



# Holy Family Pastoral Unit

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**April 29, 2018**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Both **St. Joachim's** and **Our Lady of the Assumption** offer Parish Halls to accommodate a wide variety of events.

For rental availability, rates, seating capacity and other info:

**St. Joachim's:** Linda Redmond 651-3040 or 626-9758

**Assumption:** Elaine Fraser 569-4769

### Come Enjoy Our Weekly Card Plays

St. Joachim's Hall Tuesdays 7:30pm

**Liturgical Conference** – From the Table of Christ Jesus to the Table of the World: Praying and Living the Eucharist.

Saturday, May 12, 10:00am-3:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi. Presenter is Simone Brosig from the Diocese of Calgary.

No cost. Participants are asked to bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea, etc. provided. Please register by Tuesday, May 8: 368-8005 or [rc@dioceseofcharlottetown.com](mailto:rc@dioceseofcharlottetown.com). Sponsored by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. All are welcome!

Application deadline for the **SDU Board of Governors Award** and the **SDU Post Graduate Scholarship** is May 15.

The Board of Governors Award is a **\$1,000** award to a June 2018 graduating high school student. A minimum of one award is available to each high school on PEI.

The Post Graduate Scholarship is a **\$5,000** scholarship to a full-time student entering the first year of a Masters or PhD. program. For an application form and criteria, please visit [www.saintdunstansuniversity.ca](http://www.saintdunstansuniversity.ca) or call 393-3441.

**Family Retreats** are a great chance to spend quality time with your own and to meet other Catholic families. Held at Kolbe Retreat Centre in Grand River from Thursday evenings thru Sunday. \$250 registration fee covers all food and lodging for your family. Schedule for 2018: July 12-15, July 26-29, August 9-12 and August 23-26. Space is limited, so please register early. For more information, visit [www.hfmpei.com](http://www.hfmpei.com), e-mail [info@hfmpei.com](mailto:info@hfmpei.com) or call (902) 854-2719.

**Yard Sale for our School Yard!** At Glen Stewart Primary Gym on Saturday, May 5, 9:00am-2:00pm. All proceeds will help support our new playground. For more details, e-mail [wlanigan@eastlink.ca](mailto:wlanigan@eastlink.ca) or [kristinadowling@gmail.com](mailto:kristinadowling@gmail.com).

### May ~ The Month to Honor Mary:

The month of May is on our doorstep. It was in the 13<sup>th</sup> century that May Devotions in honor of Mary began to be practiced in the Church. In 1208, the Virgin Mary entrusted the rosary to St. Dominic, instructing him in its use and implementation, making him the father of a new form of preaching and praying. Historically, the word *rosary* was in use even before the time of St. Dominic. The word "rosary" comes from the Latin word *rosarium*. It was used to describe a rose garden or a grouping of roses in a wreath or bouquet. Each *Hail Mary* was akin to giving Mary a rose.

(Champions of the Rosary - Donald H. Calloway, MIC)

The **Latin American Mission Program** invites Islanders to an interactive community forum entitled **Is Charity Enough: Asking Why?** at Assumption Hall on April 29, 2:00-4:00pm.

Please support 11-year-old **Kara MacRae** of Orwell and her mother, Violet Robinson, as Kara battles cancer. On May 6 at St. Joachim's Hall, 2:00pm, there will be a **Benefit Concert** with silent auction, 50/50 and fudge sale. Silent auction begins at 1:30pm. Kara is presently a patient at the IWK where is undergoing her third surgery in the last month followed by chemotherapy and radiation for the next six months to a year. Violet has been a valued member and business owner in the community for the past thirty years. As a business owner, it has been financially challenging for her to take time off work to be with Kara during her illness and treatment. Performers to include Paul & Mary Beth Chandler, Sylvia Abikhattar-Mutch, Donna & Kenny MacDonald, Vernon River Grade 6 Band, Raelin & Payton MacLean, Kadin Creed, Andrew MacDonald, Ray & Carol McGarry, Elinor & Harold MacAulay and Mallory McInnis.

