

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ☩ November 27, 2022**

**This Weekend's Liturgy**

**1st Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5

**2nd Reading** Romans 13:11-14

**Gospel** Matthew 24:37-44

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

**Monday** —Friday No Mass

**Saturday** 4pm Stella Maris

**Sunday** 9am St. Anne's

**Sunday** 10:30am St. Augustine's

If there is a funeral at the parish where daily mass is offered, then mass at that parish will be cancelled on that day.

**Confessions** will be offered after the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday weekly masses;

St. Anne's – Monday @ 9:30 am

St. Augustine's – Tuesday @ 7:30 pm

Stella Maris – Wednesday @ 9:30 am

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**Our Bulletin** - [www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php](http://www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php)

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

**Stella Maris' Ministries**

Nov 26 Lector: Eileen Gauthier

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Lorraine Lemay

**St. Anne's Ministries**

Lector: Monica Simpson

Eucharistic Minister: Marina Doiron

How are you preparing the manger in your heart for Jesus' birth??? Are you telling family members you love them every day? Are you helping out when you can? Are you praying more? Will you receive the Holy Eucharist more often? We need to actively prepare our heart for Jesus' birth.

**Diocese Notices**

**You Can Have a Christmas Full of Peace:** Most people spend the time leading up to Christmas feeling overwhelmed, stressed, and stuck. Caught in the complexity and busyness of the holiday season, we end up striving for all the things that aren't worth having. It's no wonder the beauty, meaning, joy and life-changing power of Christmas has become lost! This year, do something different. Reclaim the peace that can only come from simplicity this Christmas. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever and receive short, inspiring videos in your inbox every morning to help you focus your day on what matters most. Each day you'll be encouraged to stop doing what robs peace and start doing more of what brings joy! Go to <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>

**The annual 2023 PEI Catholic Girls Bursary Application** for Catholic Girls and Women attending College or University Institutions is now available in your parishes or online @ the CWL's PEI website at [cwlpei.ca](http://cwlpei.ca). This Bursary is administered by the PEI Provincial Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL). The deadline to apply is January 31.

**Heart-of-the-Matter Marriage Prep Course** will be offered on Jan 13/14 in Charlottetown. If you are planning to get married this summer you will need to prepare. This course is for engaged couples and runs Friday evening and all day Saturday. (Sunday would be the storm day). For more information email: Pat at [patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com) or texting/calling: 902-393-6047. Please register early as space is limited.

**Behold the Lamb of God:** A retreat on our Lord's Eucharistic presence at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. Father Andrew Handrahan will lead this retreat the weekend of January 20-22, 2023, reflecting on the Lord's presence among us in the Eucharist and our response to this sacred gift of the Lord to His Church. To register, please call 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952. The cost for the weekend is \$195 for single registrants and \$295 for couples. Arrival time is 6 to 6:30pm on Friday, retreat begins promptly at 7.

**Stockings4LIFE – Joy for new moms this Christmas:** PEI LIFE is calling for nominations for new PEI PowerMoms! Any woman who had or adopted a baby in 2022 can be nominated to receive a Stocking4LIFE. We encourage and support those in crisis when we honor those who have said YES to LIFE. A new mom says yes in so many ways! Nominate your favorite new mom and tell us why she is the best. We will hand deliver a Christmas stocking to her. Nominations can be sent to [nominations@peilife.org](mailto:nominations@peilife.org) by Dec 10 and let us know how to contact her. Or see our webpage: Programs – PEI LIFE for more information. You may also call Pat at 902-894-5473. If you would like to donate to this campaign so we can reach more women, please see our webpage.

**Unit Notices**

**Knights of Columbus 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 Blacquiére at 902-569-8536. Visit our website at [www.kofc9025.com](http://www.kofc9025.com) for more information.

**The mass of Hope and Compassion** will be on December 6 at 7pm at St. Augustine's

**Last Weeks Collections & Donations**

**St. Augustine's: \$945.00**

**Indigenous Reconciliation: \$50.00**

**Stella Maris: \$780.00**

**St. Anne's: \$763.00**

*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, Steve Callaghan, Doug Collister, John Dawson, Curt Evans, Albert Gallant, Gayelene Gallant, James Gallant, Pat and Wally Gallant, Nicky Garland, Rilly Gauthier, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Gert LeClair, Naomi (age 15), Darlene MacGregor, Monique MacLeod, Brad McBride, Desi Nantes, Bernadette Nelson, Joe Peters, Bernice Sheehan, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith, Emeric Walsh, Pauline Walsh  
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

**The St John Paul ladies group** will be having their Christmas pot luck at 12 noon on Monday December 5. Please note date change. We are having pot luck and we are asking everyone to bring an item for Anderson House. Personal hygiene products are always needed. If you have any questions please call Mary Blacquiere at 213-2083. Everyone is welcome for an afternoon of entertainment.

