



The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
4th Sunday of Advent ✕ December 19, 2021

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Micah 5.2-5a
2nd Reading Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel Luke 1.39-45

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's
Wednesday 9am Stella Maris
Thursday 9am St. Augustine's
Friday 4:30pm Stella Maris (Christmas Eve)
Friday 7pm Stella Maris (Christmas Eve)
Friday 7pm St. Anne's (Christmas Eve)
Friday 10pm St. Augustine's (Christmas Eve)
Saturday 10:30am St. Augustine's (Christmas Day)
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.

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

Diocese of Charlottetown - www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Local Knights of Columbus - www.kofc9025.com and like us @ www.facebook.com/kofcrustico

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

Stella Maris' Lectors

December 18 Karen Gallant

St. Augustine's Lectors

December 19 Chris DesRoches
 December 24 Anne Arsenault

December 25 James Donnelly
 December 29 Della Cormier Smith

St. Anne's Ministries

December—Lector: Michael King, Eucharistic Minister: Savio Dias

May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.
Pope Francis

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses:

4:30 pm and 7pm Stella Maris (by reservation, call Lorraine Lemay 360-2060)
 7 pm St. Anne's
 10 pm St. Augustine's

Christmas Day 10:30 am St. Augustine (there is no Saturday Evening mass at Stella Maris)

New Year's Day 10:30 am St. Augustine (there is no Saturday Evening mass at Stella Maris)

Diocesan Notices

Did you know that the Diocese, through the generosity of our parishioners, has been able to donate over \$60,000 in the past two years in support of great community groups like Blooming House, Bedford MacDonald House, and the Food Bank? In addition, we have recently donated \$11,500 to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth in support of their efforts to construct temporary shelters for the homeless. The Diocese thanks you for your continued support! As you may know, the need for support is greater for many people this year. If you are able, please consider giving to local charities and efforts to support people in need at this time.

Knights of Columbus film, St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father – now available online at no cost to help maintain and nurture devotions to St. Joseph. A Providential renewal has come upon the Church with respect to understanding and praying to St. Joseph. To help the faithful in continuing their devotion to St. Joseph, the Knights of Columbus is offering its newest film, St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father, for all to watch – at no cost. Since its launch, the film has received raving reviews and is rich in inspiring testimonials, including these powerful words from Most Rev. James Wall, Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico, “If you have a devotion to St. Joseph, strengthen that devotion. If you don't, you should have one,” and these from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, “The example of St. Joseph teaches us that we really find ourselves when we live for others.” Visit www.kofc.org/stjoseph to watch the film or learn more. Know someone who could benefit from joining the Order? Visit or share kofc.org/joinus for details.

Synod 2021-2023: The word ‘Synod’ comes from two Greek words: “syn” meaning with/together and “odos” meaning way/path/road. So literally, ‘synod’ means journeying together. With this Synod process, the Church is practicing how we journey together in faith.

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$826.00

St. Anne's: \$

Stella Maris: \$635.00

*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, Trinity, Camilla Arsenault, Mikayla Blacquiere, Steve Callaghan, Doug Collister, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Edie Doucette, Albert Gallant, Gayelene Gallant, James Darren Gallant, Pauline Gallant, Nicky Garland, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 14), Darlene MacGregor, Monique MacLeod, Brad McBride, Carolyn Nantes, Desi Nantes, Bernadette Nelson, Terry Perry, Joe Peters, Bernice Sheehan, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith, Shelley Thomas
 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 902-916-1074

Worship Services: Masks must now be worn when seated at worship services and while singing as part of the congregation. Masks can be removed by Lectors, the main celebrant, etc. while talking or singing as in previous cases. In the case of a choir, during the service masks can also be removed too but this is not recommended. However, during rehearsal, choirs must wear masks. Obviously, masks can be removed by communicants briefly before receiving communion and replaced immediately afterward. Additionally, please ensure that the 6ft distance is respected between members of different households when seating people and it might be helpful to remind people about keeping that distance when moving around in the Church.

