

Diocese Notices

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The diocesan offices will be closed from noon on Friday December 20 until 8:30am on Thursday January 2.

Annual Parish Retreat: Our theme will be "Jesus Christ the Lamb of God and the Knock Apparition". We will pray and reflect upon the significance of the Knock Apparition and its primary focus upon Jesus appearing as the Mystical Lamb. Additionally, we shall look at each of those present in the event: Mary, Our Lady of Knock, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist. Retreat will be held Feb. 21 - 23 at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center. Contact Martin and/or Earla Avery: 902-621-2385.

Come join us in Egmont Bay (St. Phillippe and St. Jacques Church) for a Francophone Epiphany Family Catechesis Celebration, Sunday January 5 from 2 to 4pm. We will have a presentation on the three wise men, followed by some songs and family-based activities. A light snack will be served as well! I would also like to take this opportunity to invite franco-phone Islanders, island wide, to contact me, Michelle D'aoust, for more catechesis program information and resources in the French language at 902-854-2143 or cec@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

There will be a retreat with Fr. Brendon Gallant at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre January 17-19. The cost is \$170 per person or \$255 per married couple. Please reserve your spot soon by calling the Centre at 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952.

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.

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.

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.

Wednesday Games: The next games day will be January 8, 2020!!!

There will be no crib at Cymbria Lions Club Thursday December 26. 8 handed auction game at Cymbria Lions Club on January 2. Merry Christmas everyone.

Please join family and friends in celebrating Pearl Gallant's (Gorden) 80th birthday on Friday, Dec. 27 from 2-4 at The Star of the Sea Seniors' Club. Best Wishes only!

Rustico Bay Club: No card games until Jan. 6, 2020. New Year's Eve Dance from 9 to 12:30 with music by Country Steel. Buy your ticket in advance(\$15) from Bernice (902-621-0199) or Mark (902-964-2674) . Meeting for members on Jan.13 at 10 am. Painting classes begin on Jan. 13 in the afternoon.



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

4th Sunday of Advent ✦ December 22, 2019

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 4pm Stella Maris

Tuesday 7pm St. Anne's

Tuesday 10pm St. Augustine's

Wednesday 10:30am St. Augustine's

Thursday No Mass

Friday No Mass

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for Joe Thomas

Sunday 9am St. Anne's

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's

Fr. Raj Santiago: 902-393-0572

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Pastoral Associates:

Jacinta Doiron 902-621-0638

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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: \$1089.50

St. Anne's: \$658.00

Stella Maris: \$584.00

Cemetery Fund: \$100.00

*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, 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

He became what we are that he might make us what he is.

St. Athanasius

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	Jan. 12 - St. Augustine's	Jan. 26 - 10:30am - St Augustine's
January 12	Jan. 19 - St. Augustine's	Feb. 23 - 10:30am - St Augustine's
January 19	Feb. 2 - St. Augustine's	Mar. 23 - 10:30am - St Augustine's
February 2	Feb. 9 - St. Augustine's	Apr. 5 - 10:30am - St Augustine's
February 9	March 1 - St. Augustine's	May 3 - 10:30am - St Augustine's
March 1	March 8 - St. Augustine's	
	March 30 - St. Augustine's	
	April 19 - St. Augustine's	
	April 26 - St. Augustine's	

All classes start at 9:45am

Unit Notices

Christmas Masses.

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.

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 to: jacintadoiron@hotmail.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 & a notice on the website. Call 902-393-0572 for information.

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

tico on Sunday, December 8 with money, food, entertainment & prizes. It was a wonderful day of camaraderie & sharing. We raised an unbelievable \$11,340. We are still accepting donations. Thank you for sharing & may you all have a wonderful blessed Christmas.

St. Augustine's Notices

Ministries: 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: 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. 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:** Loriann MacFarlane **Ushers/Ministrers of Hospitality:** Wilbert Gallant, Mike Doiron, Jacinta Doiron **Offertory Families: 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.

We will no longer be saying the rosary before Sunday Mass. The choir will use that time to prepare the music liturgy. The choir is looking for more members. If you can sing consider joining. Age is not a factor. We want our youth to know you are welcome.