

Holy Family Pastoral Unit

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Mass Schedule: April 6 - 12

† Octave of Easter †

Tuesday:

10:30am (OLA)

Funeral Mass – Debi Richard

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Saturday:

4:00pm (OLA)

Cathy Arsenault

Kenneth Cudmore

Terence McKenna

Sunday:

9:00am (STJ)

Leo & Hilda Cannon

Cora Maas

11:00am (OLA)

Mass for the People

Thank You for Supporting Your Parishes

Offerings: March 29

St. Joachim's = \$1,431

Assumption = \$4,790

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Investing in Hope Fundraising Campaign and Building Restoration

Campaign Total as of March 29 = \$ 405,038

Divine Mercy Novena

This nine-day Novena begins on Good Friday and culminates in the celebration of God's mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12 at 3pm, the Sunday following Easter.

Why celebrate God's mercy? Through God's mercy which was freely bestowed upon us through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we were saved from sin and death, reconciled to God and received the hope and promise of eternal life. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in Poland before World War II and asked that an image of Him be painted, the Divine Mercy image, to be gazed upon and adored. He also asked that a Novena be prayed nine days prior to the celebration of Divine Mercy. There are many graces which flow from the Divine Mercy devotion. May we pray and celebrate this devotion in gratitude for how much God, who is mercy incarnate, loves us.

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

St. Joachim's CWL and Knights of Columbus are organizing a Food Drive for the month of April in support of the Vernon River / Belfast Community Pantry. Parishioners are asked to donate non-perishable food items if they are able. Collection boxes will be at the back of the church all Sundays during April.

Our Lady of the Assumption Knights of Columbus meeting April 7, 7:30 in the MacMahon Room.

Our Lady of the Assumption CWL meeting is April 14 following Mass in the MacMahon Room.

Pastor's Easter Message

In all the Gospels of Easter, Jesus' disciples, expecting to find a tomb filled with the lifeless body of Jesus, their Lord and Master, instead find an empty tomb. They are told by an angel that Jesus has risen, or to their joy and disbelief, they encounter the risen Jesus, himself. This reminds us that through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, death does not have a forever grip but has been defeated. It gives us the well-founded hope that all those who have died, including our friends, family and loved ones, will rise again in new, glorious and resurrected bodies, just as Jesus did. The Good News is that someday everyone's tombs and graves will be empty.

All of Jesus' disciples, upon finding the empty tomb of Jesus, are told to go out and proclaim the Good News to everyone. The world can be very dark at times, like it is currently. In the midst of this darkness, Jesus is asking you and me, the disciples of this time and age, to continue to witness the Good News, that death and darkness have been defeated and that Jesus has truly Risen!! Dear Parishioners, to each and everyone of you, my wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter. Fr. Jim

Project Heaven on Earth Workshop will be re-offered on Friday, April 10 from 9:30-3:30 pm at the Martha Spirituality Centre in Charlottetown. Join Martin Rutte, author of Project Heaven on Earth, for a powerful one-day immersive experience exploring how you can help bring Heaven to Earth—in your life, your work, your nation, and our world. Martin Rutte is an internationally recognized speaker, author and consultant and is president of Livelihood- a management consulting firm based in Charlottetown, Canada and New Mexico. For more than 15 years, Martin has led Project Heaven on Earth, a global initiative inviting people to envision and create a better world. Cost is \$60. Including the text. If you have a text, cost is \$40. Register soon, as space is limited. srgemma@eastlink.ca.

Upcoming session at The Living Well, 96 Patterson Drive, Charlottetown (inside Martha Place): Navigating Loss on Life's Journey with Joan Coffin on April 15 from 1:30 – 3:30pm. Space is limited and registrations are accepted on a first come basis. Please email tlwpei@gmail.com to register. This is a scent free space. There is no charge for the session. Participants are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for our monthly in-house Food Bank. The Living Well is a project of the Sisters of St. Martha.