionately; and tongues are loosened in order to praise God more freely and to speak words of reconciliation and love to each other. To put it metaphorically, what Jesus is doing in these miracles is attaching the eyes, ears, and tongue to the great soul so that what a person is now seeing, hearing, and speaking is not bitterness, hurt, and pettiness but rather compassion, gratitude, and praise.

Ron Rolheiser

**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
September 9th - September 15th**

- Monday, September 9th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, September 10th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Dianne Condon by Freddy & Rose Landrigan
- Wednesday, September 11th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Paul Kelly by Eileen MacKenzie
- Thursday, September 12th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
To have the wisdom to recognize the grace God provides.
- Friday, September 13th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Special Private Intention by Fracis Lannigan
- Friday, September 13th at 10:00 AM - Perrin's Marina Villa**
For Vocations to the Priesthood
- Saturday, September 14th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
Ivan Roche by Clarence & Karen Roche
- Sunday, September 15th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
Bernard and the Boys by Mary Farrell
- Sunday, September 15th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit



COME TO THE CEILIDH... Tonight!
We hope you'll all Join us at the Ceilidh at St. Paul's Hall Rt17a, on Sunday, Sept.8th. at 6:30pm.
Doors open @6pm
Fiddlers/Singers/Comedy
Biscuits, jam and tea/coffee served
Admission by Donation



Ticket Sale Draw: Please join us tonight at 7:00 PM in the Parish Centre for our Ticket Sale Draw. This Draw will be conducted in reverse order with every 10th ticket out a winner. Hope to see you there.

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



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.



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.

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



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

St. Mary's Notice Board



Fr. Patrick Giddings Council of the K of C will meet on Thursday, September 12th at 7:30 PM.

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.

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, September 1st, 2024
St. Mary's: \$ 1452.00
St. Michael's: \$ 407.00
St. Paul's: \$ 698.00



Readings for Sunday, September 15th
First Reading: Isiah 50.5-9
Second Reading: James 2.14-18
Gospel: Mark 8.27-35