

Halifax is set to host a Level 1 **Formation Course for those desiring to be formed as Catechists with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**. The Level 1 training relates to forming children aged 3-6 years in the Faith and is the foundation of further training with CGS. This course will be offered in two parts, the first of which will take place Feb. 5-10 at St. Agnes Church in Halifax. The second part, Level 1B, will be held April 29-May 4. For information, go to www.cgsac.ca and scroll down to "Upcoming Formation Courses."

There will be a general retreat with Fr. Danny Wilson, themed "The Four Marks of the Catholic Church," at Our Lady of Hope Retreat centre on the weekend of January 18-20. The cost per person is \$137.50 (HST included). Please call the Centre to reserve your spot – 902-621-2385 / 902-388-1952

Community Notices

Reserve: Sunday, Dec. 9 for a "Christmas Afternoon" with the North Rustico Choral Group, at the Seniors Club, North Rustico. (2- 4 pm) Songs, Skits and more, Lunch, 50/50. Admission: Donation at the Door.

Star of the Sea Seniors' Club: Card party will be held every Tuesday at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome. There are prizes, a light lunch and 50/50 draw.

Join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm-4pm in St. Monica's chapel for some good clean fun of playing games. New people are welcome and feel free to bring along a game you like to play. We break for coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and a sweet or two. If you need a drive contact Anne-Marie at 902-964-3442.

Smith's Christmas Trees in Mayfield is celebrating you! Our loyal customers! Thank you for helping us make island Christmas memories for well over 40 years. We are holding our annual Customer Appreciation Day's at the farm on December 9 as well as the 15 & 16 from 10am to 5pm. There will be hot choco-

late, cookies, lollipops, & our famous Magic Reindeer Food. Best part is, all these lovely treats are free! Bring your camera's and try out our many photo props. We offer U-Pick and Pre-Cut trees, wreathes, as well as pine & fir boughs. See you there! Please visit our Facebook for more info.

Rustico Bay Seniors' Club: Card games on Monday nights at 7pm on Dec. 10 and 17. Card games will resume after Christmas on Jan. 7. New Year's Dance on Dec.31 from 9 to 12:30am. Both dances with music by Country Steel. New Year's tickets available in advance from Bernice at 621-0199, Mark at 964-2674 or Marguerite at 963-2003.

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.

Christmas Concert: Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is pleased to invite you to a festive Christmas concert on Sun., Dec. 16 featuring the talented "Phase II and Friends" band. This popular group played to a large and appreciative audience last year with much enthusiasm. Many popular carols and seasonal favourites as well as less familiar moving songs will be sung accompanied by talented guests Keila Glydon and Jeannie Campbell. Doors open at 6:30 with concert starting at 7:30 pm. Admission:\$12 at the door with seasonal treats to be served.

8 handed auction game at Cymbria Lions club Thursday December 13 at 7pm.

St Augustine's Community Concert: Come one, come all to a fantastic variety concert on Sunday, Dec. 6, 6pm at the Cymbria Lion's Club. As well as the great local talent there will be a fudge sale, 50/50 draw and a cake auction at intermission. Admission is \$25 for your whole family, \$10 for general admission and \$5 for children under 10. You can be sure of a few good belly laughs!



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

2nd Sunday of Advent ❖ December 9, 2018

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's for all the souls in purgatory
Wednesday 9:30am Villa Marguerite
Thursday 9am Stella Maris
Friday 9am St. Anne's for Rose Wood
Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for Brian Gallant
Sunday 9am St. Anne's
Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for 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.

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

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

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, Edmond Gallant, Nellie Johnson, Des Nantes, Naomi (age 11), Skye Dunn, 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.

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's Sunday: \$878.70
St. Anne's Sunday: \$626.00
Stella Maris Saturday: \$1005.00

*Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!
 Please consider including your Parish in your will.*

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24	6pm Stella Maris 7pm St. Anne's 10pm St. Augustine's
Dec. 25	10:30am St. Augustine's
Dec. 31	7pm Stella Maris
Jan. 1	10:30am St. Augustine's

God is Love!!

There is NOTHING we can do to make God love us more than he already does!

There is NOTHING we can do that would make God love us less!!!!!!

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Youth Ministries

CDG—LDG—YDG

www.jp2youthministries.com



LDG and YDG

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

Winter Storm Policy: At St. Augustine's Church Mass is never cancelled due to weather. When school in Rustico is cancelled or delayed due to weather, the weekday Mass at Stella Maris or St. Anne's is cancelled. For Saturday evening Mass, a decision to cancel will be made by 1:30pm. For St. Anne's Sunday morning Mass, the decision will be made by 7am. If Religious Education Classes are cancelled, there will be an email sent out and a notice on the website. Call 902-963-2245 for information.

The St. John Paul II CWL will be holding its annual Christmas Tea on Dec. 11 at 11am at the Hunter River Lions Club on Rennie's Road. Women of the parish please join us for some fun, door prizes, food and fellowship. CWL members may pay your dues on that day.

