



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

3rd Sunday of Lent ☩ March 7, 2021

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Exodus 20.1-17

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1.18,22-25

Gospel John 2.13-25

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 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.

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

Lenten Mass Times & Penitential Service

March 17 (Penitential Service) 7pm Stella Maris

April 1 (Holy Thursday) 7pm St. Anne's

April 2 (Good Friday) 3pm St. Anne's and 4:30pm St. Augustine's

April 3 (Easter Vigil) 8pm Stella Maris and 8pm St. Augustine's

April 4 (Easter Sunday) 10:30am St. Augustine's

St. Augustine's Lectors

March 7 Anne Arsenault

March 14 Art Buote

March 21 Chris DesRoches

March 28

James Donnelly N

Anne Marie Vessey S

Betty Doucette Reader

Stella Maris' Lectors

March 6 Karen Gallant

March 13 Kate MacLeod

March 20

March 27

Ronnie Blacquiere

Joan Doiron, Vern Buote

St. Anne's Ministries

March—Lector: Tammy Peters, Eucharistic Minister: Monica Simpson

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$423.25

St. Anne's: \$375.00

Stella Maris: \$785.00

Bishop's Projects: \$20.00

*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, Eric Doiron, Pope (Pius) Doiron, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Tyrel Doucette, Gary Ellis, Albert Gallant, Pauline Gallant, Stella Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 13), Darlene MacGregor, Monique MacLeod, Carolyn Nantes, Bernadette Nelson, Baby Cole Peters, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith, Shelley Thomas
To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact

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We need to find God, and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. *St Teresa of Calcutta*

Diocese Notices

A Silver Rose on a nine-month pilgrimage will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service at eight churches on Prince Edward Island starting on March 18. This program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus councils in these localities to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. The Rose will end its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe near Mexico City on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All members of the community are invited to attend. The schedule of services is as follows: March 18 Tignish, St. Simon & St. Jude, 6:30pm + Mass, March 20 Summerside, St. Paul's 10am, March 22 Kensington, St. Mary's-Holy Family 7pm, March 23 Rustico, St. Augustine's 7pm, March 24 Montague, St. Mary's 7 pm, March 27 Stratford, Our Lady of the Assumption 10:00am, April 6 Charlottetown, Holy Redeemer 7pm, April 8 Cornwall, St. Francis of Assisi 7pm

The Martha Spirituality Centre is pleased to offer a Zoom Retreat with Dr. Beverly Musgrave on Friday, March 19 from 10 am-3 pm with time off for lunch. Her theme is "Aging: A call to Integration and Synthesis." She believes that this day will be an opportunity to pray and reflect with our living God "who comes to us disguised as our life" (Karl Rahner), and invites participants to explore how to "keep on spending the mysterious content of the heart.". She speaks to the heart and soul about aging and spirituality. Dr. Musgrave is a Clinical Psychologist, Pastoral Counselor and Spiritual Director. She studied Spiritual Direction and Ignatian Spirituality at Guelph and has been practicing Spiritual Direction for thirty years. She taught at Fordham University in New York City and had a Private Practice in Pastoral Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy. Dr. Musgrave also developed a program called Partners in Healing, that

worked with and trained people to minister to the sick. Presently, she lives in Halifax and gives presentations at the Barat Spirituality Centre there. To register contact sremma@eastlink.ca and pay a fee of \$20.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's theme this third Sunday of Lent is communities. The Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, like other communities we support, take charge of their destinies, building better shelter and growing food, with the help of your donations. This Lent let us re-commit ourselves to working with them in Justice and Charity as we prepare for Solidarity Sunday, March 21 and the Share Lent collection. Bless their incredible strength, resourcefulness, and courage as they thank and bless us.

Rev. George Palamattam, CMI, is offering a retreat entitled "Come Walk in the Footsteps of St. Joseph" from March 12-15, 2021 at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart), describes St. Joseph as a true husband and father, the fiancé who "accepted Mary unconditionally" and the man in whom "Jesus saw the tender love of God". The retreat cost is \$170 per person or \$255 per married couple. Register with Earla (902) 388 1952 or Marty (902) 394 4116 or the Retreat Centre (902) 621 2385. Space is limited.

PEI LIFE Association is holding its annual baby bottle campaign, Change4LIFE, from March 1st to May 1st, to promote LIFE on PEI. Join us in helping advance the beauty of LIFE on PEI. Change4LIFE is one of many ways that PEILIFE aims to help the most vulnerable on PEI and make changes for LIFE! There are two ways to support: Online option is via: www.PEILIFE.org or if your parish is participating, by taking a bottle from the back of the church and returning it on Sunday, May 2nd. Questions: Call Pat at 902-894-5473 or email office@peilife.org

