You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.





# **The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit** Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island

# Fourth Sunday of Advent ♥ December 24, 2017

Weekly Mass Schedule Monday (Christmas Morning): 10:30am St. Augustine's Tuesday: 9am at Stella Maris Wednesday: 9am St. Augustine's for Bernie Gallant Thursday: 9am St. Augustine's for Ernest and Alfred Cormier Friday: 9am St. Anne's Saturday: 4pm Stella Maris Edna Pineau Sunday: 9am St. Anne's Sunday: 10:30am St. Augustine's

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**Confessions:** Fr. Raj is available in the vestries after weekday masses for the sacrament of Reconciliation. All are encouraged to experience the Mercy and Love of the Ever Forgiving Father

**Communion at Home:** If you know of anyone who should be receiving communion at home because of inability to attend church, please contact one of the pastoral associates.

**Hospital or Home Visits:** If you have a family member or friend in the hospital, at home or other care facility who would like to see a priest please call Fr. Raj

**Bulletin Announcements:** Email bulletin notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call Francis @ 902-886-2761. Deadline for weekly bulletins is Thurs. at 4pm.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Alan, Ann, Brian, Debbie, Dorothy, Evan. Graham, Joan, Melanie, Parker, Steve, Steven, Georgina Blacquiere, Ann Blais, Mae Bolger, Bobby Briehl, Cecile Buote, Clarence Buote, Peter Buote, Lyman Burrows, Ashley Cook, Shirley Coughlin, Lisa Delaney, (Inez), David Doiron, Kenny Doiron, John Doucette, Tyrell Doucette, Steven Ellworth, Art Gallant, Audrey Gallant, Brian Gallant, Cathy Gallant, Dale Gallant, Fr. Floyd Gallant, Gail Gallant, Teresa M. Gallant, Sonny Gauthier, Arlene & Clint Harper, Rose Hennessey, Beverly Lannon, Leo LeClair, Jen Marten, Nancy McAdam, Alexa McAllister, Pearl Murphy, Norman Peters, Regis Peters, Zeta Peters, Tom Pettit, Sheldon Pineau, Bernadette Proctor, Stephen Sampson, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith, Shelley Thomas, Betty Walsh, Pauline Walsh, Emeric Walsh, Dakota Wedge, Shane Wilson

To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact: Marion Murphy 902-621-0725 Angela Gallant 902-963-3438 Rose Gallant 902-963-3516 Fr. Raj Santiago 902-963-2245

**Baptisms:** Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** for the Sick & Dying will be said following weekday Masses.

#### Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's Sunday: \$971.05 St. Anne's Sunday: \$630.00 Stella Maris Saturday: \$702.00 Rihingya Refugees: \$100.00 Thank You for Your Donations to Cur Parishes! Flease consider including your Parish in your will.



# Youth Ministries CDG—LDG—YDG

# www.jp2youthministries.com

LDG and YDG	March 18, 2018	Mass as a Class
January 14, 2018	April 15, 2018	January 7 St. Augustine's
January 28, 2018	April 22, 2018	February 4 St. Augustine's
February 11, 2018		March 4 St. Augustine's
February 25, 2018		April 8 St. Augustine's
March 11, 2018		April 28 Stella Maris

# **Unit Notices**

**Scent Free:** Please avoid scented products in our churches. Some parishioners are strongly allergic to chemical fragrances.

Christmas Schedule (UPDATED): Saturday, Dec. 23 Evening 4pm Mass at Stella Maris. Sunday, Dec. 24 10:30am St. Augustine's, 4pm at St. Anne's, 7pm Stella Maris and 10pm St. Augustine. Monday, Dec. 25 at 10:30am St. Augustine's

## **Stella Maris' Notices**

**Memorial Tree:** Once again we have the opportunity to remember our deceased loved ones by placing a bow on the Memorial Tree at the front of the church. If you wish to do so you may make a donation and give the name or names of the loved ones to Sister Phyllis. The donations will be used for our church needs.

**2018 Envelopes:** New envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you have not received a set of envelopes in the past and wish to receive them, please contact Norman G. (963-2416) or Peter G. (963-2460).

