

The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
3rd Sunday of Advent ✕ December 11, 2022

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10

2nd Reading James 5:7-10

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$733.75

Stella Maris: \$690.00

St. Anne's: \$899.00

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

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 9am St. Anne's Louis Pineau

Tuesday 9am St. Augustine's Bob Nelson

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's Sacrament of Reconciliation in the 2nd Rite

Wednesday 9am Stella Maris Special Intention—Leo & Suzanne McCormick

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday No Mass

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for Eleanor & Ferdie Blacquiére

Sunday 9am St. Anne's for the people

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for George & Fanny Gallant

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 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, Randy Johnston, 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
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Diocese of Charlottetown - www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

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

Stella Maris' Ministries

Dec 10 Lector: Joan Doiron

Dec 17 Lector: Vern Buote

Dec 24 Lector: Eileen Gauthier

Dec 31 Lector: Faye Fyfe

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Carol Probert

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Faye Fyfe

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Lorraine Lemay

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Joan Doiron

St. Anne's Ministries

Lector: Rosemary MacDonald

Eucharistic Minister: Jacinta Doiron

Mary sustains our journey towards Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, IN OUR OWN HEARTS. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him! **Pope Francis**

Diocese Notices

Last Chance for nominations for a STOCKING4LIFE!! Nominate your favourite new mom in 2022 and let PEI Life gift her with a Christmas stocking for her and her baby. Nominations can be sent to nominations@peilife.org, or see our webpage: Programs – PEI LIFE. You may also call Pat at 902-894-5473. We have extended the date for nominations to Wednesday, Dec 14. Want to sponsor a stocking to say thank you for this new life? Help us support LIFE in PEI by spreading Christmas joy to new moms who say YES to LIFE!

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, 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 6:30 pm on Friday, retreat begins promptly at 7.

A Living CHRISTmas Journey, at Sacred Heart Parish, Alberton, December 16 and 18, 6-8pm is an opportunity to slow down and focus on the real Christmas story: the story of the Nativity, of Mary and Joseph's journey, of the shepherds' fears, and the angel's reassurance of news of great joy, of the significance of Jesus Christ being born in a manger in a humble stable. The story of the Nativity is a spiritual experience, not an evening of entertainment. It's an opportunity to broaden our experience of Christmas, to encounter spiritual growth, to understand the real, original meaning of Christmas, to demonstrate to children what Christmas is really about...so much more than the stockings and packages full of toys. Through "Live Scenes" and listening to readings from Luke's Gospel, you will be moved by the gift of Christ in our lives, and experience the joy of the blessing of Christmas.

Advent Service of Light at the Martha Spirituality Centre: Come join us at the Martha Spirituality Centre (SDU Place on Great George Street) for an evening of Advent prayer and reflection around light on Thursday, December 15 at 7 pm. We pray for light to permeate our hearts, engender reconciliation, and to heal the earth. All are welcome. Donations are accepted for the Upper Room Hospitality Ministry.

Diocese of Charlottetown Clergy Appointments: The following appointments are effective January 1: Fr. Raju Chembattina has been granted temporary leave to do ministry in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. Fr. Andrew MacDonald has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary's (Montague) and Parochial Administrator of St. Michael's (Iona) and St. Paul's (Sturgeon).

A Planned Giving Good News Story – Recently our diocese received a bequest from an estate of \$26,000. The bequest is to be used for general purposes. These types of gifts are much appreciated as they provide the flexibility to be used where the need is greatest.

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 Blacquiere at 902-569-8536. Visit our website at www.kofc9025.com for more information.

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.

Mass schedule for Christmas: December 24: Stella Maris 6pm, St. Anne's 8pm and St. Augustine's 10pm. December 25: 10:30am St. Augustine's.

Mass Stipends: It is diocesan policy that only one intention is offered per mass. It is suggested that you reserve well in advance of your chosen date as we are already booking into February of 2023. Every effort is made to respond to your request and we apologize in advance if mass needs to be celebrated on an alternate date. When requesting memorial masses, it would also help to specify the church where the mass will be celebrated.

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

Christmas is coming! We would like to have a full choir for our Christmas celebrations. We will be having: 1 hour practices on December 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.

2023 Envelopes: New Envelopes are now 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 Peter Gallant (902-963-2560) or Norman Gallant (902-963-2416).

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.

Christmas Carol Sing!!! Come sing with us and listen to others sing at St. Augustine's Church at 6:30 on December 18. This was very well received last year and really allows us to slow down and appreciate Christmas as Jesus' birthday! Admission will be \$15 each with discretion used for family admission. Please come out and join in on the music. St. Augustine said, "To sing is to pray twice."

Sister Cecile Buote's return to St. Augustine's: On Dec. 18, following communion, the Parish Pastoral Council will acknowledge Sr. Cecile for her dedicated ministry in Cameroon and will offer their best wishes. Following Mass, everyone is welcome to join Sr. Cecile at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club for food, beverages and socialization.

St. Anne's Notices

Sunday envelopes for 2023 are now available. Please pick yours up at the entrance of the church that you usually use on Sundays. Please put your name on them for the first few weeks. Any questions, call Inez at 626-7032.

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

Community Notices

Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico: Activities: Card Party, 7pm Tues; Stitch Group, 9:30 Wed; Coffee Break will stop until the new year. For Club Rentals call Paula 782-234-5845. 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.

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.

Rustico Bay Ceilidh and Christmas dance is Saturday, December 10 at 8pm with "Haché". Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over. Admission \$12 at the door. Located at 2104 Church Road in Rustico. New Year's Eve tickets are now available at \$25 each by calling Bernice at 902-621-0199. Cards are every Monday night at 7.

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)