

Holy Family Pastoral Unit

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Mass and Spiritual Schedule May 4 – 10

Monday May 4

George and Jane Antoniak

7:00 p.m. OLA

Tuesday May 5

Special Intention

10:00 a.m. OLA

Thursday May 7

Special Intention

10:00 a.m. STJ

Friday May 8

CWL Intentions for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

10:00 a.m. OLA

6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday May 9

Rudolph and Lucy Murnaghan

Erma, Debra and Allan Shea

Tom Dunn

4pm OLA

Sunday May 10

Pauline McKenna-Coyle

Stephanie (Doyle) Grady

9:00am STJ

Sunday May 10

Mass for the People

11:00am OLA

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Investing in Hope Fundraising Campaign and Building Restoration

Campaign Total as of April 19 = \$ 411,208

Tuesday Night Cards (Progressive 45's) at St. Joachim's Hall, 7:30pm. Social evening, good prizes and a light lunch. Admission: \$7.

Come to a Dance in Vernon River!

Enjoy a night of dancing at St. Joachim's Hall on Saturday, May 9, 8:00-11:00pm. Music by Country Maple. Ages 19+ welcome.

Winners of the PEI Knights of Columbus State Lottery!

1st Prize (\$5,000): Nancy Donnelly (Brackley, PE)

2nd Prize (\$500): Robert LeClair (Charlottetown, PE)

3rd Prize (\$500): Charles Donnelly (Perth, ON)

St Pius X CWL Coffee Party will be held on Saturday, May 9, 9:30-11:30am in the MacKenzie Room at St Pius X.

Tickets: \$10. Proceeds to local charities.

50/50 draw and door prizes.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) invites all people of faith to join in a nationwide 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care during National Hospice Palliative Care Week (May 3-9, 2026), as a witness to the sanctity of human life. At St. Dunstan's Basilica, this will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. There will be Mass at 12:05pm, followed by a presentation @ 1pm in the K of C Room by Pat Weidemer, Executive Director of PEI Life/Life Canada on the theme "You are Worth It". The rosary will follow at 3:30pm. For more information, please contact Gay Garvey @902-218-3003.

Offerings: April 26

St. Joachim's = \$1,479

Assumption = \$4,226



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish will be celebrating Mother's Day, May 10, with the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother Mary at the 11am Mass. We invite all children to participate in this celebration. Please meet at the back of the Church at 10:45.

Please reserve Sunday May 10, Mother's Day, for Coffee and Conversation in the Hall following the 11am Mass.

Holy Family Pastoral Unit - Celebration of First Holy Communion - May 3rd, - Dear Parishioners of Holy Family Pastoral Unit, we have cause for great rejoicing this weekend as 34 of our children; 27 from Our Lady of the Assumption and 7 from St. Joachim's, will be receiving for the first time the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in Holy Communion. This is a spiritually significant moment for these children, their teachers, parents and relatives, but also a special moment for our parishes and the entire Church. Please pray for these children, that they will always have a deep appreciation for Jesus' deep and abiding presence in the Eucharist. "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Our Lady of the Assumption Garden Market:

3rd Annual Garden Market will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Centre, on Saturday, May 16, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Donations and participation by parishioners are essential. Please plan donations of your popular home-baked goods, plants, gardening items, gently used puzzles, and items for gift basket draws. Volunteers will be needed to help on Friday afternoon and Saturday, so please sign up on the sheets in the church foyer. Extra gardening pots may be placed in the bins located in the church foyer. For help in digging up plants for donating, please call Linda at (902) 569-3288. Set-up of tables and drop-off for donations will be on Friday, May 15, Noon - 6:00pm. Please mark your calendars and share the word with family and friends. This is an opportunity to get all your gardening needs and even gardening advice. Everyone is welcome. Free admission. Support local shopping and funding for repairs on our parish property.

You are invited to a Jubilee Year of St. Francis Celebratory Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Stratford, Friday, May 29th, 6pm followed by food and fellowship in the Parish Centre. Presider: Father Jim Willick, Parish Pastor and Diocesan Administrator. Homilist: Fr. Bruce Ansems, speaking on "Mary and Francis: Models of Faith for Us All". This event is sponsored by Brother Leo Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Everyone is most welcome to come and celebrate!

To The Heights Young Adult Retreat - July 31-August 2, Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre: The Diocese of Charlottetown is partnering with the Verso L'Alto Young Adult Group and SDU to host a weekend retreat for young adults aged 18 through their 30s. This gathering provides a dedicated space for young adults to reach to the heights of their faith life through sacraments, guest speakers, and opportunities for fellowship. Whether you are looking to deepen your prayer life or find a supportive community, we would love to have you there! The cost is \$160/person for single occupancy and \$115/person for double occupancy. Register online at sites.google.com/view/totheheights2026. For more information, contact Anna Vail at anna@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

The May CWL meeting at St. Joachim's will be on May 7th rather than May 14th.

