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Congratulations! On Sunday, January 31, 2016 at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, seminarian Andrew Handrahan (originally from Tignish) was ordained to the Diaconate. His ordination to the priesthood will hopefully take place later this year on PEI. Collectively we extend congratulations to Andrew on this joyous occasion.

Physician-assisted Suicide and Euthanasia: Please be assured that the Canadian Bishops view this issue with the utmost gravity and concern. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Diocese of Hamilton) and Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archdiocese of Toronto have written to both the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada, and the Minister of Health regarding this issue. Similarly they have requested to appear before the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying, a body charged with developing appropriate legislation for the country to regulate doctor assisted suicide. It is also important to recall that the Church's long-standing position has been unequivocal in supporting and defending life from conception to natural death. If you wish to have your voice heard you may wish to sign the petition re assisted suicide and euthanasia at <http://www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/signatories/>

The Rite of Election: will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Basilica during the 5 pm Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, February 14. All welcome!

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.

Card Party: Star of the Sea Seniors' Club has a card party every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Light lunch and 50/50 included. Everyone welcome.

Friends of the Farmers' Bank of Rustico Inc: The annual general meeting of the Friends will be held on March 8th at the Farmers' Bank starting at

7:00pm with a storm date of March 10th. The meeting agenda includes reports on 2015 activities, President's Report, Presentation of the Financial Statements, Election of Officers, an overview of 2016 objectives and refreshments. The Friends are in need of volunteers to help with the many activities throughout the season and several Board of Directors positions will be vacant. Please contact Theresa Gallant at (902)963-2416 or Marlene White at (902)963-2997 if you are interested in volunteering. Your time and effort will be a great service to our community. For summer employment opportunities, please visit the Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs Websites and file your resumes.

Cymbria Lions Rustico: Roast Beef Supper. Sunday March 14th serving from 3:30-6:00pm. Adults \$15.00 children \$5.00. Take-outs available

Provincial Credit Union: Stella Maris Branch is having a food drive for our local food bank. Please drop off your non-perishable items at the credit union to support this very worthy cause in our communities.

Ceilidh is planned for Kelly's Community Centre for Sunday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. For a list of guest entertainers and other information, see the Guardian's, "Don't Miss This", Friday, February 19th.

Rustico Bay Seniors Club: Dance on Sat. Feb. 20th Music by Country Steel. Card party Monday at 7:30. Membership Fees for the Rustico Bay Club may be paid at any time \$7.00 per person. Wanda Gallant or Yvonne Doucette. New members are needed if we want our Club to survive.

Central Queen's Funeral Co-op Annual Meeting will be held at the Funeral Home, 2538 Glasgow Road, on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 2:00pm. Open House from 1-2pm Refreshments following. Central Queen's Funeral Home has been providing high quality, lower cost funerals to the Central Queen's area since 1988. All welcome. 902-964-2886



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

First Sunday of Lent ☒ February 14, 2016

Schedule February 15 to February 21

Monday: 9am St. Augustine's— Stations of the Cross to follow Mass?

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Wednesday: 9am St. Augustine's— Stations of the Cross to follow Mass?

Thursday: Priest's day off—No Mass

Friday: 9am Hope River— Stations of the Cross to follow Mass

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.

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

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

Ann, Brian, Melanie, Parker, Sally, Steve, Evan Clark, Bruce Crombie, Allen Cullen, Kathy Doiron (Inez), Victor Doiron, Nancy Doucette, Brenda Gallant, Cecilia Gallant, Pearl Gallant, Sonny Gauthier, Mary Gillis, Rose Hennessey, Leo LeClair, Alan Perry, Joe Perry, Leo Peters, Regis Peters, Allan Pound, Bernadette Proctor, Stephen Sampson, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith, Emeric Walsh, Dakota Wedge

To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact:

Marion Murphy 902-621-0725

Angela Gallant 902-963-3438

Rose Gallant 902-963-3516

Fr. Raj Santiago 902-963-2245

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.

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.

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

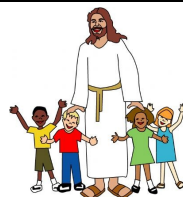
From Pope Francis' Encyclical "Misericordiae Vultus" - "The Face of Mercy"

Pope Francis, for the Year of Mercy: "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love." (MV#10)



Youth Ministries CDG—LDG—YDG

The youth would like to thank the St. John Paul II CWL for supplying snacks at our last religion class.



Kindergarten—grade 9 Religion Class Schedule

February 21, 2016
March 6, 2016
March 13, 2016
April 3, 2016
April 17, 2016

"Mass as a Class" Schedule

February 28, 2016
April 24, 2016

CDG Schedule

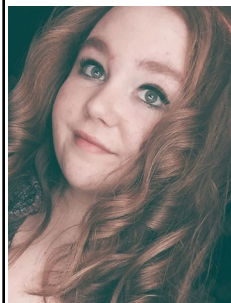
February 19, 2016
March 11, 2015
April 15, 2016
May 27, 2016

Important Information

Confirmation will take place Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7pm in St. Anne's.

First Communion will take place Sunday, May 1, 2016 at St. Augustine's.