Unit Notices

Helping Hands: The Knights of Columbus Council 9025, are undertaking a Program to assist seniors in the John Paul II 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 Genny Gallant 902-963-2989. She will refer your name and request to a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Lay directors for the Corporation: Dear brothers and sisters, as we all know that now each church is a separate corporation under the corporation Act of Canada. By the corporation law, every corporation should have two lay directors beside the Bishop, the Vicar General of the diocese and the pastor of the parish. Among these two lay directors, one will be the treasurer, and the other will be called secretary of the Corporation. According to the Corporation law, the treasurer of the corporation is supposed to be the treasurer of the finance committee. So automatically all the treasures of the finance committees will be the treasurer of the corporation too. And The Corporation law requires these Lay directors to be elected by church members. So hereby I request all those who wish to register your names, for the post of secretary, kindly register with the parish office by email, "rajstaugustin@gmail.com" or Phone Number 902-393-0572 by the last Sunday of March. If we have more than one candidate for any corporation, there will be an election in the church on the first week of April for the post of secretary. Thanks and God bless all. *Fr. Raj*

Dear Parishioners, I spoke with Fr. Raj who has advised he will be offering 2 extra masses for the next two Sundays. This is due to the new CVOID restrictions imposed under the current Circuit Breaker rules released by Health PEI. We currently are restricted to one group of 50 with no additional co-harts allowed. This is in effect for the next 2 weeks. We certainly do appreciate Fr. Raj being so accommodating as he continues to minister to us. Here are the Mass Times Offered for the next 2 Weekends: Stella Maris Saturday 4:00pm and 5:30pm. St. Anne's Sunday 9:00am. St. Augustine's Sunday 10:30am and 12:00noon (March 7 only). Some have already pre-registered; however, if you wish to sign up for a particular mass, please feel free to contact one of the associates stated below; otherwise, when we've reached our maximum capacity of 50 you will be advised of the other available mass times. Lorriane LeMay Stella Maris 902-360-2060. Anne-Marie Vessey St. Augustine's 902-964-3442. Jacinta Doiron St. Anne's 902-213-0271. Thank you so much for your time and continued support. I like you all am certain are eagerly waiting for things to return to normal. Respectfully submitted by, *Jacinta Doiron, Chair of Pastoral Council of John Paul II Unit*

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/ If you are having trouble finding it please let me know at stannes@jp2pastoralunit.com

Stella Maris' Notices

Stella Maris Parish Centre: For anyone wishing to use Stella Maris Parish Centre for small gatherings. Information on availability and function restrictions, as per health regulations, are available by contacting Paul Blacquiere @ 902 963-2505 or e-mail paul.blacquiere@pei.sympatico.ca

Community Notices

Subtle Yoga with Paula. Mindful Yoga on the Mat. Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico. Classes are 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 Club Ceilidh presenting Keelin Wedge and Larry Campbell on Saturday, March 13 at 8pm is sold out and only ticket holders will be admitted. Doors open at 7:15. Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over.

Rustico Bay Club: Subtle Yoga with Paula is every Monday and Wednesday at 10:30 am. Minimum donation is \$5 at the door. Help with Technology is every Sat. at 9am to 10:30am. Auction is Monday at 7pm. Good prizes. Covid restrictions at that time will be in effect for all activities.

Lenten Message

Today is the third Sunday of Lent. We are getting closer to Easter which is the highest point of celebration for us. Jesus loves us SO much he died on the cross. We celebrate the dying and the rising of our Lord Jesus. We realize that Jesus is our ever-faithful friend. He carries us through difficult times, gives us the best advice, and really rejoices more than anyone when we have success. But, Jesus needs to be invited into our hearts. Let's open wide our hearts and put out the welcome mat for Jesus.



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March 4, 2021

Dear friends in Christ,

Today, March 4, 2021, His Holiness Pope Francis has accepted my resignation from the Office of the Bishop of Charlottetown. This happens in accord with Canon Law, which states that Bishops must submit their resignation at seventy-five so that another may be appointed by the Holy Father. Of course I remain a Bishop because of the sacrament of Holy Orders. The mission of the Diocese will soon be in the hands of a new Bishop. In the meantime, the College of Consultors of the Diocese will elect a Diocesan Administrator. He (a priest of the Diocese) will administer the Diocese until the appointment of a new Bishop. This new Administrator will be announced within the next two weeks.

Since December I have been in failing health and recently when told of the diagnosis, I requested your prayerful support. I am most grateful for your prayers, kindness and thoughtful support. By coincidence or by providence today on the occasion of my seventy-fifth birthday I begin a four month program of chemotherapy. This follows a week-long radiation program which helped the painful symptoms considerably. With confidence in your prayers and the medical information that a high percentage of patients achieve remission, I hope to be able to resume ministry as a retired Bishop.

I was looking forward to celebrate with you the occasion of my 75th as well as my retirement. The plan was to host festive occasions and Eucharistic celebrations throughout the Diocese to give praise to God with you and to offer farewells. This would have happened in compliance with the Public Health regulations that realistically would have minimized our numbers and our events. Perhaps, if my chemo works well and the pandemic restrictions are relaxed I may be able to join with you in welcoming back our social freedom and new opportunity to participate in the Sacred Liturgy. I am keeping my eye on that glorious possibility throughout my chemo and I dare to hope that I will be able to join with you celebrating together, in large numbers, joyfully in thanking God for our deliverance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard Grecco
Bishop of Charlottetown