



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

1st Sunday of Advent ☩ November 29, 2020

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1,3-8

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel Mark 13.33-37

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday No Mass (Memorial service at Funeral Home at 7pm)

Wednesday 9am Stella Maris

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday 9am St. Anne's for CWL Members

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris

Saturday 6pm Stella Maris for Clarence Buote

Sunday 9am St. Anne's for all the souls in Purgatory

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for Mary Eileen Deroche

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Mass Requests: Contact Fr. Raj for all Mass requests

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

Local Knights of Columbus - www.kofc9025.com

Our Bulletin - www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php

Diocese of Charlottetown - www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Bulletin Announcements: Email bulletin notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call Francis @ 902-886-2761.

Deadline for weekly bulletin is Thurs. at 4pm.

St. Augustine's Lectors

November 29 Art Buote

Stella Maris lectors

Saturday, November 28 Karen Gallant

Sunday, November 29

Terry Crawford

St. Anne's Lector

Jacinta Doiron

Diocese Notices

PEI LIFE is offering an Educational Bursary of \$2000 for a young woman who has chosen life for her baby and would like to pursue her post-secondary education. All information and applications forms may be found at PEILIFE.org. Closing date is Dec. 10. Questions? Call Pat at 894-5473 or email: pat@peilife.org.

The annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in Stanley Bridge will be held January 15-17. Retreat Master is Reverend Andrew Handrahan. Topic is Divine Providence: Trusting in God Who Loves Us, which will touch on Patience, Trust, Endurance and Hope. The cost is \$170 per person or \$255 per married couple. Call or email the Centre at 902-621-2385 / ourladyofhope@gmail.com to register. Space is limited.

Advent Day Retreat: Take the opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Lord with an Advent Day Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in Stanley Bridge. Two one-day retreats are being offered: Monday December 7 and Monday December 14, from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The cost for each retreat is \$20 and includes lunch. Call or email the Centre at 902-621-2385 / ourladyofhope@gmail.com to register for one or both dates. Space is limited.

Journey through Advent is a new online weekly video series created to help Canadian Catholic faithful to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The videos serve as an introduction to the liturgical Season and present reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Advent. Bishop Douglas Crosby, and Bishop Pierre Goudreault provide spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. This video series is especially relevant given the COVID-19 pandemic that places limitations on in-person gatherings for faith communities. It is hoped that Journey through Advent will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful preparation for all. The videos will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration. To find the series: www.cccb.ca/liturg-y-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections

Unit Notices

Fundraiser for Sister Cecile Buote. We would like to invite everyone to donate to a fundraiser organized to help the poorest of the poor to which she ministers in Cameroon, Africa. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, it will be different this year. We will be open at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club to receive donations on Sunday, December 6 from 11am - 4pm. As well, we have opened a "Buote Mission Fund" account at the Stella Maris Credit Union in North Rustico where anyone can make a contribution. If you are mailing a donation, all checks must to be made out to "Buote Mission Fund" and sent to 2129 Church Road, Box 5613, Hunter River, RR 3, C0A1N0. We will be accepting e-transfers at: arthur2129@hotmail.ca. For more information, please call Art at 902-963-2615

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$830.00

St. Anne's: \$715.00

Development and Peace: \$905.00

Stella Maris: \$670.00

*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 Barriaylt, Bea Doiron, Pope (Pius) Doiron, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Tyrel Doucette, Albert Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Stella Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 13), Monique MacLeod, Carolyn Nantes, Baby Cole Peters, 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

There is more value in a little humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world.
St. Teresa of Avila

Helping Hands: The Knights of Columbus Council 9025, are undertaking a Program to assist seniors in the John Paul 11 Pastoral Unit with small odd jobs, for example, hanging curtains, blinds, pictures, putting up a shelf, or minor repairs. If you need help with these jobs or others, please call Eleanor Gallant 330-3134. She will refer your name and request to a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Bursary Applications: You will find applications for the PEI Catholic girl's bursary at the back of each church. If interested please fill out and send in by January 31, 2021. Any questions please call Mary Blacquiere at 213-3083

Copies of my latest book "A Listening Heart Says Thank You" are now available. If you want one see me at church or call 902-621-0725. *Marion Murphy*

Covid 19 Update: Please be advised with the recent updates regarding Covid 19 released on Nov 17, we are now required to wear masks while attending mass. Only exceptions will be for very young children and those who are unable to wear a mask for medical reasons. In the event should you show up without a mask, we have some available at the entrances to our churches. Please be mindful and respectful to our fellow parishioners who have been tasked with enforcing these recent guideline changes implemented by our Chief Medical Officer, Heather Morrison and premier Dennis King. By enforcing and following the guidelines allows us to continue to gather and worship together.