Your 2015-2016 Confirmation Candidates



Name: Sarah Arsenault
Parents: Phyllis & Shane
Birthday: December 5, 2000
Interests: Soccer, cars and dogs!
Future plans: To become a mortician
What she really likes: To shop and go to Tim Hortons and Starbucks!

What she really does NOT like: Cleaning her room and chores.

Special memory about Church: Midnight Mass

What she would like parishioners to know about her: I love meeting new people and making new friends. I also like math and writing.



Name: Brooke Parsons
Parents: Michelle Doiron & Trent Parsons
Birthday: July 21, 2001
Future plans: Become a video game designer
What she really likes: Drawing and reading
What she really does NOT like: School

What she would like parishes to know about her: My fondest memory is singing in the church with my nanny.

Unit Notices

Day of Adoration will be held on February 29 beginning after 9:00 am mass at St. Augustine. It is necessary to have two people present at all times until final prayers @ 4:00 pm. A sign up sheet will be at the back of the church. Please consider spending some time with our Lord and sign up today.

Year of Mercy: The third corporal work of mercy is give drink to the thirsty. We probably don't know anyone is actually thirsty and we should be thanking God for our plentiful supply of clean fresh water. However we need to pray for those who are not so

fortunate and be supportive of missionaries who bring technologies for clean water to areas of where they are needed. We need to support policies that ensure there will be clean water for future generations. In our own homes we can contribute to the future of clean water by using environmentally friendly detergents, and by not wasting water.

Prayer/Discussion Group: If you are interested in joining a prayer/discussion group focusing on Pope Francis' Papal Bull of Indiction declaring the year of mercy please call Carol at 902-963-3089 or Marion at 902-621-0725. Topics will include ways to exercise mercy in our daily lives. Afternoons or

evenings are possible and men and women are welcome. There is still time to join a discussion group. The first meeting will be held at Carol's home 35 Spring St. at 7 p.m. on Thursday Feb 18th.

Greetings and prayerful wishes from Archbishop Thomas Macwan! I am happy to know that you have welcomed and accepted Rev. Fr. Arulraj to serve you as a pastor. He is very appreciative of you for the love, care and concern you have been giving to him. We thank you for the same. We also express our heartfelt thanks to CWL of Saint John Paul II Pastoral Unit for your generous donation of \$500 in support of our seminarians. These seminarians are praying for you daily. Please help us in the formation of our seminarians. Be assured of our prayers for you. Wishing you God's Blessings! Yours devotedly in Christ, Thomas Macwan, Archbishop of Gandhinagar and Apostolic Administrator of Ahmedabad

St. Augustine's Notices

St. Augustine's Parish Property And Finance Meeting on Monday Feb. 22 at the Church.

Stella Maris Notices

Choir Practice: There will be a choir practices at Stella Maris Church on Mondays at 1:00 pm starting Monday February 8th. We are always looking for new members. Please come and join us as we prepare for Easter. Anne Kirk will be here to help direct us. Thank you for your generosity.

Annual Meeting - Property & Finance: The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the sacristy of our Church. Parishioner attendance would be appreciated. *Property and Finance Committee*

Catholic Registers are available at the back of the Church **at no cost to you.** They have some very good articles on the Catholic faith. Please feel free to take one home.

St. Anne's Notices

Ministries for February: Proclaimer: Rose Mary MacDonald **Youth Proclaimer:** Becca Wieggers

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine's Sunday, Feb 7: \$1062.55

St. Anne's Sunday, Feb 7: \$533.00

Donation to St. Anne's Parish in memory of Annie Gallant \$500.00

Donation to St. Anne's Cemetery in memory of Annie Gallant \$1105.00

Stella Maris Sunday, Feb 7: \$815.00

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

Eucharistic Minister: Charlie Gallant **Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality:** Wilbert Gallant, Jacinta Doiron, Mike Doiron **Offertory Families: Feb. 14** Kathy Buote, **Feb. 21** Dennis & Kathy Doiron, **Feb. 28** Cory & Tammy Peters & Family

Income Tax Receipts for Sunday envelope users for 2015 are now available on the table near the altar. Please pick yours up. Thanks

Diocese Notices

The Parables of Mercy: In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, join Fr. Martin Carter for a 3-week Scripture study for Lent on the parables of mercy in Luke's Gospel, in the MacKenzie Room (Thursday evening from 7.00 to 8.15 pm, February 25th and March 3rd and 10th) at St. Pius X. All material supplied and all are welcome.

Martha Spirituality Centre (902-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca) **Lenten Retreat** with Fr. Trevor Scott on Saturday, February 20 from 10 am - 3:30pm followed by Mass. Cost is \$30 or \$50 a couple and people need to register before Feb. 18 or as long as spaces last. **Reflection on Healing** in a Lenten Journey every Wednesday beginning Feb. 17 from 1:30-3:00pm until March 23. Cost \$30 for the 5 sessions. Led by Sr. Della Gaudet. Need to register.

Recent Trip to India: Bishop Richard Grecco and Fr. Eric Dunn traveled to India to meet and thank the Bishops and Religious Superiors of the Priests who are serving here in P.E.I. You can see pictures