please see Kathy Doiron or just pick up a blank set of envelopes and put your name and address on them so we can register you to receive an income tax receipt next year.

Diocese Notices

The Basilica Christmas Concert is fast becoming a popular tradition and will take place on Tuesday, December 22 at 7pm. Leo Marchildon directs the St. Dunstan's Basilica Choir and the Strathgartney Chamber Orchestra in "Fantasia Noel", a sparkling re-imagining of traditional favorites arranged by Joshua Spacht. Also on the program is a tribute to the carols of John Rutter. Please arrive early to ensure good seating. Admission is by free will offering.

The Annual General Retreat at Belcourt Centre in South Rustico will be held January 22-24, 2016, led by Fr. Danny Wilson. The theme will be "God's Mercy". To register please call 902-963-2877 or e-mail belcourtlodge@gmail.com

Marriage Survey: Would you like to help strengthen marriages in our Diocese? Please consider completing (before February 1, 2016) a 25-minute, anonymous, on-line marriage survey that will be used by doctoral student and clinical counsellor, Stephen Mawhinney, for research in his doctoral thesis. Type in the link, read the opening page and complete the survey, submitting your results at the end. www.surveymonkey.com/r/diocesemarriagesurvey

Check out the Diocesan Website at http://dioceseofcharlottetown.com for several news items in our diocese including the recently held Advent/Christmas Dinner for Retired Priests (with photos), the Holy Door/Jubilee Year of Mercy, Resettling of Syrian Refugees and the 2016 Confirmation Schedule.

Join Seniors College for an exciting winter of great courses - Art courses are open in Charlottetown and Montague; Writing, History,

Literature and Spanish 2 in Summerside and Charlottetown; and Beginning Computer in Montague. View courses and register on-line at seniorscollege.ca or call 902-894-2867. Classes begin the week of January 4th.

Diocesan Communications Committee: As a support to the newly appointed Diocesan Webmaster, Fr. Frank Jay, there is a need to reconstitute the Diocesan Communications Committee (DCC) with additional membership from across the Diocese. Members of the DCC have the responsibility of relaying "good news stories" from their parish, pastoral unit and/or Zone. In this way our Website is kept more informative and up-to-date. FYI, it is intended that the DCC will function more as a virtual committee and meet face-to-face only a few times a year. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact the Diocese at 902-368-8005 or rc@dioceseofcharlottetown.com. Thank you.

Community Notices

Al-Anon Group Meeting: Tuesdays at 10 AM in the vestry of St. Augustine's Church. Call 902-894 -3503 for more information.

Central Queens United Church: Dec. 24 - Family Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m.

80th Birthday Party: The family of Alberta Gallant invite you to her 80th birthday party at the Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico on Dec. 27 from 1pm-4pm. Best Wishes Only.

Rustico Bay Club Announcements: New years eve tickets are still available. Must be picked up by Dec 27 May call Russell Ford 621-0103, Wanda Gallant 621-0023, Margaret Blacquire 963 -2003. This Monday Dec 21 will be the last card party until after the holidays. Will resume on Jan 4th

The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent → December 20, 2015

Schedule December 21 to December 26

Monday: 9 am St. Augustine's-Lucy LeClair Tuesday: 9 am Stella Maris-Deena Doiron

Wednesday: 9 am St. Augustine's **Thursday:** 6:00 pm Stella Maris

8:00 pm St. Anne's

10:00 pm St. Augustine's

Friday: 10:30 am St. Augustine's Saturday: 4pm Stella Maris Sunday: 9am St. Anne's

10:30am St. Augustine's Scheduled weekday Mass is cancelled for a funeral.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Sick and Dying will be said following weekday Masses.

Confessions: Saturday at 10am in St. Augustine's Church. For additional times for confessions please call 902-963-2245.

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal

Preparation.

Father Raj Santiago: Office: 902-963-2245 Cell: 902-393-0572

Pastoral Associates:

 Jacinta Doiron
 902-621-0638

 Janet Doiron
 902-963-3247

 Marion Murphy
 902-621-0725

 Carol Probert
 902-963-3089

PLEASE PRAY FOR: A person with MS, A depressed person, Brian, Evan, Wendy, Agatha Reddin, Alice Doucette, Allan Pound, Alyre Doucette, Alyre Pineau, Ann Blais, Anne Marie Ellis, Anne Peters, Annette Coffin, Annie Gallant, Ashley Cook, Bernadette Procter, Billy Doucette, Bobby Briehl, Brenda Gallant, Carol Ann Dickson, Cecilia Gallant, Cecily Gallant, Charlotte Kilorn, Chester Fall, Claude Gregoire, Dale Doucette, Dane Simpson, Donna Stiles, Edna Pineau, Elaine Stewart, Emeric Walsh, Eric "Buck" Doucette, Frances Rose Wilson, Gabrielle Gallant, Georgina Blacquiere, Inez Pineau, Jean Gallant, Kaye Ford, Keisha Dunn, Kim Murphy, Kitty Gallant, Leo LeClair, Lisa MacDonald, Louis Reid, Louise Peters, Mary Gillis, Nancy Bicard, Nancy (Pius) Doucette, Nicky Garland, Parker O'Brien, Pat Gallant (John), Paul Doiron, Regis Peters, Richard Arsenault, Roger Gallant, Rose Hennessey, Scott Faust, Shirley Doucette, Sonny Gauthier, Stella (Gary) Gallant, Stephen Ellsworth, Stephen Sampson, Susie Smith, Tammy Wedge, Terry Doucette, Tim Gallant, Trisha Gallant, Vera Gallant, Victor Doiron, Wally Litouskey and all those in hospital.