Making our Christmas Season Masses all they can be, therefore we are requesting people register which Mass they are attending and how many of your family unit will be attending. As we all know Christmas is quickly approaching, and our Unit Pastoral Council met to discuss how best to handle our masses over Christmas and New Years. With this being said 4 masses have been scheduled for Christmas Eve, one Christmas Day and one on New Year's Day. They are as follows: Dec. 24: 4pm Stella Maris; 6pm Stella Maris; 8pm St. Anne's, 10pm St. Augustine's; Dec. 25: 10:30am St. Augustine's. Jan. 1: 10:30am St. Augustine's. We are asking all parishioners to contact the representatives as listed below advising which mass you currently plan to attend. The reason being is we are attempting to identify numbers for each mass to ensure we can accommodate all and will not have to turn anyone away that evening. If you have other family members or friends who you think possibly may be attending also, please let us know. We would appreciate knowing up front and not having them show up, rather than not knowing and have to turn people away. Not something we want to face on Christmas Eve. So please advise asap and we thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. St. Augustine's Ann-Marie Vessey 902-964-3442; Stella Maris Lorraine Lemay 902-360-2060; St. Anne's Jacinta Doiron 902-621-0638. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Fr. Raj, myself or any Pastoral Council Member. *Jacinta Doiron, Chair of Unit Pastoral Council.*

Christmas Wishes: The CWL and Knights of Columbus are seeking your help. Each Christmas we reach out to those who are alone or in need. We need your help to identify those who could use a treat this Christmas. If you know of someone please give their name to one of the following: Kathy Doiron 902-734-2053, Mary Blacquiere 902-213-2083, Bernice Doucette 902-621-0199 or Donnie Blacquiere 902-569-8536.

Stella Maris Notices

Due to the limitation of the number of parishioners allowed in our Church at 1 time and due to the cost of heating our Church on Sunday mornings, it has been decided to hold 2 masses on Saturday. Effective Saturday, December 5, mass times at Stella Maris Church will be 4pm and 6pm.

Cleaning and Decorating Church for Christmas: Our Church will be cleaned and Christmas decorations put up on Tuesday, December 8 at 9am. We look forward to our parishioners coming to help with these projects.

St. Anne's Notices

Bursary Applications for St. Anne's parishioners attending university and college are now available the back of the church. Deadline for applications is Nov. 30. You can only receive this bursary twice, if you have received it twice already no need to re apply.

WIFI Available: St. Anne's Church is now wifi accessible. Please feel free to use our network while at our church.

Community Notices

Rustico Bay Seniors will hold a New Year's Eve ceilidh on Thursday, December 31 from 8 to 10 pm with hosts Katelyn Gallant and Lori Dempster and special guest, fiddler "Little Alfred" Gallant. Tickets \$15 each will be sold only in advance. Please contact Bernice Doucette at 902-621-0199. Lunch served. Doors open at 7:15. Masks are mandatory.

Rustico Bay Seniors: Monday night card games have been cancelled until further notice.

Rustico Bay Seniors Christmas Caleigh will be on Saturday, December 12 at 8 pm with special guest, Allison Blacquiere. Doors open at 7:15. Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over. Masks are mandatory.

Crib at Cymbria Lions Club is cancelled until further notice due to covid precautions.

The 10th annual Drive Thru Living Nativity will be held on December 4-6 from 5:30-8 pm each evening. This will take place at 6452 Route 19, Canoe Cove. There will be shepherds, kings, angels, Mary & Joseph. Christmas music will be played and there will be lots of lights. Freewill donations accepted for the Kislingbury Family whom 3 year old son had cancer and had lost his eyesight. Covid 19 restrictions will be in place.

Christmas Dinner for Seniors: Open to All Seniors in the North Rustico Lions Club District (65 + Over) Sunday, December 6. Take out only \$5. For tickets, please contact Genny, 963 2985, Rose 963 3516, Noreen 963 3849 or at Lion's Bar, Deadline November 28. Pick up from 4-5pm. Foodbank donations greatly accepted.

Tree Lighting Ceremony: The Hunter River Lions Club will hold their annual memorial tree lighting at the hall on Sat Dec 6 at 6:30 with a name reading following the lighting. You may purchase a memorial light for a family member or friend for \$5 or 3 for \$10 from Lion members. Please bring an item for the food bank. All proceeds will be used for the Breakfast Program at the Central Queens School.

Thinking of putting your Christmas tree up and want to get a fresh local tree and support a local charity at the same time? Come to the VanLeeuwen hobby farm at 19938 Highway 2, Hunter River. The price is simply a donation for a local charity. We like to raise funds for local charities through our Christmas trees. We have done this for Farmers Helping Farmers in the past but if people would rather have their donation go to Knights of Columbus foodbank, we would be happy to keep track of those donations too. My cell phone is 902-394-2370 if you want to call ahead of time to be sure we are around. Colorado blue spruce and balsam fir are available in different shapes and sizes - up to 12 feet even. Also some Norway spruce. We have a saw and can cut it for you. We also have some smaller trees in pots in the ground if you want a live tree, but only if the ground has not frozen hard. We do not deliver so bring your truck, van, trailer or roof rack and some rope or bungee cords to bring your beautiful tree home.