

# The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit

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

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ September 3, 2023

### This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd Reading Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday off

Tuesday 9am St. Augustine's

Wednesday 9am Stella Maris

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's for Harvey Gallant

Friday 9am St. Anne's

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for the people

Sunday 9am St. Anne's for Elmer Doiron

Sunday 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.

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### Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$977.30

Parish Appeal: \$2790.00

Parish Appeal to date: \$10,174.00

Stella Maris: \$690.00

St. Anne's: \$864.00

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

### OUR PRAYER LIST

Audrey Gallant, James Gallant Jr, Freda Peters, 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

Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity.

### St. Augustine

#### Stella Maris Ministries

September 2 Lector: Vern Buote

September 9 Lector: Terry Crawford

September 16 Lector: Joan Gallant

September 23 Lector: Faye Fyfe

September 30 Lector: Eileen Gauthier

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Estelle Bourgeois

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#### St. Anne's Ministries

##### September

Lector: Heather Doiron

Ushers: Inez and Paula Doiron

Eucharistic Minister: Jacinta Doiron

### Diocese Notices

**The Martha Spirituality Centre is offering the following programs this Fall:** Christian Meditation, the prayer of the heart, opens us to the presence of God in the silence and stillness of the present moment. Sessions will be held on Zoom on Tuesdays from September 12 to December 12 from 7-8 pm. No fee for this program. To register, contact [karenযোগেই@gmail.com](mailto:karenযোগেই@gmail.com). Lectio Divina (divine reading) is a contemplative praying of Scripture. Participants will meet with Sister Joan on Zoom every Thursday, from September 14 to November 30 from 10:30-11:45 a.m. to listen to and reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel. No fee. To register contact Sister Joan at [drjoancsm@gmail.com](mailto:drjoancsm@gmail.com)

**The Pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs** at St. Peter's Church, Seven Mile Bay will take place on Saturday, September 23 for pro-life intentions. The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League are partnering on this event. Rosary will be said at 10:00am followed by Mass at 10:30am. A collection will be taken up for PEI Life. There will be light refreshments served afterwards. All are welcome!

**Synodal Process:** Pope Francis officially launched the synodal process on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, 2021 at the Vatican because he desires to hear the voice of the entire church. Synodality means walking the same road together and is about listening carefully to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of Truth" (John 14:17), realizing that everyone has something to learn. On Saturday, September 16 at the Martha Spirituality Centre at 45 Great George St., Charlottetown, Nancy Murphy and Sister Joan Campbell will facilitate a time of reflection on the biblical roots of the synodal process as well as our hopes and desires for our beloved Church. Time: 10 am to 3 pm. Cost \$25. Please bring a bag lunch. To register email Sister Joan at [drjoancsm@gmail.com](mailto:drjoancsm@gmail.com)

**Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College** is a faithfully Catholic liberal arts college in Barry's Bay, Ontario, offering a three-year Bachelor of Catholic Studies degree. Small class sizes and a strong academic program set students up for success in the classroom and in all future pursuits. Faculty take their Catholic faith seriously and profess an oath of fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church. A vibrant campus life, men's and women's residence houses, and ample spiritual opportunities create a Catholic culture that forms the whole person. Students build life-long friendships, and often discern their vocations. The tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available. There are still spots available for 2023-2024! Please visit [www.seatofwisdom.ca](http://www.seatofwisdom.ca).

**Glenaladale's Scottish Culture Days**, September 9 to 13, featuring Gaelic lessons for children and adults, Gaelic Choir learning hymns and psalms, Scottish song and fiddle concerts, and two lectures on our Island Celtic roots. Resource person, Catriona Parsons, Celtic Studies Dept, St.F.X. For further information see [www.glenaladalepei.com](http://www.glenaladalepei.com) and click on Events, or the September BUZZ, or call 902-380-3334 or 902-969-2693.

**Young Adult Leadership Team.** Are you a young adult (18-25) who is interested in growing in their faith, and helping lead retreats across the Diocese? The Young Adult Leadership Team travels the diocese leading retreats, and gathers regularly for faith-building and community. The first meeting is an overnight retreat, September 22-23 at the Marguerite Bourgeois Centre. For more information about the Leadership Team and to register for the Retreat, visit: <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/young-adult-leadership-team/>

### Unit Notices

**Receive Communion at Home:** If you know of someone who is not able to attend mass but would like to receive communion, please call Carol at 902-963-3089. If you have a pyx that isn't being used, please return it to the church.