Unit Notices

KofC Food Pantry: The hours of operation for the food pantry at Stella Maris Church are Monday and Friday: 10am to 12 noon and Wednesday: 3pm to 5pm. Food items can be dropped off during operating hours or also at the North Rustico Home Hardware during store hours. If you require assistance outside of these hours, please contact Donnie Blacquiere at 902-569-8536. Visit our website at www.kofc9025.com for more information.

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 902-360-2067. She will refer your name and request to a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Our Website: Please take a moment and check out our website, www.jp2pastoralunit.com. We are looking for suggestions to make the website more useful for our parishioners. If you have any ideas/content for the site or if you'd like to help take care of the site please contact us at website@jp2pastoralunit.com.

From the desk of Rose Gallant: I will be away from Dec. 13 to Jan. 7. If you wish to request prayers for the prayer line, please contact Faye Fyfe at 902-963-2144. Thank you. Have a safe and Merry Christmas!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our parishioners and friends for the tremendous support over the past year. May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours and may the coming year be filled with happiness. God bless you all.

Pastoral Associate Program: A new pastoral associate program will begin on January 21. If anyone has an interest, call Father Raj or Marion (902-621-0725) by January 3. This is a 2 year program, 1 weekend a month for 2 years, summers are off. The program prepares the candidates for various ministries.

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 Online: You can find it at https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live_videos

Sunday envelopes for 2022 are now available. Please pick yours up at the entrance that you usually use for Sunday Mass. Remember to put your name on them for the first few weeks. Anyone who has not used envelopes before, but wishes to do so may pick up a set of envelopes there as well. Any questions, see Kathy after Mass.

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

Stella Maris Church will no longer be open on a daily basis. It will be open for Mass & scheduled events as well as during Food Bank hours (Monday & Friday 10 am to noon & Wednesday 3 pm to 5 pm)

2022 Envelopes: New envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Envelope numbers from 90 to 100 have been eliminated and these parishioners have been assigned new numbers. 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).

St. Augustine's Notices

St. Augustine's parish now accepts online donations at www.donatetostaugustines.ca. You can select 3 fund options from the drop down menu. A tax receipt will be issued automatically. Thank you for your support.

Thank You One and All!!! The organizing committee of the St. Augustine's Parish fundraising concert, A Christmas Carol Sing, would like to thank everyone who attended the concert and the performers as well as the people who stepped up at a moments notice to help out. It really was a great way to center ourselves to the real reason for the season. May you all have a blessed and merry Christmas.

Community Notices

Michele's Chair & Balance classes will be at the North Rustico Lions Club. The classes will run on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2pm. This program is designed for older adults just beginning to get into fitness & for those with mobility challenges resulting from such conditions as Arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Osteoporosis, Cerebral Palsy, Parkinson's, etc.. Fee is by donation. For more info Michele Gallant at 902-626-9799 or magallant58@gmail.com.

Crib is at Cymbria Lions Club on Thursday at 7pm. Vax pass and mask required.

"Coffe Break": No Card Parties or Coffee Break until Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Carol Service: Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, invites the public to attend our Carol Service on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7pm. Admission: a good will offering. Covid-19 rules for churches will apply. Please contact Velda at 902-964-2210 to reserve a space.

Rustico Bay Club: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone. Card games will resume, Monday January 10 at 7pm. 50/50 and \$100.00 in prizes. Yoga with Leone Curtis will resume, Monday January 10, at 9:30am. \$5.00/ class. Help with technology will resume Saturday, January 15 at 9:00 am.

Rustico Bay New Year's Eve Ceilidh and Dance has been cancelled due to the rising number of Covid-19 cases. To make arrangements for refund, contact Bernice Doucette at 902-621-0199.

4th Sunday of Advent

All 4 candles of the Advent wreath are now burning! Mary didn't know what to think when the angel told her she was going to have a baby. She pondered the situation and trusted in God. She gave over her life in blind faith to God. That is exactly what we need to do as well. We need to respond to life's challenges with our faith. In this last week of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord let's do as Mary did and trust that God knows what is best for us and trust that He will help us overcome whatever challenges we face. We can only know what God's plans are for us if we pray, are open to change and new beginnings.