

# The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit

Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island

## Ascension Sunday ☩ May 21, 2023

### This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading Ephesian 1:17-23

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday No Mass (annual priest retreat)

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for the people

Sunday 9am St. Anne's for The Doyle Family

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for William & Florence Whalen

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

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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.

May 20 Lector: Joan Doiron

May 27 Lector: Terry Crawford

Lector: Marion Murphy

Ushers: Jacinta and Michael Doiron

### Stella Maris Ministries

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Carol Probert

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### St. Anne's Ministries

Eucharistic Minister: Marina Doiron

Everyone looks for the good, therefore everyone looks for God.

*St. Basil the Great*

### Diocese Notices

Join the Faculty Indigenous Knowledge, Education, Research, and Applied Studies and the Mawi'omi Centre at UPEI on Thursday May 25 from 10am to 11am for a guest lecture from Hon. Graydon Nicolas about Catholic inculturation in the Indigenous context. Originally from Tobique First Nation, Hon. Graydon Nicolas is a distinguished and highly respected Wolastoqey Elder, lawyer, judge, social worker, and activist who is excited to share his knowledge and understanding. This free event will be in McDougall Hall (room 242) and will have refreshments provided for those who attend. It is open to the public and we welcome anyone who wishes to attend.

The parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption in Stratford cordially invite you to a 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary Celebration for Fr. James Willick to be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish on Sunday, June 4. Mass will be celebrated at 11 am with a reception to follow in the parish hall.

**Counseling Services Available:** Have you been experiencing problems dealing with anxiety, loss, depression, separation, parenting or relationship issues? Counseling services are available through a project sponsored by The Living Well. If you would like to speak to a qualified social worker about these issues you can contact us through email [20tlwp23@gmail.com](mailto:20tlwp23@gmail.com) or call 902 330-2028 . All inquiries will be confidential.

**Heart-of-the-Matter Marriage Preparation course** will be offered in Charlottetown, on May 26 & 27. This is a Friday evening and all day Saturday in-person course. If you are planning to get married this year, you will need to attend a marriage prep course. For more information contact Pat at [patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com) or 902-393-6047.

**Open To All:** We are pleased to invite you to a free webinar hosted by the CCCB Office for Family and Life. The webinar, entitled "Concrete Ways to Renew Practices of Family Holiness," will be held on Saturday, June 3, from 2:00-3:30pm and will be facilitated by Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences (Rome, Italy). It will be presented in French with simultaneous translation into English. This event is open to anyone from dioceses, parishes, related organizations or groups who may be interested in the proposed content. To register, please follow the event link on [www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com](http://www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com).

**Saint Dunstan's University Bursary:** Students are reminded that there has been a change to the SDU Bursary program- beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year the SDU Bursary will increase in value to \$1,500. Application form and criteria are available on the Saint Dunstan's University website, <https://saintdunstansuniversity.ca> . Application deadline is August 31. A maximum of 175 bursaries will be awarded for the coming academic year. Also note that the SDU Board of Governors High School award has been discontinued. As many schools may not have administrative staff during July and August you are advised to make arrangements to have your transcript sent prior to the end of June.

### 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](http://www.kofc9025.com) for more information.

**Prayer List For The Bulletin:** In order to ensure prayer list is always maintained and kept up to date, the names will be updated on a monthly basis. Effective immediately, at the beginning of every month, all names will be removed and if family would like to have the names of loved ones reinstated for the next month, they will be required to call advising to have the names added back to the list. Please refer to the bulletin for the contact names and phone numbers. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1018.50

Stella Maris: \$1075.00

Education of Seminarian: \$15.00

Papal Charities: \$60.00

St. Anne's: \$752.00

Education of Seminarian: \$60.00

*Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!*

*Please consider including your Parish in your will.*

### OUR PRAYER LIST

Vera Collister, Joe Peters, Dane Simpson,  
Suzie Smith

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

**It's Celebration Time!!!** It's celebration time in our Pastoral Unit because our youths who have been studying to receive a sacrament are about to take a HUGE step forth in their faith!!! All members of the St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit are invited and encouraged to attend in a show of support. The First Communion class will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time on May 28 at 10:30 at St. Augustine's.

**Auction Tournament:** The Saint John Paul II ladies group will be holding an auction tournament at St Anne's church on May 22 at 1pm. Bring your own partner. Buffet lunch will be served as well we will have door prizes and a 50/50. Proceeds go to the ladies group . \$10 per person. Winning teams will receive cash prizes.

**The annual priests retreat** runs from Sunday May 21 to Thursday May 25. Fr. Albin will not be available during this time and no weekly masses will be offered.

