

Diocese Notices

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Scam Alert: Please be aware that an imposter, using a hard-luck story and posing as a priest or the bishop of the diocese, is soliciting money from Catholic parishioners through email and text messages. These messages state an urgent need for help. This person is a fraud and his story a lie.

A recent Gift from an estate has provided for a new spiritual retreat center in our Diocese. This Gift will breathe new life into our Catholic Education Programs. If you would like to provide a Gift to your Parish or Diocese now or at estate planning time please visit us at www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.

St. Dunstan's Basilica's Annual Christmas Concert takes place on Friday, December 20 at 7 pm, featuring over 40 singers and the PEI Pops!, all directed by Leo Marchildon in an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary Christmas fare sure to delight. This year's program features a collection of carols by John Rutter and David Hamilton's cantata "The Wonder of Christmas". Due to fire regulations, seating is limited, so people may wish to arrive early to guarantee a spot. Doors open at 6 pm and admission is by donation.

St. James Church in Georgetown we will be holding Bingo every Friday at 6pm to raise funds for a much-needed chair lift for their parish centre, enabling easy access for all parishioners and visitors to enjoy building community together. Everyone most welcome.

There will be a general retreat with Fr. Brendon Gallant themed Meeting Jesus in the "Ordinary" of Your Life at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre January 17-19. The weekend begins with registration and room assignments from 6-7 followed by Mass at 7pm. The cost is \$170 per person or \$255 per married couple. To avoid disappointment, reserve your spot early by calling the Centre at 902-621-2385.

Community Notices

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.

North Rustico Lions Club Auction Fridays at 1:30am. \$10 per team. 50/50 draw.

Free Oil Painting Classes at Rustico Bay Senior's Club starting January 13, weekly for 8 weeks. Registration deadline is Friday, December 15. All seniors 50+ are eligible but preference will be given to beginners / almost beginners. Only 10 spaces available. All oils and materials supplied. To register phone Art at 902-963-2615 / 902-314-6277. Funding provided by Senior's Secretariat.

The North Rustico Lions Club is now taking applications for social housing at the Sunrise Lodge. For applications, please call: Peter Gallant 902-940-9355; Garth Nicholson: 902-432-1525; or Edwin Doiron: 902-393-7754

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 902-892-9974 for more information.

8 handed auction game at Cymbria Lions club Thursday December 19 at 7pm.

Thank You: A BIG thank you is extended to all for attending the variety concert last Sunday evening. Thanks to all who shared their God-given talents to make the concert so enjoyable! A special note of appreciation to the Cymbria Lion's Club for their continuous support and assistance. Thanks everyone.

Wednesday Games: There will be games on Dec. 18. The next games day will be January 8, 2020!!!



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

3rd Sunday of Advent ✦ December 15, 2019

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's for Bob Nelson

Wednesday 9:30am Villa

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday 9:30am Rosewood

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris

Sunday 9am St. Anne's

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's

Fr. Raj Santiago: 902-393-0572

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Pastoral Associates:

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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.

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.

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

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

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$892.40

St. Anne's: \$939.00

Stella Maris: \$1543.00

Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!

Please consider including your Parish in your will.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Brian, Evan, Grace, John, Laura, Theresa, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Donnie Doucette (Roxy), Tyrel Doucette, Bernadette Gallant, Dale Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 12), Monique MacLeod, Kelly Power, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith
To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact

Marion Murphy 902-621-0725

Angela Gallant 902-393-0960

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 bulletin is Thurs. at 4pm.

Questions: If you have any questions about your religion, faith or parish...please write them down, put them in an envelope marked "Questions" and drop it in the offertory. We will try & post answers in a following bulletin.

Mass Requests: Contact Fr. Raj for all Mass requests

What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless.

St. John Paul II

www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php

Youth Ministries — www.jp2youthministries.com

Confirmation Class

Grades K-8 Class Schedule

Mass As A Class Schedule

All classes at St. Anne's
December 15
January 12
January 19
February 2
February 9
March 1

Jan. 12 - St. Augustine's
Jan. 19 - St. Augustine's
Feb. 2 - St. Augustine's
Feb. 9 - St. Augustine's
March 1 - St. Augustine's
March 8 - St. Augustine's
March 30 - St. Augustine's
April 19 - St. Augustine's
April 26 - St. Augustine's

Dec. 15 - 9:00am - St Anne's
Jan. 26 - 10:30am - St Augustine's
Feb. 23 - 10:30am - St Augustine's
Mar. 23 - 10:30am - St Augustine's
Apr. 5 - 10:30am - St Augustine's
May 3 - 10:30am - St Augustine's

All classes start at 9:45am

Unit Notices

Christmas Mases.

December 24: 4pm Stella Maris

December 24: 7pm St. Anne's

December 24: 10pm St. Augustine's
(there will be carol singing 30 minutes before the mass in all the churches)

December 25: 10:30am St. Augustine's

Knights of Columbus Christmas food hampers. Food hampers will be available by our council for families in need again this Christmas Season. Should you know persons in need of this service, please call Don at 902-569-8536. Such information will be kept strictly confidential. Thank you in advance.

Nativity Presentation: The St. John Paul II religion class students will present a short Nativity presentation Dec. 15 after the 9am Mass.

