Special Message from Father Raj

My Dear brothers and sisters of St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit,

Peace of Christ! By the Grace of God and your blessings I am fine: and hope you all the same. We all are supposed eagerly waiting to celebrate the Easter joyfully the feast of redemption, but instead we are filled with grief, fear and anxiety as no one is sure of what is next and how long are we going to have this situation. It is indeed a challenging and irritating but we all are braving it optimistically. I just wanted to assure all of St. Anne's, St. Augustine's and Stella Maris parishioners that even though we can't get together at the church for our regular Holy Mass at this time, you and all your family members are being remembered in my private mass and prayers.

Last Wednesday on the Great Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord many people gathered (keeping the social distance) at St. Augustine's church parking lot at 7:30 pm for the bell ringing ceremony and prayed for everyone. It was a very touching moment. Moreover it was nice to come to gather and pray especially when everyone is in self isolation.

To look at in a positive way, perhaps times like this gives us a chance to spend a quality time with our family members and self-contemplation to come closer to our family members and to God Himself. I mean those who don't feel the need of God might feel the need to come closer Him too.

As we have a lots of time at home, I humbly request each one of you to pray for your family members, all the Health Workers, Government administration who are braving the most dangerous situation and make every step to fight the deadly Pandemic. And please pray for all the victims and their family members. As whole world is in need of God's protection, beside our own personal spontaneous prayers, please read Psalm 91.

(Can we come up (in our Unit level) some gesture to recognize and appreciate all those who directly or indirectly in the fighting field of Pandemic? Like Health workers and care givers of the victims) your valuable suggestions are welcome)

Yours Sincerely

Fr. Raj



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

5th Sunday of Lent № March 29, 2020

This Weekend's Liturgy 1st Reading Ezekiel 37, 12-14 2nd Reading Romans 8, 8-11 Gospel John 11.25,26

<u>Weekly Mass Schedule</u> Monday No Mass Tuesday No Mass Wednesday No Mass Thursday No Mass Friday No Mass Saturday No Mass Sunday No Mass Fr. Raj Santiago: 902-393-0572 rajstaugustin@gmail.com

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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.

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

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Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: N/A St. Anne's: N/A Stella Maris: N/A Thank You for Your Donations to Cur Parishes! Flease consider including your Parish in your will.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Brian, Evan, Grace, John, Laura, Theresa, Alfred Barriaylt, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Donnie Doucette (Roxy), Tyrel Doucette, Dale Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Stella Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 13), Monique MacLeod, Baby Cole Peters, Kelly Power, Doris Reid, 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. Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

Mass Requests: Contact Fr. Raj for all Mass requests

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.

Pope Francis

Youth Ministries — www.jp2youthministries.com

Confirmation Class Retreat: TBA **Confirmation** will be rescheduled Grades K-8 Class ScheduleMassAll Cancelled or rescheduleAll Cancel

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Unit Notices

Holy Week Programs: More information will be announced closer to Holy Week.

Way of the Cross: St. Augustine's has cancelled for now the Way of the Cross that was suppose to take place the Sunday, March 29.

Stella Maris' Notices

Annual Financial Statements: Extra copies are available on the table at the back of the Church. Please take one home. *Property & Finance Committee*

St. Anne's Notices

Annual meeting St. Anne's Church will be rescheduled once mass begins again.

Diocese Notices www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Until further notice, beginning on Monday the diocesan Centre will only be open from Monday to Friday, 10am until 2pm.

The trip to Our Lady of the Cape Shrine at Cap de la Madelaine in Quebec from May 15-18 with PEI Pilgrimages Ltd. has been cancelled. For further information please contact Gary Clow at 902-569-3945.

There are now at least 6 Electronic Masses on PEI: Eastlink Community TV Mass Live from Holy Redeemer Church at 9am on Eastlink Channel 10 and 610 This week the scheduled Presider is Fr. Dovari, Pastor of Holy Redeemer. Sunday Mass from St. Mary's Holy Family Church in Kensington at 9am and can be watched live or anytime at your convenience. Fr. Jay's Facebook page www.facebook.com/francis.a.jay. Facebook Live stream of Mass from St. Pius X Parish 10:30am Sunday. The link is: www.facebook.com/stpiusxpei. Facebook Live Mass from Immaculate Conception Parish in Wellington/Richmond 10am Sunday Go to www.facebook.com/ICSASP/. Facebook from St. Simon & St. Jude Parish in Tignish at 10am Sundays www.facebook.com/frjohnmolina. St. Paul's Parish in Summerside will present Mass everyday at 9:30am www.facebook.com/ stpaulspei/

Weekday Mass from Tignish: Fr. John Molina and Fr. Lazaru Panthagani have been Facebooking their daily Mass from a corner of their rectory in Tignish. A very good sharing for all of us, the coordinates for Facebook are the same as for their Sunday Mass above. Also Fr. John & Fr. Lazaru have an instructional video on how to keep someone in the house when they should be self isolating that is well worth viewing.