### Classes with Joan Varacalli at Assumption Parish Centre:

- Chair Stretch & Tone for Seniors**  
Mondays: May 7 - 14 - 28 - June 4 at 11:00am (1 Hour)
- Gentle Flow Stretch**  
Fridays: May 4 - 11 - 18 - 25 at 10:00am (1 Hour)

\$30 per 4-week session. For more info or to register, contact Joan Varacalli, ACE Certified Senior Fitness Specialist. E-Mail: [bfitjv@gmail.com](mailto:bfitjv@gmail.com) or call (902) 213-6187.

**Stress Relief Workshops** will be held on Sundays in May at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel (Kent Room), 2:00pm. Cost is by donation/pay as you can. Presented by Louise Carota.

- Getting a Handle on Stress** - May 6 & 20
- Getting Along with Others & Ourselves** - May 13 & 27

### St. Joachim's:

**Altar Flowers – May:** Uigg / Kinross

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday, May 4 (10:30am-Noon), St. Joachim's Side Chapel. Everyone welcome.

### First Communion 2018 - Congratulations!

Andrew Doiron	Brad MacLean
Zoe Kelly	Mary Quinn
Braydon Lee	Malcolm Roche



Last Sunday, **Lincoln Luke Ansems** (Damon & Katelyn) became a child of the Father through water and the Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Baptism**.



### Come Enjoy the Phase II & Friends Spring Dance Party ~ Good Old Rock & Roll!



**Saturday, May 5**  
**9:00pm - Midnight**  
**St. Joachim's Hall**

**St. Joachim's Clean-Up Day** for the outside grounds will be held on **Saturday, May 5**, 9:00am (rain date: May 12). Please bring your rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. If you are unable to participate on May 5, please feel free to help out at any time leading up to that day. Thanks in advance for your help towards the upkeep of our grounds.

This year, the children of the St. Joachim's Parish Catechism Program **raised \$511** to help other children. This past week, \$156 was sent to the **Holy Childhood Association** and \$355 to **Kara MacRae**. Great work!

### Our Lady of the Assumption:

**Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting:** April 30 - 7:30pm  
**Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting:** May 7 - 7:30pm

Friday, May 4 - First Friday of the Month  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held at Assumption following the 9:00am mass until 10:30am.

The **Social and Community Building Committee** invites parishioners to a **Mother's Day Social** after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, **May 13**.



This event will provide an opportunity to make new friendships, rekindle old relationships and honour the Mothers of our church community All are welcome!

### You're Invited!



### Parish Strategic Planning Session

It's spring cleaning time, which presents the perfect opportunity for all of us as a parish community to review the spiritual, fiscal and operational health of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. Strategic planning is an important part of the development and growth of any organization. We are pleased to have recruited parishioner Carol Gabanna, Consultant & Certified Executive Coach, to facilitate two sessions – one was held on April 24 and the second will be held on Saturday, **May 5**, 10am–12pm in the parish hall. We invite all members of the parish, unit and community – young and old – to attend. All are welcome!

**Florence & Clifford Martin** will have an Open House to celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary** at the Robert L. Cotton Centre on Sunday, May 6, 2-4pm. Best wishes only.



**Weekly Offerings: April 22**

St. Joachim's	\$ 1,579.00
Assumption	\$ 3,676.00



**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

**April 30 - May 6**

**Confirmation**

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Unit Confirmation Mass</b>	OLA
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention	OLA
	<b>10:00am</b>	John & Margaret Whalen & DFM	STJ
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention	OLA
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Souls in Purgatory	OLA
	<b>10:00am</b>	Wilfred Praught	STJ
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Jason & Vernon Driscoll & DFM Eldred, Walter & Mary Farmer Bernadette L. Quinn	OLA
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Mass for the People	OLA
	<b>10:45am</b>	James Morrissey Leonard Murphy	STJ