

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

1st Sunday of Lent ☩ February 26, 2023

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

2nd Reading Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 9am St. Anne's

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's for Brian Gallant

Wednesday 9am Stella Maris for Bernadette Gallant

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's for Harvey Gallant

Friday No Mass

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for Gerard and Mary Anne Gaudin

Sunday 9am St. Anne's for the people

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for John & Pat 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

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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.

Feb 25 Lector: Vern Buote

Mar 4 Lector: Joan Gallant

Lector: Gemma Reid

Feb. 26 Joe Doiron

Donnie Doiron

Stella Maris' Ministries

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Carol Probert

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Faye Fyfe

St. Anne's Ministries

Eucharistic Minister: Savio Dias

Collection

Walk with your feet on earth, but in your heart be in heaven.

St. John Bosco

Diocese Notices

PEI Indigenous History: Come and learn some of the history of the Mi'kmaq people of PEI with the Island's former poet laureate Julie Pellisier-Lush. There will be two sessions at the Martha Spirituality Centre: on Thursdays March 16 and March 30 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. To register contact Sister Joan at drjoancsm@gmail.com Fee: Goodwill offering to support Centre programs. For more information visit our website: pei-marthas.ca.

Dr. Joan Campbell, CSM, is offering five Zoom sessions on the Passion of Jesus every Wednesday from March 1 to March 29 (6:45 to 8:00 pm). We will focus on the Way to the Cross in the Gospel of Mark and the passion narratives in all four canonical gospels. Fee \$25. To register contact Sister Joan at drjoancsm@gmail.com. For more information visit our website: pei-marthas.ca.

Development and Peace's Lenten theme is Create Hope: Stand for the Land. This year's Share Lent Campaign supports 86 projects in 40 countries. Please support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory by donating generously to the Share Lent Campaign and by learning more from the Mini-magazine and other resources available at www.devp.org/lent/resources. Our Solidarity Workshop takes place on March 19 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm, St Pius X Church. The Guest Speaker is Ramy Chan, a partner from Cambodia.

Bishops and Catholic organizations in Canada launch Turkey/Syria Earthquake Emergency Aid Campaign: With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Aid to Church in Need (ACN), Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) have launched an emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on February 6. If you wish to donate to this Emergency Aid Campaign, you can do so at <https://bit.ly/acn-donate-syria> or call toll free to 1-800-585-6333 Ext 228. Funds raised will be used for food, medical supplies, shelter and other human essentials.

Spiritual Awareness, Fr John Molina will offer a series of talks on spirituality during Lent. Come and explore some insights and ideas on prayer, examination of conscience, divine life, spiritual conversation, etc., Tuesdays February 28, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 after 7pm mass. at St Simon and St Jude, Tignish, after the 7pm celebration of the Eucharist. Everyone is welcome.

Ash Wednesday Special Collection ("Bishop's Projects"): This year's Ash Wednesday Collection, as in previous years, will be distributed to area men's and women's shelters and to local food banks.

Unit Notices

Retreat: Fr. Albin will be away on retreat Feb. 24 to 26. Fr. Greg Conway will preside at the weekend Masses.

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$969.25

Stella Maris: \$700.00

Cemetery Fund: \$50.00

St. Anne's: \$679.00

PEI Angel's (Ukraine): \$2820.00

Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!

Please consider including your Parish in your will.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Baby Ryley, Brian, Evan, Grace, John, Laura, Steve Callaghan, Doug Collister, Alan Costello, John Dawson, Shirley Dunfield, 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, Ronnie MacDonald, Darlene MacGregor, Monique MacLeod, Brad McBride, Desi Nantes, Bernadette Nelson, Keagan Norring, Joe Peters, Carol Probert, Bernice Sheehan, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith, Emeric Walsh, Leo 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

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.

Prayer to St. Joseph: Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

World Day of Prayer Service at St. Anne's church on Friday March 3 at 10:30am. Scripture, song and prayers for local as well as world wide needs and a time for fellowship and snacks (muffins and tea). All welcome, please bring prayer intentions.

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 well into 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.

Way of the Cross: During Lent the Way of the Cross will be held each week in our parishes. Stella Maris Friday at 10:30am. St. Anne's Monday after mass. St. Augustine's Sunday at 9:45am.

The Rosery will be said on Mondays at St. Anne's at 8:30am during lent for those who wish to partake.

Best Lent Ever: The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to view daily Lenten reflections from their webpage at www.kofc9025.com Select the button labeled "Best Lent Ever". Enjoy.

Email scam: There is an email scam circulating again. It appears to be from Fr. Albin requesting a favour and for you to email him as soon as you receive the message. Do not reply!! This is a scam.

Furniture for sale: There are some furniture items for sale from the parish house – 2 sofa and love seat sets, and a leather recliner. They can be viewed in the chapel at St. Augustine's or on kijiji at the links below. Contact James at 902-213-2762 if you are interested. www.kijiji.ca/v-view-details.html?adId=1651363340 and www.kijiji.ca/v-view-details.html?adId=1651363953

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

Mass at Villa Margeurite: Every third Wednesday of the month, mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am at Villa Margeurite in place of the 9:00am at Stella Maris. Masks are mandatory.

Stella Maris Annual Parish Meeting: Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at 7 pm in the Hall of our Church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Stella Maris Parish has been approached by the Mount Academy to purchase the L shaped parcel of land between Ayers Court and Recreation Street and a 40 foot right-of-way along the East side of the Cemetery extension off Simon Drive. The Property and Finance Committee and Fr Albin recommend that we proceed with this sale. Prior to any sale of land taking place, the dioceses requires that an announcement of this sale be made during Sunday mass. Anyone having any questions regarding this sale can contact Andre Lavoie, Chair of the Property and Finance Committee at (902)963-2380.

St. Augustine's Notices

Cemetery Plot Fees: Due to the significantly increased costs of maintaining the cemetery and in order to align our fees more closely with other cemeteries, the property and finance committee in consultation with the cemetery committee has recommended an increase to the cost of cemetery plot fees from \$200 per burial to \$300 per burial. The increase will take effect March 1, 2023. An updated cemetery policy brochure will be available at the annual meeting.

Tax Receipts: The 2022 tax receipts are now available for pick up at the back of the Church.

St. Anne's Notices

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

Annual Parish Meeting: The annual parish meeting will be held in St. Anne's Church on Sunday February 26 at 1pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Storm date of March 5.

Income Tax Receipts for 2022 are now available at the entrances to the church. Please pick yours up at the entrance that you usually use for Sunday Mass. Any questions, call Inez at 902-626-7032.

Community Notices

Cribbage every Thursday at 7pm at Cymbria Lions Club.

Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico: Activities: "Coffee Break" (10-11 Tues); Card Parties (7PM Tues), Stitch Group(9:30 Wed); Clogging Monday's 1:30; Mondays and Thursdays 10:30 am. Mat Yoga. Fridays 10am. Club Rentals-call Paula782-234-5845 Please Welcome President, Donna Nicholson & Vice President, Kathy Holmes. A big Thank you to all who support our Seniors Club.

Watermark Theatre is in search of billets for the summer season. Do you have a spare bedroom you would like to rent for \$20/day? If so, please contact Jessie at info@watermarktheatre.com or 902-963-3963.

Rustico Bay Seniors Club has organized a fundraising campaign to help pay for the expenses incurred by the club. Club members have collected a number of really nice donated prizes that are contained in two huge baskets with a combined value of approximately \$1000 Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5. The draw will take place on Saturday, April, 1. If you would like to purchase tickets or help to sell, please call Bernice Doucette at 902-621-0199.

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)