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Dear faithful of the Diocese of Charlottetown,

The recent news of sex scandals in the United States was particularly disheartening and hurtful because of the implication of some Bishops and Cardinals who tried to cover up these sinful crimes. None of this reflects the Way, the Truth and Life of Jesus which you and I expect of Church leaders (John 14:16). Although this happened in a different country, I nevertheless feel shame for the Church as it is the same Christian faith we share. This storm indeed is making troubled waters for the Barque of Peter. The understandable plea of the Apostles, "Lord, do you not care we are perishing?" (Mark 4:38 and Matthew 8:25) could well be our prayer these days.

However, in Canada some good news was announced on October 4, 2018 with the publication by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), "Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation and Transformation". Consultants for this document included psychologists, social workers, legal experts and most important, victims. The Canadian Bishops identify nine lessons they learned and wish to share with priests, deacons, lay ministers and all the faithful. Each lesson emphasizes accountability and transparency. Upon these two pillars stand sixty-nine recommendations for every Diocese in Canada to implement at the Diocesan and parish level. I invite everyone to read the entire document which is posted on our Diocesan Website, dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Looking forward, your parish and the Diocese may expect a dedicated commitment to long term-prevention and the pre-emptive action. Accountability and transparency make no sense unless it is offered for the long term and with a pro-active strategy. We have already established a good beginning in this respect when we inaugurated in 2010-2011 the "Strengthening the Caring Community Program" which is dedicated to securing a safe environment in each parish. Every parish is expected to have a committee to coordinate the protection of vulnerable adults and youth with such practices as police checks and volunteer registrations. Right now each parish committee is receiving three copies of the CCCB document, "Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse" for study. By the beginning of the new year the Diocesan Committee for Strengthening the Caring Community program will publish a parish CODE OF ETHICS. Workshops to implement this new Code will be provided at that time. In addition the Diocesan Committee regarding Allegations of Misconduct will review its commitment and procedures in the light of the new document and make whatever changes are recommended.

One of the recommendations in the CCCB document, "Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse" clearly states that our programs be audited on a regular basis by an outside auditor. I have already consulted with our insurers who audit parishes for physical safety on a regular basis. They have agreed to monitor parishes as well for compliance with our program and protocols for the safety of vulnerable adults and children. This is an additional commitment we are making towards accountability and transparency.

My dear people I was taught that ours is Holy Church. It is Holy by the grace and presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are nevertheless a Holy Church of sinners. Current events have shocked us into realizing and accepting this fact. But because of Jesus' commitment to us we don't give up. We rely on God's grace to forgive and to ask forgiveness; we rely on God's grace for wisdom to make the right and necessary decisions and we rely on the presence of the Holy Spirit to continue the ministry and mission of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,
Richard Grecco
Bishop of Charlottetown



The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ November 11, 2018

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's
Wednesday 9am Stella Maris
Thursday 9am Stella Maris
Friday 9am St. Anne's for CWL members
Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for Margarette Gallant and Cathy Gallant
Sunday 9am St. Anne's
Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for Mya Arsenault and Eileen Mary DeRoche
Fr. Raj Santiago: 902-393-0572

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Pastoral Associates:

Jacinta Doiron 902-621-0638
Janet Doiron 902-963-3247
Marion Murphy 902-621-0725
Carol Probert 902-963-3089

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

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

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.

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

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

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

OUR PRAYER LIST

Brian, Evan, Germaine, Grace, John, Laura, Richard, Mae Bolger, Edmond Gallant, Nellie Johnson, Des Nantes, Naomi (age 11), Skye Dunn, Tracey Herrell, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith
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 902-393-0572

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

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I am only one,
but I am one.
I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.
What I can do,
I should do and,
With the help of God,
I will do!!

By Everett Hale

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's Sunday: \$1447.00
St. Anne's Sunday: \$324.00
Cemetery Collection: \$155.00
Stella Maris Saturday: \$1489.00
World Mission: \$30.00

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Please consider including your Parish in your will.*



Youth Ministries

CDG—LDG—YDG

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LDG and YDG

November 18
November 25
December 2
January 6
January 20
January 27

February 10
February 24
March 3
March 10
March 31
April 14

Mass as a Class

December 16 St. Augustine's
January 13 St. Anne's
February 3 St. Augustine's
April 27 Stella Maris

Unit Notices

Fundraiser for Sister Cecile's work: The family and friends of Sister Cecile Buote would like to invite everyone to a fundraiser at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club on Sunday, December 2, from 11 am to 4 pm. Over the past number of years, your support has had a dramatic effect on the lives of so many in the poor region in Cameroon where she lives and we thank you. Please join us December 2 for some good food, entertainment and friendship as we share what we have with those less fortunate.

Unit Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday Nov. 13 at 7:30 pm, after Mass. Fr. Raj' s.

The next meeting of St. John Paul CWL will be held at St. Anne's on Tues. Nov 20 at 12 noon. Lunch will be served. Convenors please have your annual reports ready. All welcome.

