



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

Baptism of the Lord ☩ January 9, 2022

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading Titus 2.11-14, 3.4-7
Gospel Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's Helena Pineau
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.

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/koferustico

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

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: N/A
Stella Maris: N/A
St. Anne's: N/A

*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, Mikayla Blacquiery, Steve Callaghan, Doug Collister, Dennis Doiron, 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
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January 9 Lori Doucette
 January 16 Art Buote
 January 23 Anne Marie Vessey
 January 30 Dianne Doucette

St. Augustine's Lectors

February 6 Barry Doiron
 February 13 James Donnelly
 February 20 Chris DesRoches
 February 27 Gerarda Gallant

January 8 Eileen Gauthier
 January 15 Andre Lavoie
 January 22 Joan Doiron

Stella Maris' Lectors

January 29 Joan Gallant
 February 5 Faye Fyfe

St. Anne's Ministries

January—Lector: Jacinta Doiron, Eucharistic Minister: Marina Doiron

Prayers of the faithful

For Pope Francis, Fr. Brian MacDougall - Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Raj, all priests, religious, seminarians and lay leaders as they support families preparing for their own baptism. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all politicians, health care workers, front line workers, truckers, and all others who are making life possible under Covid. *We pray to the Lord.*

For the Pope's intention for January - For true human fraternity - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all in the education system, parents, children, teachers, administrators, support staff who are having to deal with online learning. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all baptized people to fully realize and accept the gifts freely given through baptism. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all who are experiencing health challenges. We include Mike Gauthier, Jake Doucette, Catherine Andersen, Joe Peters. May they face their challenges with faith, hope and courage knowing that we are praying for them. *We pray to the Lord*

For all who have died. May they be welcomed into God's loving embrace. *We pray to the Lord.*

Diocesan Notices

Christian Meditation, the prayer of the heart, opens us to the presence of God in the silence and stillness of the present moment. Zoom sessions will be held on Tuesdays from January 11 to May 31 from 7-8 pm. No fee for this program. To register, contact karenযোগapei@gmail.com

Lectio Divina (divine reading) is a contemplative praying of Scripture. We meet by Zoom every Thursday, beginning on January 13 from 10:30-11:45 am to listen to and reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel. To register contact Sister Joan at drjoanasm@gmail.com No fee.

Message from the Pastoral Council

My Dearest Fellow Parishioners,

It is with a heavy heart, I have to report we are once again in trying times. As you all know, the Omicron variant has ramped up and is spreading vastly throughout the island. As a result, public health has reduced the numbers in large gatherings with the hopes to keep us all safe. With this being said our numbers have been reduced to 50; therefore, until we get through these trying times and are advised we can increase our numbers, our weekend services will be a first come, first serve basis. We thank you for your continued support and understanding. I wish you all a very Happy New Year and lots of peace, happiness and good health as we journey into the new year. May God continue to protect you all as we walk together in faith knowing he will support us through this troubling times... If you have any questions or concerns, by all means, please feel free to give me a call at 902-621-0638.

God Bless you all and all the best.

Jacinta Doiron

Chair of John Paul II Pastoral Unit

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.

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.

Ladies Group: There will be no meeting of the St John Paul II Ladies Group in January, due to the current spread of COVID.

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

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.

2022 envelopes are available at the back of the church if you haven't already picked them up. It would be very much appreciated if you could write your name, address, phone number and an email if possible on the first few envelopes so that we can update our records. Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Notices

Crib at Cymbria Lions Club is cancelled until further notice. Watch for restart date.

Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico: All Activities cancelled until further notice.

Wondering how you are going to put in the time this Covid winter? I have scads of used greeting cards for every occasion that I'd like to give so you can make your own personal cards. Call 902-964-2674.

The Word This Week

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: This is my Son, the Beloved

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

May the God of love and peace set your hearts at rest and speed you on your journey.

Saint Raymond of Penyafort