**Prayers for the Prayer Line:** I will be away from Dec. 16-30. If prayers are needed during that time, please contact Faye Fyfe, 902-963-2144. Thank you. *Rose Gallant* 

**Singing Christmas Eve:** The choir will begin singing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve at 6:15pm. We are hoping everyone will join in the singing and make our evening a joyous celebration! I congratulate and thank you here at Stella Maris for your continued participation in the singing. It is so much appreciated. The choir wishes everyone a peaceful, joyful and blessed Christmas. And may 2018 bring you blessings in abundance. *Sister Phyllis* 

#### St. Anne's Notices

Ministries for December: Proclaimer: Lori Ann MacFarlane Youth Proclaimer: Rebecca Wiegers Eucharistic Minister: Marion Murphy Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality: Dennis Doiron, Mike Doiron, Jacinta Doiron Offertory Dec 24 Wilbert & Brenda Reid, Dec 31 Marina Doiron

**Sunday Envelopes** for 2018 are now available on the table near the altar. Please remember to put your name on them for the first few weeks. Anyone not presently using envelopes, but wishing to do so, may pick up a blank set or see Kathy Doiron after Mass.

**Christmas Dinner:** We will not cook a Christmas Dinner at the church this year. In it's place, we will take a dinner to your home if you do not have some place to go. Call Jacinta or Marion to place your order.

## St. Augustine's Notices

**GAMES!!!** The Wednesday games afternoon has been put on hold until January 10!! Take the time to play a few board games with family over the holidays! You'll have a LOT of fun. Feel free to take your new games with you to share with other like minded people on JANU-ARY 10 from 1-4pm. Merry Christmas!

**Thank You:** We have had a very successful fundraiser to replace four outside windows in the church. Your generosity is appreciated. More windows will be replaced in 2018. If you are interested in sponsoring a window contact Bernie Doucette, Joan Blacquiere or Marlene White. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from St. Augustine's Property & Finance Committee.

## **Diocese Notices**

**Refugee Sponsorship Consideration:** We are living in an era where there are an inordinate number of displaced persons and refugees throughout the world. Clearly the need is great for asylum and refuge. As we enter the New Year, we invite your parish community to give consideration to sponsoring a family. By doing so you can make a difference and change their lives. - *Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Advisory Committee* 

"Owen Connolly: The Making of a Legacy, 1820-2016" is a book about Owen Connolly and his estate. Coming to PEI in 1839 as a poor Irish immigrant, Owen rose from a dirt poor farmer to one of the wealthiest men on the Island. When he died in 1887, he left the profits from his estate to provide bursaries to poor, Irish Catholic students. Managed by trustees, his estate has paid out over \$3 million to assist students and continues providing bursaries today. Books are available at local book stores and from the author, Leonard Cusack at 902-675-2452.

Marriages can go the distance, and the annual recognition of Canada's Longest Married Couple proves it. Nominate your loved ones by submitting the names of husband & wife, wedding date, current home address and the contact info of the person submitting the nomination to: Ernesto and Analillian Ayala, 113-7471 Blundel Rd, Richmond, BC, V6Y-1J6, or canada@wwme.org, or 604-337-5845 Deadline Feb 28, 2018. All nominations will be recognized.

**Development and Peace-Caritas Canada** is still running the special collection for the 600,000 Rohingya refugees forced to flee Myanmar (formerly Burma). Parishioners who wish to contribute to this much-needed fund can donate at your parish. For cheques made out to your parish, please memo as "Rohingya Refugee Fund" and add your parish envelope number. For more information: https:// www.devp.org

## **Community Notices**

**Al-Anon Group Meeting:** Tues. at 10am in the vestry of St. Augustine's Church. In the event of a morning funeral at St. Augustine's, meeting will be held at 1pm. Call 902-894-3503 for more information.

**Walking:** The North Rustico Lions have said all those interested can walk upstairs in the Lions Club any time after 11am. as long as the hall isn't being used for another occasion. If enough interested we may eventually choose two specific times for walking. This will keep all walkers much safer this winter (and warmer). Be sure to bring indoor footwear.

**Rustico Bay Club:** Cards will resume on Monday Jan. 8, 2018. New Year's Dance on Dec. 31 at 9pm. Music by Country Steel. Please note time change from previous announcements. There are still tickets available from Bernice at 621-0199,Margaret at 963-2003 or Mark at 964-2674.. Remaining tickets, if any, will be sold at the door.