**Allergies:** As a number of our parishioners are severely sensitive or have allergies to aromatic scents, we would like to ask to 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 are unable to attend Mass under these circumstances.

**St. Mary's (Hunter River) Cemetery Sunday:** There will be a service of prayer and song at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hunter River on Sunday, September 10 at 1pm. All are welcome. Please pass this invitation along to anyone you know who may have friends or family members in the cemetery or former parishioners of St Mary's of the People.

**School is Beginning!** We all know that beginning a new school year can be stressful for many different reasons. Students, teachers, bus drivers, school secretaries, school janitors all come from a different place of concern and perhaps anxiety. Having faith does help. On September 10 in St. Augustine and St. Anne's parishes the previously mentioned people will be called forward after Communion for a special blessing to help get the new year off well. The same will happen in Stella Maris on September 16 at the 4pm Mass. This is for students of all ages and all schools as well as all teachers and support staff. The St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit wants to support our schools in any way we can.

### 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

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

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

**Cemetery Saturday Sep. 9:** Weather permitting, we will be honoring our ancestors, our heritage and our dearly departed family members by celebrating our Saturday 4pm Mass outdoors adjacent to the cemetery. We ask all parishioners to bring a lawn chair for the mass. Come, give thanks, praise God and Celebrate. Flowers will be distributed after mass to be placed at the graves of loved ones. Should the weather fail to cooperate, the liturgy will be held in the Church as usual.

### 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

**Parish Tradition:** Every family has birthday/anniversary traditions that have been passed down from generations. Likewise, we at St. Augustine's parish enjoy the beautiful tradition of singing 'Happy Birthday/Happy Anniversary' to our parishioners prior to our recessional hymn. We invite you to let us know when you or a family member of friend is (or will be) celebrating a special occasion and would appreciate being honoured with the singing of the special song. Simply write the person's name on a piece of paper prior to coming to Church and give it to one of the ushers upon entrance. The ushers will then give the name(s) to the choir director for the singing of the song that day.

**E-transfer:** St. Augustine's is now set up to receive e-transfers to st.augustines2190@gmail.com. If you choose to use this format, please include your Full Name, address, phone number and preferably an email address in the message field. If you are an envelope user, please provide it as well. Receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

**Property and Finance meeting:** The next meeting of the property and finance committee will be held at 7:30 pm on Sept. 12 in St. Monica's Chapel.

**Parish Appeal:** We are most thankful to those who have already donated to our parish appeal. We have received \$10,174 to date. Don't worry, you still have time to contribute. Our historic Church property requires continuous upkeep and maintenance that our regular Sunday collections can't service. This means that, occasionally, we need to solicit additional donations from our parishioners, visitors and community members so that funds are available for this purpose. This year's appeal hopes to address a number of outstanding items required to maintain our centuries old historic property. The appeal letters are available at the rear of the Church and have also been mailed to all household in Rustico to Hunter River and Oyster Bed Bridge areas. The letter explains the projects requiring funding and return envelopes are provided. We would respectfully ask that you be as generous as your means allow. God Bless you. *(James Donnelly / on behalf of Fr. Albin and the Property & Finance Committee)*

### Community Notices

**Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico:** Card Parties (7PM Tues); Stitch Group (9:30Wed); Mat & Chair Yoga, call Paula 782-234-5845; Rentals, call Paula 782-234-5845. Tickets available for ongoing Lottery. Next Lottery (Quilt, & Gift Basket) has begun. Thanks to all for your support.

**Rustico Bay Ceilidhs and Dance:** On Saturday, September 9, at 8pm with musical group, "Haché". They perform songs of various musical genres, with an emphasis on old country, rock and roll and music of the Maritimes. Doors open at 7:15. Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over. Admission \$12 at the door.

**This is my story, this is my song.** Finding peace through the storms of life. A ministry of music, hope and encouragement. Presented by Chris Gallant (pastor and funeral director). Eliyahu Wellness Centre, North Rustico (Hospitality Room). Sundays, September 10, 17 & 24. 3pm each day, refreshments to follow. Free Admission, everyone welcome!

**"Coffee Break"** at the Seniors Club, North Rustico, will resume on Tuesday, September 5. Come out, meet neighbors and friends, make new friends while enjoying coffee, tea and a sweet. Everyone welcome. Any questions, please call Eleanor 902-330-3134.

### 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)