

St. Augustine's Notices

Thank You: Thank you to all the parishioners who gave up a beautiful evening to clean up our church property. Thank you for sharing your time, talents & muscles! Our property looks fantastic & well cared for.

Wondering What To Do With Your Church Envelopes? The world pandemic is keeping us out of our churches & not able to give our normal Sunday offering. The property & finance committee has decreased expenditures as much as possible. However there are still some expenses. There have been some people questioning how they can make their donation given the circumstances. The committee met & decided to try doing it this way: When you have a donation for the church please call Fr. Raj at 902-393-0572 & make an appointment to see him to give him your donation. It should be in your church envelope or in a plain envelope with your name, parish & donation amount clearly marked on it. This will allow you to be properly credited come income tax receipt time. If you would like a pack of church envelopes please let Fr. Raj know. Take care & please let us know if we can help you during these difficult & unusual days.

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.

Electronic Masses: St. Mary's Holy Family, Kensington at 9am <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofcharlottetown>

St. Pius X Charlottetown 10:30am <https://www.facebook.com/stpiusxpei>

St. Theresa the Little Flower Morell 9am <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Holy-Trinity-Pastoral-Unit-PEI-103197078005559>

St. Paul's Summerside 9:30am <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulspei/>

Immaculate Conception in Wellington/Richmond 10am <https://www.facebook.com/ICSASP/>

St. Simon & St. Jude in Tignish at 10am https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100011014302253&ref=content_filter

Sacred Heart Alberton 9am <https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartpei>

St. Anthony's Parish in Bloomfield 11am <https://www.facebook.com/St-Anthonys-News-Events-301586473999914/>

St. Dunstan's Basilica in Charlottetown 10:30am. <https://www.facebook.com/events/227362231819572/>

Holy Redeemer in Charlottetown 9am <https://www.facebook.com/holyredeemerpei/videos/>

The PEI Right to LIFE Association is hosting a Virtual Baby Bottle Drive from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Please support us in advancing pro-life values, and helping Island women and babies in need. See our website: www.PEIRight2life.ca to donate. Build a team if you like with your friends or parish and inspire some friendly competition! We also have real baby bottles if donating online is not an option. If you would like one, please call or email: 902-894-5473 / office@peiright2life.ca

Community Notices

During this difficult time, please take note that North Rustico Home Hardware will be closed on Saturdays. Also, store hours will be Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm. Thank-you for your support and understanding.

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 Internet Guest WiFi". Please remember to practice social distancing. Everyone please stay safe, we will get through this together!

Rendez-vous Rustico 2020: Considering the actual situation, the board of directors has decided to cancel the Rendez-vous Rustico 2020. However please stay in tune because we want to organize some activities this summer.



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

Ascension of the Lord ✠ May 24, 2020

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Acts 1.1-11

2nd Reading Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel Matthew 28.16-20

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday No Mass

Friday No Mass

Saturday No Mass

Sunday No Mass

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Marion Murphy 902-621-0725

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Lorraine Lemay 902-360-2060

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

Mass Requests: Contact Fr. Raj for all Mass requests

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

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

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: N/A

St. Anne's: N/A

Stella Maris: 470.00

Share Lent: \$25.00

Holy Land: \$25.00

Papal Charities: \$40.00

Education of Seminarians: \$25.00

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, Alfred Barriault, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Donnie Doucette (Roxy), Tyrel Doucette, Albert Gallant, Dale Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Stella Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 13), Monique MacLeod, Baby Cole Peters, 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

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.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

Prayers of the faithful

For Pope Francis, Bishop Richard, Fr. Raj, all priests, seminarians and religious as they work to help their congregation believe that God is always there for us. *We pray to the Lord.*

For politicians who are working hard to make the correct decisions on how to go forward during the pandemic. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all people in the various forms of media on this World Communications Day that they always use their basic sense of fairness and right when reporting the news. *We pray to the Lord.*

For the Church in China that people be allowed to practice their faith openly and without fear. *We pray to the Lord.*

For us as we nervously go forward with the second phase of opening up with the pandemic. May we all do what we can to keep ourselves and our family, friends and neighbours healthy. *We pray to the Lord.*

For parishioners who are sick at this time including Ida McCourt, Kelly Power, Deedee Morisson, Cicilly Coady, Dale Gallant, Gerry Corcoran, Cleon Widam, Ricky Peters. May they face their challenges with grace and courage knowing we are praying for them. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all parishioners who have died we pray they are welcomed into God's loving embrace. *We pray to the Lord.*

Unit Notices

A very effective way to counteract medically assisted death is to provide enough quality palliative care. During the month of May you are encouraged to pray daily for equal access to palliative care for all Canadians and for the good people who provide this service.