Teacher needed: We are looking for a teacher (s) to come forward for the grade 5/6 class. At most there are 10 students. Our next class is November 18th at 10:30. Thank you in advance for considering this. Please contact me at 902-394-0681, *Louise Doucette*

The grade 7/8 Religion class would like to THANK everyone who supported us in our bake sale last Sunday at St. Augustine Parish. With your support we raised \$250 which we

will be sharing equally with the Upper Room and the Soup Kitchen. God Bless you all.

Adult Faith Information Sessions: So far we have had two sessions which seem to have been well received. The dates for the next two sessions have been CHANGED. The sessions will now be on Thursday, Nov. 15 and Thursday, Nov. 22. Perhaps some who were interested in attending but couldn't because of the evening will now be able to come! The Nov. 15 session will begin at 7pm at the rectory and will be centered on Mary apparitions throughout the world and how different cultures see Mary. Hope to see you there.

Stella Maris' Notices

Ministries: Nov 11 Lectors Vernon Buote, Della Cormier-Smith **Eucharistic Minister** Joan Doiron **Offertory Families** Helen Gallant, Louise Gallant **Nov 17 Lectors** Joan Doiron, Joan Gallant **Eucharistic Minister** Faye Fyfe **Offertory Families** Lee & Karen Gallant **Nov 24 Lectors** Karen Gallant, Faye Fyfe **Eucharistic Minister** Eric Blacquiere **Offertory Families** Eric & Paula Blacquiere

St. Anne's Notices

Fellowship Sunday is the last Sunday of every month. We should take the time to sit and talk with our neighbors and friends. So join us in the Bolger room after mass the last Sunday of

every month for some coffee, tea and treats.

Ministries for November: Proclaimer: Monica Simpson **Eucharistic Minister:** Charlene VanLeeuwen **Ministers of Hospitality:** Wilbert Reid, Leonard Peters, Donnie Doiron **Offertory: Nov 10** John Doiron, **Nov 18** Eugene & Florence Larkin, **Nov 25** Charlie & Aletha Gallant

Bursary Application: St. Anne's property & finance committee is accepting applications from students continuing their education. Application forms are available at the entrance to the Church. Deadline for applications is midnight November 15. New requirement this year is a short essay as described in the application.

Attention: The Contents of the Attic of St. Anne's Parish house will be on display in the Bolger Room from Sunday Nov 4 to Nov 11. Any interest in these fine treasures there will be a silent auction plus some free for the taking items. Contents purchased from the auction must be removed from the Bolger Room by Wednesday Nov. 14. All items remaining will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. The Property and Finance Committee.

Diocese Notices

Scripture Study for Advent: Monday, November 12, 19 and 26 at 7 pm a 3-week study on exploring the Holy Gospels (four portraits, but one Jesus), by Fr. Martin Carter, in the Knights of Columbus room of St. Dunstan's Basilica (Dorchester St. Entrance). All welcome.

Steubenville Atlantic Launch Party! Join us on Sunday, November 25, 1:30-4:00pm at St. Paul's Parish in Summerside to launch registration for Steubenville Atlantic. Chris O'Hara from the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth will be speaking. There will be music, and opportunities to learn about Steubenville Atlantic, hosted in Halifax, July 5-7, 2019. The Launch Party is open to youth in grade 9 and above.

Advent Retreat on Saturday, Dec.1 from 10am-3pm with facilitator Sr. Regina McQuaid CND at the Martha Spirituality Centre located at SDU Place on Great George St. The theme "Kneeling in Bethlehem" invites us to reflect on the Nativity events and how they relate to our daily lives. Need to register by calling 902-367-3103 or emailing srgemma@eastlink.ca by Nov. 27.

The Island Pregnancy Centre is in the process of preparing for the annual Silent Auction & Dessert Night fundraiser. The staff and volunteers of the Island Pregnancy Centre are gathering items to place in the auction and are accepting donations of artwork, handmade knits, gift certificates, baked goods, business merchandise as well as a variety of other items. If you are interested in donating an item, please contact us at 902-370-3700 or charlottetown@islandpregnancycentre.com. If you are planning on attending this event, mark your calendars for Friday November 16 from 6-8pm at Centre 150, 150 Industrial Crescent, Summerside, or Saturday November 17 from 6-8pm at the Christian Reformed Church, Charlottetown. We hope to see you there!

SDU Faith and Knowledge Lecture: Reserve Thursday, November 29 at 7pm for the 4th annual Saint Dunstan's University Faith and Knowledge lecture series. Guest speaker for this year's lecture is Father Thomas Reese, a Jesuit, ordained in 1974 and educated at St. Louis University, the Jesuit school of Theology at Berkley and the University of California Berkley where he obtained a Ph.D. in Political Science. Father Reese is well connected at the Vatican and author of many articles and books, including a trilogy on the organization and politics of the Vatican and church in general. Father Reese will speak on the topic - "Where is Pope Francis taking the church?" Father Reese is also attending the current Synod on Youth in Rome and will comment on the results of that event. The Lecture will be held in MacDougall Hall on the UPEI campus.