

The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit

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

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st **Reading** Genesis 15.1-6;17.3b-5,15-16; 21.1-7

2nd Reading Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel Luke 2.22-40

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday 10:30am St. Augustine's (New Years Day)

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 27 Anne Marie Vessey

Stella Maris' Lectors

4 pm MassDec 26Terry CrawfordDec 26Karen GallantJan 2Joan GallantJan 2Paul Blacquiere

St. Anne's Lector
Charlene VanLeeuwen

How important it is that every child coming into the world be welcomed by the warmth of a family! External comforts do not matter. Jesus was born in a stable and had a manger as his cradle, but the love of Mary and Joseph made him feel the tenderness and beauty of being loved.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Prayers of the Faithful for Christmas 2020

That the light of Christ shine throughout the Church and the world. We pray to the Lord.

That the leaders of every country, large and small, rich and poor, work together for lasting peace. We pray to the Lord.

For our family members who could not come home for Christmas because of covid regulations, May they feel the peace and blessings of Christ's birth. We pray to the Lord.

For us as we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus, that we remember this feeling of peace, joy, goodwill towards our neighbours and contentment throughout the year. We pray to the Lord.

For all whose joy this Christmas is diminished by suffering in mind or body. We include Ida McCourt. May they feel hope and courage knowing we are praying for them. We pray to the Lord.

For all who are celebrating Christmas in heaven this year. May believing in heaven's glory bring their family some peace and help them cope with life's daily demands. We pray to the Lord.

Diocese Notices

We are all stewards of our future. The most integral part of this future is our youth. Your Gift could provide for programs targeted towards shaping the young Catholics of tomorrow. If you would like to help bring our church into the future by providing a Gift to your Parish or Diocese now or at estate planning time please visit us at www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1104.00 St. Anne's: \$1074.00 Cemetery Sunday: \$50.00 Donation to Cemetery: \$100.00

Stella Maris: \$1290.00 Donation: \$50.00

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

OUR PRAYER LIST

Brian, Evan, Grace, John, Laura, Theresa, Alfred Barriaylt, Pope (Pius) Doiron, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Tyrel Doucette, Gary Ellis, Albert Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Stella Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 13), Darlene MacGregor, Monique MacLeod, Carolyn Nantes, Baby Cole Peters, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact

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Unit Notices

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 they 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 **Ethical Validity of the Vaccines:** Dear Brothers and Sisters, As we see in the media, some of the bishops have raised the issue of Ethical Validity of the Vaccines against the COVID-19. Our Holy Father Francis has approved and asserted that The vaccines against the Covid -19 are ETHICAL and our Bishop Most Rev. Richard Grecco also has encouraged the faithful to get the vaccine. So please let us get the Vaccine as whenever is possible and protect ourselves from the life threatening Virus and be safe. May this Coming New Year 2021 remove all the fear and obstacles caused by this Pandemic and the world may Experience New Hope and Peace. Happy New Year 2021 to all. Sincerely in Christ, *Fr. Raj*

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.

Live Streaming Mass: For our parishioners that can't be with us in person, we will be live streaming our Sunday Morning mass on Facebook. You can find it at https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live_videos/

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.

Stella Maris' Notices

2020 Envelopes: New envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you have not received a set of envelopes in the past and wish to receive them, please contact Peter Gallant (963-2460) or Norman Gallant (963-2416).

Donation: A donation of \$50.00 was received this week with no name attached. If this person would like to receive a tax receipt, please contact Peter Gallant (963-2460) or Norman Gallant (963-2416).

Community Notices

Subtle Yoga with Paula. Mindful Yoga on the Mat. Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico. No class Dec. 29. Classes begin again Jan. 5, Tues 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm. . Beginners welcome, no experience necessary. Please bring a mat, a towel, blanket, water. Come give it a try, meet some friends and have fun! For more information contact Paula: 782-234-5845.

Rustico Bay Seniors Ceilidh hosted by Katlyn Gallant and Lori Dempster will start again Saturday January 16 at 8pm with special guest, fiddler "Little Alfred" Gallant. Doors open at 7:15.Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over. Covid restrictions at that time will be in effect.

Rustico Bay Club: Subtle Yoga with Paula every Monday and Wednesday beginning January 11 at 10:30 am. Help with Technology will begin Sat. Jan 16 that 9a.m. Auction will begin Monday. Sept 11 at 7pm. Covid restrictions at that time will be in effect.

The Word This Week

As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more dramatic events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us (especially in the shorter version), there were also the so-called 'hidden years' - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. The family is a basic unit of our Christian society, despite coming under threat nowadays. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



 Keeping in Contact We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the unit. We thank God that you are with us. If we may assist you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. □ New parishioner. □ I am home bound and would like someone to visit me. 			
		☐ I am going to be in hospital, please call on me.	
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		Address:	
		Phone: Home:	Cell: