

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

Nativity of the Lord ✠ December 25, 2022

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 52.7-10

2nd Reading Hebrews 1.1-6

Gospel John 1.1-18

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's for Bob Nelson

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

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday No Mass

Saturday (New Years Eve) 4pm Stella Maris for Bernadette Gallant

Sunday (New Years Day) 9am St. Anne's for the people

Sunday (New Years Day) 10:30am St. Augustine's for Edwin 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 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' Ministries

Dec 24 Lector: Eileen Gauthier

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Lorraine Lemay

Dec 31 Lector: Faye Fyfe

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Joan Doiron

St. Anne's Ministries

Lector: Rosemary MacDonald

Eucharistic Minister: Jacinta Doiron

We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and humanity. **St. Paul VI**

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 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.

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.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our parishioners and friends for the tremendous support extended to us 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.

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

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.

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1067.00

Stella Maris: \$740.00

Christmas Craft Sales: \$555.00

St. Anne's: \$820.00

*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, 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
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

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).

Stella Maris Church: Our Church will be opened during the following hours: 4pm Mass on Saturdays and 9am Mass on Wednesdays. Also, our Church will be open during the food-bank hours which are as follows: Mondays & Fridays - 10am to Noon; Wednesdays - 3pm to 5pm. Of course, our Church will be open for any other occasions such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.

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.

The 2023 envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the church. Envelope numbers have changed for a few of you, so please pay attention when collecting them. If you require envelopes or there are none assigned to you, please take a blank set and record your information on the envelope and we will process it accordingly..

Thank you: I write my sincere appreciation for the prayerful Eucharistic celebration, for the Parish President's warm words of welcome, for your presence and for the beautiful bouquet of flowers which are now in chapel. For me these flowers are a daily reminder of your many years of generous support for our people in Cameroon. Know you are forever remembered in prayer. May all the Christmas and New Year's Blessings be yours in abundance. Gratefully, *Sister Cecile Buote*.

Christmas Carol Sing: We would like to thank all of the performers who shared their talent with us on Dec. 18! The Carol Sing presented a time to slow down and relax and listen to some lovely music. May you all have a blessed Christmas filled with peace, love and joy. Thanks again.

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

WIFI Available: St. Anne's is wifi accessible. Please feel free to use our network while at our church.

Parish Donation: Not sure if you heard the CBC interview this past week with PEI Angels about helping people of Ukraine, but we wanted to let you know the \$500 donation she spoke of to help Ukraine families at Christmas came from our parish. When we sold the rest of the odds and ends from the church basement, we said the money donated would go to a charity. We recently donated the \$500 to PEI Angels to help those fleeing from the terrible situation in Ukraine. We hope to have Chritine Zarek come speak to us in the new year and maybe we can help her collect some warm things to send on the next plane to Ukraine in January. Imagine no power for an entire winter? We had a hard time adjusting in Sept. with Fiona to a couple weeks with no power. Thank you everyone and know your donation is making a difference this Christmas.

Community Notices

Cribbage every Thursday at 7pm at Cymbria Lions Club.

You Could Save a Life: Give Blood, call 1-800-236-6283 for appointment.

Help Needed! Central Queen's Funeral Home is in need of someone to shovel out doors and walkways after heavy snowfalls. For more information, please call the Manager, Chris Gallant at 902-964-2886.

Rustico Bay Club: New Year's Eve tickets are now sold out. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and supporting our club. Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, January 9 at 1:30 at the Club. All members are invited to attend.

Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico: Activities: "Coffee Break" (10-11 Tues) will resume on January 10; Card Parties (7PM Tues) will resume on January 3, Stitch Group(9:30 Wed) to begin on January 11; Club Rentals-call Paula 782-234-5845 For Yoga (Matt & Chair) Class, call Paula 782-234-5845; Clogging Monday's 1:30. Lottery Draw Winners: 1st(Painting) Yvonne LeClair, North Rustico ,2nd(Texas Mickey) James Shepherd, Charlottetown . Thank you to all for the wonderful support. President Genny Gallant, requests that all keys to our Seniors Club be turned in to her for Renewal. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, At 1:30. Lorraine is accepting Membership Fees. Merry Christmas to All!

Christmas message from Fr. Albin

During the new liturgical year, both Advent and Christmas seasons, I still celebrate new beginnings. I am most thankful to God for worshipping with you and presiding over the solemn liturgies of Christmas. I quote the singer – John Littleton – “Christmas is everyday”.

In the past 6 months, I have witnessed, in the three parishes of our pastoral unit, strong testimonies of Christian faith. This is the reason that I believe in Emmanuel more and more.

Dans la joie, j'exprime à tous et chacun un Noel rempli d'amour et de paix.

Que le Seigneur vous comble de ses bénédictions en 2023.

*Joyeux Noel / Numerous blessing this Christmas
Père Albin Arsenault*

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)