**Sister Cecile** shared with family that she would like to continue helping the following students this year. Blessing and Sandra (nursing), David's two daughters, (small business), Christopher in middle school and Lesly (Lab technician). She is confident that the many other students/families you assisted in the past are at a level where they can earn a normal, simple life and move forward on their own. Our goals this year is to raise \$4000.00. To donate, e-transfer to: buote5613@gmail.com or mail to: Buote Mission Fund, 2129 Church Rd, (Rte. 243) Rustico, PE C0A1N0. All checks to: Buote Mission Fund. Donations will also be accepted at Provincial Credit Union, Stella Maris Branch, North Rustico. Thank you for your generosity.

**Family Faith Formation** - Our next gathering will be on December 4 and as usual we will meet at St. Anne's in Hope River at 10am - 11:30am. Our theme will be Preparing the manger in our Heart. New families are always welcome to join us. Anyone interested in growing their faith is welcome.

#### **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

**Are you on our phone tree?** From time to time important information, such as mass time cancellations or changes, is communicated to Stella Maris parishioners through a phone call from one of our phone tree volunteers. If you have never received such a call and wish to be included in our phone tree, please call Lorraine Lemay 360-2060.

**Property and Finance Committee Meeting:** This meeting will be held in the Hall of Stella Maris Church on Wednesday, November 30 at 7pm.

**Christmas is coming!** We would like to have a full choir for our Christmas celebrations. We will be having: 1 hour practices on the first 3 Sundays of December Dec 4, 11, & 18 in Stella Maris Church. The times of the practices are from 1pm to 2pm. Please come, join us and help celebrate this beautiful feast. Thank you in advance for your time and generosity. Sister Phyllis

**The Memorial Tree** is already in place at Stella Maris Church. Anyone who would like to remember their loved ones in this way please give the names of your loved ones to be remembered to Sister Phyllis. Your donations to this will be used for needs in our Stella Maris Church. Thank you.

**Cleaning Church for Christmas:** Stella Maris Church will be cleaned for Christmas on Wednesday, December 6 at 9 am. Many hands make light work and a good turnout will be greatly appreciated. Property and Finance Committee

#### **St. Augustine's Notices**

**French Reading:** Every second Sunday of the month, the second reading of the Mass will be proclaimed in the French language.

**Once again, for the Advent season** we will be doing the Hat and Mitten Tree. Mittens, hats, socks, etc to provide warmth to those who need it. With the world the way it is and the prices of necessities, we are also hanging stockings on the tree. Please take one, Fill it and label it Man, Woman, child, teenager etc. Take it back, rehang it and Make someone happy and Spread Gods Love around this Christmas. Put Christ back in Christmas.

**Sister Georgina Doiron**, formerly of Rustico, passed away at the Hôpital du Saint-Sacrement in Quebec City, on October 29 at the age of 93. A memorial mass will be held at St. Augustine's Church in Rustico on Wednesday December 7 at 7pm. Following the mass, a reception will be held at Rustico Bay Seniors Club. All are welcome.

#### **St. Anne's Notices**

**Bursary Applications** for St. Anne's parishioners attending university & college are now available the back of the church. Deadline for applications is November 30. You can download at [www.jp2pastoralunit.com/files/2021.pdf](http://www.jp2pastoralunit.com/files/2021.pdf)

**Thank You:** St. Anne's parish would like to thank Leonard Peters for coming forward and taking on the handyman's position within our parish. It is greatly appreciated.

#### **Community Notices**

**Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico: Activities:** Card Party, 7pm Tues; Stitch Group, 9:30 Wed; Coffee Break, 10:00 -11:00 every Tues. For Club Rentals call Estelle 963-3599. Mat Yoga (Monday), Chair Yoga (Friday) please call Paula 782-234-5845. Clogging. Mondays 1:30.

**Cribbage** every Thursday at 7pm at Cymbria Lions Club.

**Rustico Bay Ceilidhs and dance:** Rustico Bay New Year's Dance with "Haché" is December 31, 9pm-12:15am. Limited number of tickets on sale at \$25 each. Lunch served. Call Bernice at 902-621-0199.

**Christmas Dinner For Seniors:** Open to all seniors in the North Rustico Lions Club district. 65 and over. Sunday December 4. Eat in and take out. Tickets \$5. Sold at the bar. Meal time 4-5pm. Deadline November 26. Food bank donation greatly appreciated.

**Marché de Noël** on December 3 (storm date December 4) from 10am to 2pm at the Centre acadien Grand-Rustico (2244 Church road). There will be local artisans, a bistro, concert for kids, Christmas basket raffle tickets. FREE, though folks are encouraged to bring food bank donations. For information 902-963-3252 or Facebook

**Central Queens United Church** invites you to join us in a Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 18 featuring Central Queens Musical Friends & guest performers. This musical program will provide folks with nostalgic carols as well as a variety of seasonal music from past to present. Come, relax and escape the hustle and bustle and enjoy the reason for the season. Concert starts at 7pm with a free will offering as the price to attend this evening of celebration.

#### **Memorial Mass Request**

Dear Father:

Please have a Mass offered for the repose of the soul of: \_\_\_\_\_

At \_\_\_\_\_ church. Preferred date: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ (please reserve well in advance)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Offering enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please place this stub along with your offering in an envelope and place it in the Sunday collection or give it to the priest. (The customary stipend for masses is \$10)