Responsible Ministry Program: We would like to make our parishioners aware we have began to send out the email providing the direction regarding the letter received mid November from the Bishop concerning the Responsible Ministry Program. All volunteers have been asked to submit an email address to the Diocesan Office. In turn you will eventually receive a link to watch a video and complete a short quiz to obtain your accredited certificate. If you are currently volunteering for John Paul Pastoral II unit and have not received an email here is the information: Here is the email address to send your email address

too: rc@dioceseofcharlottetown.com. In the body of your email please add this: As requested, here is my email address: (insert your email address here) for you to send the link to for the Responsible Ministry Program. I am from the John Paul II Pastoral Unit. Please also cc Fr Raj at: rajstaugustin@gmail.com. Thank you for your co-operation and continued support in your faithful ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself at jacintadoiron@hotmail.com or 902-621-0638 or Fr. Raj at rajstaugustin@gmail.com or 902-393-0572. If you do not have an email address, please visit a friend with a computer to have one created or speak with Fr. Raj.

Prayer Line. I will be away from Dec. 11-Jan. 8. If you need to put a name on the prayer line during that time, please call Faye Fyfe. 902-963-2144. Thank you. *Rose Gallant*

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 Ann's is cancelled. For Saturday evening Mass, a decision to cancel will be made by 1:30pm. For St. Ann's 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 902-393-0572 for information.

St. Augustine's Notices

Ministries: Dec. 15 Lector: 1st Lori Doucette, **2nd** Anne Marie Vessey **Eucharistic Minister:** Joseph Gallant, Michael Gallant, Bernadette Gallant **Gifts to the Altar:** Debbie Gallant **Usher:** James Donnelly, Barry Doiron, Les Standen, John Blacquiere **Dec. 22 Lector: 1st** Art Buote, **2nd** Barry Doiron **Eucharistic Minister:** Lori Doucette, Susan Gallant, Anne Marie Vessey **Gifts to the Altar:** Louis & Anne Arsenault **Usher:** Michael Gallant, Terry Doucette, Melvin Gallant, John Blacquiere **Dec. 24 Lector: 1st** Betty Doucette, **2nd** John Vessey **Eucharistic Minister:** Linda Gallant, Carolyn Nantes, Roma Gallant, Linda Dow **Gifts to the Altar:** Les & Eleanor Standen **Usher:** Francis Gallant, Louis Arsenault, Edgar Doiron, John Blacquiere **Dec. 25 Lector: 1st** Anne Marie Buote, **2nd** James Donnelly **Eucharistic Minister:** Joan Blacquiere, Janice Blacquiere, John Vessey **Gifts to the Altar:** Magdalena Mahlstedt, Tim Jones & Fitzwilliam Jones **Usher:** Art Buote, Braden Muttart, Darren Doucette, John Blacquiere **Dec. 29 Lector: 1st** Chris Des Roches, **2nd** Hope Muttart **Eucharistic Minister:** Delma Good, Anne Marie Buote, Marie Doiron **Gifts to the Altar:** Darren & Louise Doucette **Usher:** James Donnelly, Barry Doiron, Les Standen, John Blacquiere

The Hat and Mitten tree will be up for the next three weeks. We will be accepting hats, mittens, food items, new toys, teddy bears, books, anything that can make a Christmas Joyous for someone. Let us share our Christmas spirit with those less fortunate.

Stella Maris' Notices

Any parishioners of Stella Maris wishing to have a reception after a funeral contact Donnie or Mary Blacquiere at 213-2083 so we can make the necessary preparations. The parish is happy to do this to help at a very difficult time.

Ministries: Hospitality: Curtis Gallant, Lee Gallant **Dec. 14 Lectors** Eileen Gauthier, Ronnie Blacquiere **Eucharistic Minister**

Cathy Peters **Offertory Families** Helen Gallant, Louise Gallant **Dec. 21 Lectors** Andre Lavoie, Joan Doiron **Eucharistic Minister** Karen Lavoie **Offertory Families** Marlene & Curtis Gallant **Dec. 24 Lectors** Suzanne McCormick, Vernon Buote **Eucharistic Minister** Carl Pineau **Offertory Families** Dennis & Mildred Gallant **Dec. 28 Lectors** Della Cormier-Smith, Pauline Pineau **Eucharistic Minister** Joan Doiron **Offertory Families** Carl & Bonita Pineau **Dec. 31 Lectors** Joan Gallant, Karen Gallant **Eucharistic Minister** Eric Blacquiere **Offertory Families** Joan & Rene Doiron

Christmas Memorial Tree: Our Christmas memorial tree is up & ready to receive bows to remember your departed loved ones at Christmas. To have a bow added to the tree, please see Lorraine Lemay. Donations will be accepted & will be used for the needs of the parish.

2020 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 Peter G. (963-2460) or Norman G. (963-2416).

St. Anne's Notices

Ministries: Proclaimer: Heather Murphy **Eucharistic Minister:** Lorian MacFarlane **Ushers/Ministrers of Hospitality:** Wilbert Gallant, Mike Doiron, Jacinta Doiron **Offertory Families: Dec 15** the youth; **Dec 22** Ron & Nancy MacKinnon; **Dec 29** Dennis & Kathy Doiron

Sunday envelopes for 2020 are now available on the table near the altar. If you do not use envelopes, but wish to do so, please pick up a box of envelopes and put your name on them for the first few weeks. Any questions, see Kathy Doiron after Mass.

All choir members are invited to brunch right after Mass on Sunday Dec 15 in the Bolger Room. This will be a meet and greet to discuss the Music Ministry for St. Anne's.