To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please call the **Prayer Line Contacts**:

Marion Murphy 902-621-0725 Angela Gallant 902-963-3438 Rose Gallant 902-963-3516 Fr. Raj Santiago 902-963-2245

From Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si" - "Our Common Home"

<u>Pope Francis on the Environment:</u> "Market forces alone won't protect the environment." Once more, we need to reject a magical conception of the market, which would suggest that problems can be solved simply by an increase in the profits of companies or individuals. Is it realistic to hope that those who are obsessed with maximizing profits will stop to reflect on the environmental damage which they will leave behind for future generations? Where profits alone count, there can be no thinking about the rhythms of nature, its phases of decay and regeneration, or the complexity of ecosystems which may be gravely upset by human intervention.



Youth Ministries CDG-LDG-YDG

The youth would like to thank the **St. Augustine's choir** for supplying snacks at our last religion class.

Kindergarten—grade 9 Religion Class Schedule

January 10, 2016 January 24, 2016 February 7, 2016 February 21, 2016 March 6, 2016 March 13, 2016 April 3, 2016 April 17, 2016

"Mass as a Class" Schedule

December 20, 2015 January 31, 2016 February 28, 2016 April 24, 2016

CDG Schedule

December 18, 2015 January 15, 2016 February 19, 2016 March 11, 2015 April 15, 2016 May 27, 2016

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 20th at 10:30 (St. Augustine's Church), for our next Mass as a Class, The youth will be participating in various aspects of the mass. Immediately following the mass there will be a short presentation by the religion classes including the Christmas

Pageant. Munchies to follow! We

look forward to having you cele-

brate with us. Louise

Your 2015-2016 Confirmation Candidates



Name: Amy MacFarlane Parents: Lori Ann and Chris

MacFarlane Birthday: April 13, 2001

Interests: Four-wheeling, being

outside

Future Plans: To Travel

What she really likes: Being with

friends

What she really does NOT like: Early mornings Special memory about church: Christmas Mass What she would like the parishes to know about her: I'm quiet at first but once you get to know me I'm outgoing.



Name: Devin Keith Gallant Parents: Keith and Tammy Gallant Birthday: August 29, 2001 Interests: Motocross, dirt-biking, hockey, golf, boating, snowboarding and working in the shop Future Plans: To become a me-

chanic

What he really likes: Dirt bikes and engines, being with his

friends, playing sports

What he really does NOT like: Homework and macaroni casserole

Special memory about church: Taking up the collection at church

What he would like the parishes to know about him: That he's enjoying this year's confirmation class preparations.

Unit Notices

Bulletin Announcements: Email bulletin notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call 902-886-2761 (please leave a message if we aren't home). Deadline for weekly bulletins is Thursday at 4pm.

Hospital or Home Visits: If you have a family member or friend in the hospital, at home or other care facility who would like to see a priest please call Fr. Raj.

Scent Free: Please avoid scented products in our churches. Some parishioners are strongly allergic to chemical fragrances.

Communion at Home: If you know of anyone who

should be receiving communion at home because of inability to attend church, please contact one of the pastoral associates.

Christmas Dinner: Are you alone or know of someone (Couples Included) who is and would love to share a Christmas Dinner with us. The Pastoral Associates of John Paul II Unit will be hosting a turkey dinner on Dec. 25th Christmas Day @ 2:00 pm in St. Anne's Church Basement. If you know of someone in need of a family style Christmas Dinner please let us know. To give us an idea of how many to prepare for and you are thinking about joining us please contact one of the following: Jacinta Doiron @ 902-621-0638, Marion Murphy @ 902-621-0725 or Carol Probert @ 902-963-3089. Let us know if vou will need a ride. This is a non-denominational event.

Advent Candle - 4th Sunday of Advent. Light all the purple candles. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. Lord God, we light this candle to thank You for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace. We who live in discord and strife have found peace in the promise of eternal life, through JesusChrist. We give You thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because He lives and reigns with You in Your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Raj will be available in the vestry for the confession soon after the weekdays masses in the respective churches. All those who willing to come for the sacrament of reconciliation are welcome to do so for the Great Season of Christmas

Christmas Eve Masses: 6pm Stella Maris, 8pm St. Anne's and 10pm St. Augustine's

Christmas Day Mass: 10:30am St. Augustine's

St. Augustine's Notices

Good Will Tree: St. Augustine's will have the Good Will Tree. We will be accepting clothes, teddy bears, toys, toiletries, canned goods etc. These will

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine's: Sunday \$1070.35 St. Anne's: Sunday \$ Stella Maris: Sunday: \$978.00 Cemetery Fund (Wake) \$600.00 **Donation \$100.00**

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

be distributed to needy places to make Christmas a happy time for all. Please new or gently used!!

Stella Maris Notices

2016 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 Norman (963-2416) or Peter (963-2460).

St. Anne's Notices

Ministries for December: Proclaimer: Lori Ann MacFarlane **Youth Proclaimer:** Joey Murphy **Eucharistic Minister:** Marion Murphy **Backup Eucharistic Minister:** Marina Doiron Ushers/ Ministers of Hospitality: Dennis Doiron, Mike & Jacinta Doiron Offertory Families: Dec 20: Ron & Nancy McKinnon & Family, Dec 25: Wilbert & Brenda Reid, Dec 27: Marina Doiron & Family

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to give a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one contact Gemma Reid or Kathy Doiron

St. Nicholas Boxes: We will be packing St. Nicholas boxes on Sunday Dec. 20 after mass. You may leave your donations of baked goods, fruit, etc in the Bolger Room before or after mass on that day. Thank you so much for your continued support of this project.

Sunday Envelopes 2016: The new envelopes for 2016 are now available on the table near the altar. Please pick your envelopes up and put your name and address on them for the first few weeks. Anyone presently not using envelopes but wishing to do so