Transfer of 1.4 acres of Stella Marie's Church land to North Rustico Municipality to Build new Rink: Peace of Christ! Hearty greetings from Fr. Raj. My dear Brothers and Sisters! I hope we all are putting up a good fight with brave and positive attitude as everyone seems to have accepted the new situation. As most of us know North Rustico town municipality is planning to construct a new rink with different facilities for the benefit of the Local and surrounding community, they are in need of a piece of land just touching the church and have made a request for this land. As it is going to benefit the community and all the more we have very close co operation and co-ordination with the town office they have donated an 1.6 acres of land to the church for the cemetery use, it would be our reciprocal to transfer this 1.4 acres of land to the town. So the parish finance committee is in favour of transferring the land to the town. And here by I let everyone know that. If anyone of you have any concerns or opinion in this regard please feel free to express your views and let me know by the end of this month. You may contact me through my email rajstaugustin@gmail.com or phone #9023930572.

Stella Maris Notices

Greetings Dear Parishioners of Stella Maris Catholic Church, and to friends of our Parish As we continue to celebrate the risen Christ, amid the beginnings of spring, a new life is emerging for all of us. From this day forward we will be called upon to make sacrifices and to help each other as we, and the world, grapple with life threatening virus' and the effects they cause. Our future will look very different when this current pandemic has been eradicated. Prior to Covid-19, we took for granted our parish family would be able to gather in prayer, in the house of the Lord, without fear for our health and well being. Now, however, the reality of a "Global Pandemic" dictates how we may gather in the future. Since the advent of Covid-19, Stella Maris has joined churches of all denominations through-

out Canada by discontinuing to celebrate mass as per usual. To date churches have offered on-line services via television or other forms of media. While there have been no liturgical celebrations in Stella Maris Church, our doors have and will remain open daily from 10:00am to 5:00pm for individual worship or to access the Knights of Columbus "Food Bank" located in the back of the church on the main level. As directed by PEI's health officials, social distancing is strongly encouraged when accessing the Church or Food Bank. It should be noted the food bank is well stocked with food and supplies available to those in need.

The Knights of Columbus Food Bank is able to offer this assistance through donations of food and money from generous parishioners, as well as from friends of Stella Maris Parish, St. Augustine's Parish and St. Anne's Parish who live outside our Pastoral Unit.

To our parishioners and friends, while Covid-19 has put a halt to most business pertaining to the operation of our parish, there are still bills to be paid. Our church survives primarily through funds received from Sunday collections, and supplemented through special fundraisers and other donations. With our inability to gather as a church family, so has our ability to hold fundraisers or to offer a collection plate to help maintain our church and grounds. Understandably, our current economic situation dictates whether or not you are in a position to continue to contribute with your weekly collection envelope. If you are able, please forward your contribution to any member of the Property and Finance Committee or mail your contribution to Stella Maris Catholic Parish Church - PO Box 7, North Rustico, PE COA 1X0. Again due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year our Annual Parish Collection will be postponed so as not to impose an extra burden on parishioners during this time of economic uncertainty. However, if you are able, and wish to make an additional special offering to our parish church, your faith gesture will be greatly appreciated.

As many are aware, there is an effort within our community to build a new rink and fitness centre to be located on land adjacent to our church. A portion of that property is presently under title to Stella Maris Parish. Previously, this 1.40 acre parcel of land has been used for recreation purposes, including baseball and is located between our church and the present day North Star Arena. This extra piece of land is needed in order to accommodate the proposed Centre. In order to move forward on this initiative, it is imperative for the organizing committee to have free and clear title to the 1.40 acre parcel of land in question.

Your Property and Finance Committee has expressed their approval for this land transfer, thereby allowing for progress to continue on this project. It is the Committee's feeling such cooperation will benefit the community at large, while at the same time have little effect on our Church family.

However, if parishioners have questions or concerns with regard to the transfer of this 1.40 acre parcel of land over to the Town of North Rustico, please contact Father Raj via e-mail (rajstaugustin@gmail.com) or by telephone at 902 393-0572.

According to PEI's Covid-19 recovery phases, Islanders will be allowed to gather with no more than 15 people indoor and 20 people outdoors, including religious gatherings, beginning on June 12th. As we grapple with the effects of a post pandemic world, let us be open minded on how we can serve God in the future and on how we can celebrate as a Parish community.

Yours in Christ
Stella Maris Property & Finance Committee
Andre Lavoie - Chair
Eileen Gauthier
Donnie Blacquiere
Gavin Gallant
Margaret Goulding
Norman Gallant
Paul Blacquiere