The family of Regis Peters would like to thank the Central Queens Funeral Home, Father Raj, Sister Phyllis, Janet Doiron, and the choir, the readers and altar servers, pallbearers, and flower bearers. We also would like to thank those who served at the reception, and all those who helped in any way. It was much appreciated. Thank you, and God bless.

Fundraiser for Sister Cecile's Work in the Cameroon. The family and friends of Sister Cecile Buote, would like to thank everyone to donated in any way to our fundraiser on Sun-

day, December 2 with money, food and prizes. We raised an unbelievable \$12000. The plastic bottle collection (Halo and late Cathy Gallant) brought in \$1250. St. Augustine's Parish donated \$200, for a grand total of \$13, 450. Thank you for sharing and may you all have a wonderful blessed Christmas.

Change of Mass time for Christmas Eve at Stella Maris. Mass will be at 6pm (not at 4pm as previously announced). We will start singing carols at 5:30pm.

Stella Maris' Notices

Ministries: Dec 15 Lectors Joan Doiron, Suzanne McCormick **Eucharistic Minister** Estelle Bourgeois **Offertory Families** Rose & Errol Gallant **Dec 22 Lectors** Vernon Buote, Della Cormier-Smith **Eucharistic Minister** Glenda Blanchard **Offertory Families** Joan and Rene Doiron **Dec 24 Lectors** Joan Gallant, Karen Gallant **Eucharistic Minister** Della Cormier-Smith **Offertory Families** Marlene & Curtis Gallant **Dec 29 Lectors** Faye Fyfe, Rose Gallant **Eucharistic Minister** Carl Pineau **Offertory Families** Shirley & Ed Gallant

Church Cleaning & Decorating for Christmas: Once again Christmas has sneaked up on us. We will be cleaning & decorating our Church on Tuesday, December 11 at 9am. Many hands make light work; so, we are looking forward to our parishioners giving their

time to help with this project. Storm date will be Friday, December 14 at 9am. Thank You *Property & Finance Committee*

Mitten Tree will again be set up. Any donation of mitts, hats, scarves or socks would be greatly appreciated. Will be delivered the week before Christmas. Call Joan 394-2208 for pick up or drop them off at the Stella Maris Church.

Memorial Tree: Again this Advent we have a Memorial Tree in our church. we are invited to remember a loved one by giving a donation and placing a bow on the tree in your loved one's name. Please give the donation and name or names to Sister Phyllis who in turn will place these names on the bows. The donations received will be used for Church decor or other church needs. May your Advent be filled with blessings of Peace and Love. Merry Christmas to one and all. *Sister Phyllis*

Christmas Choir Practice: To prepare for our Christmas Liturgy we are holding our choir practices on Friday afternoons at 1pm. We are very much in need of choir members. Please come and join us as we prepare for this great feast. As the saying goes: "when we sing we pray double". Thanks for your generosity & God bless.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults and mature teenagers are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. Classes will begin in the new year. Stella Maris Parish invites those who are not baptized or who are baptized in a different faith tradition and wish to inquire about becoming part of the Roman Catholic Church to participate in this process. Catholics who have been baptized but have not completed the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation are also invited to attend. Interested persons please contact Lorraine Lemay at 360-2060.

St. Anne's Notices

Fellowship Sunday is the first 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 first Sunday of every month for some coffee, tea and treats. Our next Sunday will be Jan. 6.

Ministries for December: Proclaimer: Gerald Blacquiere **Eucharistic Minister:** Heather Doiron **Ministers of Hospitality:** Dennis Doiron, Mike Doiron, Jacinta Doiron **Offertory: Dec 16** Ron & Nancy McKinnon & Family, **Dec 23** Wilbert & Brenda Reid, **Dec 24** Marina Doiron & Family, **Dec 30** Dennis & Kathy Doiron

St. Nicholas Boxes will be packed after Mass on Dec. 16. You may leave your baked items and goodies in the Bolger Room that day. Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

St Augustine's Notices

Now that Advent is here and hope, love and joy are in the air. Let us share our good fortune with others by bringing Food, hats, mittens, socks, toys etc for our Giving Tree. These will be given to the needy at Christmas.

Do you want to bring the spirit of Christmas to others. Do you have a singing voice, or do you play a musical instrument? How about Going carolling as a parish community? If interested please sign up at the back of the church or call Lori--963-3122

Diocese Notices

Clergy Changes: The following changes are effective on Jan. 8: Reverend Keith Kennific, presently pastor of St. Bonaventure's Parish, Tracadie Cross, St. Michael's Parish, Corran Ban, and St. Eugene's Parish, Covehead; appointed rector of St. Dunstan's Basilica. Reverend Gerard Chaisson, presently on sabbatical, appointed pastor of St. Bonaventure's Parish, Tracadie Cross, St. Michael's Parish, Corran Ban, and St. Eugene's Parish, Covehead.