Community Notices

Star of the Sea Seniors' Club: All activities at the seniors club have been cancelled until further notice.

Legally Blonde: The Musical: Bluefield High School's production of Legally Blonde: The Musical has been cancelled for the time being. If it is rescheduled we will post the new dates and times in the bulletin.

The Annual Meeting at Central Queens Funeral Home is cancelled indefinitely. The Annual Meeting will be held at a later date, once it is safe to do so and will be posted in our bulletin.

Due to the recent corona virus risks and restrictions, the Fiddlers' Sons concert at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, has been cancelled. We hope to host this talented group of musicians at a later date when life returns to normal.

Provincial Credit Union Dinner & Annual Meeting that was scheduled to be held at North Rustico Lions Club on April 7 has been cancelled.

Al-Anon Group Meeting: Tuesday's meeting at St. Augustine's Church is cancelled for the now. Call 902-892-9974 for more information.

Friends of the Farmers Bank Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday. March 24 is cancelled. A later date will be announced in due course.

Subtle Yoga with Paula will be live streaming classes from her Facebook page beginning on Monday, March 23. You can access her classes from Facebook: Subtle Yoga with Paula. New to yoga, no problem. Take it at your own pace, in the comfort of your own home. Schedule: (subject to change) Tuesday 10:30 am \sim mindful yoga on the mat. Thursday 10:30 am ~mindful yoga on the mat. Saturday 11 am \sim mindful yoga in the chair. Classes are by donation. Email transfers (itsallyogaright@gmail.com) Finances should not stand in the way of your participation. If you are not able to contribute at this time, this is respected and you are welcome to join the class for Health: Mind & Body. If you need help to find Paula on Facebook please contact: itsallyogaright@gmail.com or 782-234-5845 (text or call)

Save the Date: Sat. September 19, 2020, 9am to 1:30 pm, at the Eastlink Centre. Due to the current situation with Covid-19 we will be postponing the Mikinduri Children of Hope Yard and Book Sale until September 19.

During this difficult time, please take note that North Rustico Home Hardware will be closed on Saturdays starting March 28. Also, starting Monday March 30 store hours will be Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm . Thank-you for your support and understanding. Please share to your FB friends. Stay Safe!

Free online Chair and Balance classes: I am going live online with my Chair and Balance classes, through Zoom. A huge learning curve for me, but thanks to my daughter, it's happening!! Central Regional Sports and Recreation is funding these classes for a couple of weeks to see what the response is like and then, depending on funding, we will re-evaluate after those 2 weeks and see if we are able to continue. These first 2 weeks are free. The way this program works is that we are able to interact throughout the sessions from the comfort of your home. We'll be using things you have in your home for equipment. The first week is the hand towel. Also you should position yourself close to wall, as we'll do some exercises on the wall as well. Please feel free to share this link with anyone you may feel might enjoy getting together and moving. A reminder that the password for these sessions is, seniors. Here's hoping that technology works well for us all. This program will start at 9am on Wednesday, April 1st, and we'll have it on Fridays at 9am as well. No, this is not an April fool's joke. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to reach me here, through my email or call. Stay safe everyone and keep moving!!! Michele Gallant 902-626-9799. Below is the information you'll need to try this out. You are invited to a Zoom meeting. When: Apr 1, 9am Pacific Time (US and Canada). Register in advance for this meeting: https:// us04web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ vJUlcOiuqj8szBr8smSGxunbA3KC7L3dGw. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Cymbria Lions Club: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the Cymbria Lions Club facility will remain closed until further notice. You are welcome to use our parking lot to access the free WiFi provided by Red Sands Internet. Simply connect your device to "Red Sands Intenet Guest WiFi". Please remember to practice social distancing. Everyone please stay safe, we will get through this together!