



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

2nd Sunday of Advent ✕ December 6, 2020

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading 2 Peter 3.8-14

Gospel Mark 1.1-8

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's

Wednesday No Mass— Reconciliation Service—9am Stella Maris

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday 9am St. Anne's for CWL Members

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris

Saturday 6pm Stella Maris

Sunday 9am St. Anne's

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's

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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

December 6 Lori Doucette

December 13 Betty Doucette

December 20 Les Standen

Christmas Eve Barry Doiron

Christmas Day James Donnelly

December 27 Anne Marie Vessey

Stella Maris lectors

4 pm Mass

Dec 5 Noreen Heighton

Dec 12 Eileen Gauthier

Dec 19 Della Cormier-Smith

Dec 24 Vern Buote

Dec 26 Terry Crawford

Jan 2 Joan Gallant

6 pm Mass

Dec 5 Andre Lovoie

Dec 12 Eleanor Gallant

Dec 19 Paul Blacquiere

Dec 24 Kate MacLeod

Dec 26 Karen Gallant

Jan 2 Paul Blacquiere

St. Anne's Ministries

Lector: Charlene Vanleeuwen Eucharist Minister: Marina Doiron

Diocese Notices

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.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) special presentation: Thursday, Dec. 10, 9 pm, Witnesses of Hope – TV/Web Special in Support of Christians in the Middle East (Salt +Light Media / CNEWA) In recent years, the Middle East has been covered by clouds of war, violence and destruction - forcing millions to flee their homes. Despite the terrible impact on their very existence, Christians continue to witness to the life-changing power of the Gospel. Founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926 to provide pastoral and humanitarian support to the churches and people of the East, CNEWA presents a virtual TV fundraising event to highlight the role and realities of Christians in the region, celebrate their witness and raise funds for their important work. Tune in for inspiring speakers, music and uplifting stories. Watch live on Salt + Light TV and CNEWA Canada Facebook. Info at CNEWA.ca.

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: \$849.50

St. Anne's: \$689.00

Stella Maris: \$2610.00

*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

Advent increases our hope, a hope which does
 not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

Pope Francis

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*

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.

Thank You: We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food, cards and calls. God bless you all. *Frank and Bea.*

Christmas Mass Schedule Updates: Thank you parishioners for responding to our request of pre-registration for the various masses offered Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. As a result, Fr. Raj has graciously agreed to add another mass on Christmas Eve to accommodate all who have reached out thus far. Also, Stella Maris has informed us they have just received approval for their operational plan thus opening up more spaces for their 2 scheduled masses. With this being said, please take note below of our New updated schedule with available spaces:

December 24: 4pm Stella Maris (Few Spots Left);
6pm Stella Maris (Few Spots Left);
7:15 pm St. Anne's (Few Spots Left);
8:30 pm St. Anne's (Few Spots Left);
10pm St. Augustine (FULL);

December 25: 10:30am St. Augustine (Spots Left);

January 1 : 10:30am St. Augustine.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and understanding as we work together to ensure we provide an opportunity for all to share this most wonderful celebration the 'Birth of our Beloved Jesus' our "Savior". St. Augustine Ann-Marie Vessey 902-964-3442; Stella Maris Lorraine Lemay 902-360-2060; St. Anne's Jacinta Doiron 902-621-0638. We are also very pleased to share with you that Francis Wieggers has offered to Live stream both masses held in St. Anne's on Christmas Eve. We certainly appreciate him offering his time and equipment allowing those who are unable to be physically present with us to partake in the service in the comfort of their own homes. Stay tuned as we are working on offering this every Sunday going forward. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Fr. Raj, myself or any Pastoral Council Member. Respectfully submitted by *Jacinta Doiron, Chair Unit Pastoral Council.*

Bulletin Notices: I would ask anyone who submits a notice for the bulletin to please keep them as short as possible. I am sure you have noticed lately the bulletin has been full and I have actually had to leave some notices out. I really hate to pick and choose which notices make the bulletin so the shorter the notices the more I can get in. Thanks for understanding. *Francis*

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

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

Sunday Envelopes for 2021 are now available. You may pick them up at the entrance which you usually use to go for Mass. Please put your name on them for the first few weeks. Any questions, see Kathy Doiron after Mass.

Community Notices

Rustico Bay Seniors will hold a New Year's Eve ceildh on Thursday, December 31 from 8 to 10 pm with hosts Katlyn 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 Christmas Caleigh will be on Saturday, December 12 at 8pm with special guest, Allison Blacquiere. Doors open at 7:15. Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over. Masks are mandatory.

Rustico Bay Club will host Subtle Yoga with Paula on Monday and Wednesday at 10:30 am. Minimum \$5 a session.

Rustico Bay Seniors Club Help with Technology: Saturday, from 9-10:30 a.m. till December 12.

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

Tree Lighting Ceremony: The Hunter River Lions Club will hold their annual memorial tree lighting at the hall on Sunday December 6 at 6:30pm 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.