**Knights of Columbus:** The winners of the 2022-2023 K of C state lottery are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000 - Gus Perry, Brackley, PE ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$750 - Vollie Dietrich-Hall, Virginia, US; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$500 - David Laird, Charlottetown, PE; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$250 - Lana Sullivan. We are thankful to everyone who supported the lottery.

**Allergies:** As a number of our parishioners are severely sensitive or have allergies to aromatic scents, we would like to ask, that if it is possible, please refrain from wearing perfumes or showering / bathing in strong soaps or bath oils before attending services. It would be most helpful to those who suffer from scent allergies and who are unable to attend Mass under these circumstances.

#### **Stella Maris' Notices**

**Funeral Receptions:** When there is a funeral reception, it will take precedence over any other hall bookings, which will have to be rescheduled.

**Stella Maris Parish Lobster Dinner Fundraiser:** This fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 27 in the Stella Maris Church Hall. Cost: \$15 (minimum) per plate (lobster, potato salad, cole slaw and dessert). As this is a fundraiser to cover ongoing costs in the parish hall, please be generous. Both take out (from 4:30pm) and eat-in (from 4:45pm) are available. Reservations are required and the deadline to reserve is Wednesday, May 24. To reserve your dinner, please call either: Donnie Blacquiere at (902)569-8536 or David Gallant at (902)963-3697.

**Stella Maris Church** will now be open on a daily basis from 10am to 4pm beginning May 15 to Mid September.

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

**Live Streaming Mass Online:** You can find it at [https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live\\_videos](https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live_videos)

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

**Memorial Mass June 4 10:30 am Fr. Garth McKearney:** Our beloved Fr. Garth was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1998. In his memory, on what would have been his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the intention of the 10:30 Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. Cousins and close friends have been invited. Following Mass, a tree will be planted and blessed in his memory. After the planting ritual, food and beverages will be served. You are all welcome to this memorial event.

**On behalf of Fr. Albin and the property and finance committee,** I would like to thank the many volunteers who showed up on Tuesday evening to help with the parish clean up. The large turn out meant the work load was light and everything on the job list was accomplished. The grounds look great and are ready for the first mowing on the weekend. Fresh flowers will be up soon and that will bring much needed beauty to the property. Blessing to all!! *James Donnelly / property and finance.*

#### **Community Notices**

**Thanks to all** who supported our cribbage over the winter. See you all in October. Cymbria Lions Ladies Branch.

**Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico:** "Coffee Break"(10-11 Tues); Card Parties (7PM Tues); Stitch Group (9:30Wed); Mat & Chair Yoga, call Paula782-234-5845; Rentals, call Paula 782-234-5845. Tickets available for ongoing Lottery. Upcoming Events: Lobster Supper, Sunday, May 21, (5pm). Members sit down Meal. More info to follow. Flea Market at the Seniors Club. Saturday, June 3 ( starting at 10am). Canada Day Booth plus. info to follow. Lining Dancing in May.

**Dima and Zhanna Ocheretna** recently left Ukraine and immigrated here to our community seeking a better life for themselves. We are very fortunate to have them join us and we welcome them as they continue to settle in. In efforts to support themselves, Zhanna recently became a certified pet groomer and is making her services available within the community. Her contact number is 902-916-5752. Please pass the message along to all dog and cat owners. Please be advised due to their current living situation does not permit Zhanna to set up shop in their rental; therefore, offering the service of taking care of your pets in their own environment (your place). She has also stated if they could be washed the day before she is due to arrive to clip them would greatly assist in your pet care needs. Sorry for any confusion and thanks for understanding and supporting her until they are able to secure their own place.

**Speaker at Rustico Bay Senior's Club:** All Seniors are welcome to hear Hannah from Community Legal Information PEI, speak about Wills & Estates, Power of Attorney & Health Care Decisions on Wednesday May 24, 1 -3 pm. No charge. To register please call Carmelle 902-940-5177.

**Roast Beef Supper:** Central Queens United Church is holding our annual Spring hot roast beef supper take-out on Sat., June 17. A tasty hot roast beef supper with all the trimmings followed by a delicious homemade dessert. Yumm! Ticket prices: \$18/adult, \$7/child 6 - 12 yrs. of age, free for children under 6 yrs. old. Pick-up times: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Reminder: this is a take-out meal only. Drivers should remain in their cars where tickets will be collected and meals delivered to the vehicles. To order tickets contact Debbie at 902-964-2882.

**Rustico Bay Ceilidhs and Dance:** On Saturday, May 27, at 8pm with "Still Kicking". Don't miss this multi-talented group consisting of Brian Knox, Brian Blaquiere, David Moore and Terry Dunsford. Doors open at 7:15. Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over. Admission \$12 at the door. Located at 2104 Church Rd. in Rustico.

#### **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)