



The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit

Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ☩ August 30, 2020

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Jeremiah 20.7-9

2nd Reading Romans 12.1-2

Gospel Matthew 16.21-27

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's

Wednesday 9am Stella Maris

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday 9am St. Anne's

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris

Sunday 9am St. Anne's

Sunday 10am Stella Maris

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for all the deceased members of Dolph and Josephine Gallant

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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: \$1445.00

St. Anne's: \$760.00

Stella Maris: \$670.00

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

OUR PRAYER LIST

Annabelle 4 months (recovering from heart surgery), Brian, Evan, Grace, John, Laura, Theresa, Alfred Barriaylt, Pope (Pius) Doiron, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Donnie Doucette (Roxy), Tyrel Doucette, Albert Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Stella Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 13), Monique MacLeod, Baby Cole Peters, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith
To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact

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Nothing is far from God.

St. Monica

Prayers of the Faithful for Sunday, August 30

For Pope Francis, Bishop Richard, Fr. Raj, Deacon Paul, all priests, seminarians and religious as they model for us how to let go of fear and let God take over our lives. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all politicians at all levels of government as they work to cope with the restrictions posed by Covid. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all students, teachers and school staff to realise that they are not alone in their concerns regarding the pandemic. May they know that we are praying for the safe and healthy beginning of the school year. *We pray to the Lord.*

For our farmers who are hoping and praying for rain. May we get enough rain to help the crops and animals. *We pray to the Lord.*

For us as we prepare for fall and new routines and beginnings. We pray that everyone stays safe, happy and healthy. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all who are sick. We include Cleon Widam, Ida McCourt, Deedee Morison, Cicilly Coady, Gerry Corcoran. May they face their challenges with faith, hope and courage knowing we are praying for them. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all who have died including Edward Lavoie. May they be welcomed into God's loving embrace. *We pray to the Lord.*

Unit Notices

The sacrament of confirmation will be conferred on 9 of our young people on Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm at St. Augustine's. This is the last sacrament for these young people as youth. Being confirmed is a VERY important step in their faith and all parishioners should show them support. Given the pandemic, Fr. Raj has been mandated by Bishop Richard to confirm our young people.

Learning More About Our Faith and Responsibilities: This year there will be no Pastoral Associate Program. Instead, the Bishop has endorsed the suggestion of the Diocesan Committee for Adult Faith Formation (DCAFF) to do a study of a special book. We will be encouraging members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Knights of Columbus, C.W.L, Pastoral Associates, Religion Teachers and others who have a keen interest in all that speaks faith to read the book. Those who have been called forth to review the book will then meet to discuss how we will present and encourage others in our unit to take advantage of the opportunity to further understand and enhance their own faith formation.

St. Anne's Notices

St. Anne's Cemetery Committee: In the interest of keeping everything running as smooth as always the St. Anne's Cemetery Committee is looking for a few extra members. Please contact Father Raj for more information.

St. Anne's Property & Finance Committee: In the interest of keeping everything running as smooth as always the St. Anne's Property & Finance Committee is looking for a few extra members. Please contact Father Raj for more information.

Stella Maris Notices

The Sunday 10am Mass will continue into the fall, as long as we are limited in our allowed numbers, and as long as we have an extra priest available.

Lecture Schedule

Saturday, Aug 29	Vernon Buote	Saturday, Sept 12	Eileen Gauthier
Sunday, Aug 30	Faye Fyfe	Sunday, Sept 13	Joan Gallant
Saturday, Aug 29	Vernon Buote	Saturday, Sept 19	Joan Doiron
Sunday, Aug 30	Faye Fyfe	Sunday, Sept 20	Terry Crawford
Saturday, Sept 5	Vern Buote	Saturday, Sept 26	Karen Gallant
Sunday, Sept 6	Della Cormier-Smith	Sunday, Sept 27	Andre Lavoie

St. Augustine's Notices

Volunteers are needed to sanitise the seats, door handles after mass at St. Augustine's. This can be done in the evening as well as the daytime. Many hands make light work. Please contact Anne-Marie Vessey at 902-964-3442. Thanks for helping to keep God's house safe for everyone.

Our patron saint, St. Augustine, said, "To sing is to pray twice". We all enjoy music and many of us are very capable musicians. We are in need of more musicians to help with the singing in church. As we all know, if we have a number of musicians then it is not a big job for anyone. If you would like to join the music ministry (fancy name for people who play music in church) please, please contact Delma Good at delma.good10@gmail.com with your name, instrument and contact information. Guitars, piano, organ, percussion and of course voices are ALL WELCOME. Age does not matter, young and old can make beautiful music together! Let's make Delma's email blow up!

Thank You: Sarah and I would like to express our sincere thank you to everyone during Shane's cancer journey, at the time of death, and now. The out pouring of support, prayers and love was simply overwhelming and the only thing we can say is "thank you from the bottom of our hearts". If there is one thing that I can take away from this journey it is "NEVER consider that you're on your journey alone". Our family bubbles, community bubbles, church bubbles were so very very important and continue to be so very important. Yes, our faith is tested. Yes, life is difficult at times. But with the "bubbles" that we have...no virus can penetrate them if place our lives in His hands. Again, thank you and prayers to all. *Phyllis & Sarah*

Diocese Notices

www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Fall Hours: Beginning Tuesday September 8, the diocesan offices will go back to full-time hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm.

Community Notices

You Could Save a Life: Give Blood, call 1-800-236-6283 for appointment.

Rustico Bay Seniors Club, thanks to a grant from New Horizons Canada, will be offering a number of activities at their newly renovated club beginning Monday, Sept 14. These activities will be offered to everyone interested in participating, regardless of age, with limited numbers, because of social distancing. Our goal is to lift peoples' spirits and provide a welcome break from isolation. The activities will include cards (auction), yoga, computers and entertainment. More details to come.

Rustico Bay Club will be hosting Subtle Yoga with Paula beginning Sept 14 every Monday and Wednesday at 10:30 am. Monday classes will be using a chair so there is no requirement to have a mat or be on the floor. Wednesday class will require a mat. Both classes will provide gentle, mindful, slow postures that are suitable for beginners as well as intermediate students with variations available for most body types. Some of the benefits of slow, mindful yoga: •Improves Energy, •Reduces Pain, •Reduces Depression, •Aids Digestion, and improves Chronic Conditions. To register, please contact Paula at 782-234-5845. Spaces are limited to 15.

Rustico Bay Seniors Club, will reopen for auction on Monday, Sept 14 at 7pm. Limited to 7 tables (28 people) to respect health guidelines. Bring your own water bottle and snacks. Masks are optional but highly recommended. Prizes and 50/50.

Rustico Bay Seniors: Although it will be different from our regular dances, there will still be laughter, camaraderie and fun. We are very pleased to announce that a bi-weekly ceilidh hosted by well-known musicians, Katlyn Gallant and Lori Dempster will begin on Saturday, Sept 19 at 8pm with special guest, Barb Blacquiere and continue until Christmas. Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over. Admission at the door. Limit 40 because of social distancing. We thank you for your support.

The Word This Week

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.

A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.