

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ☩ December 3, 2023**

**This Weekend's Liturgy**

**1st Reading**

**2nd Reading**

**Gospel**

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

**Monday** 9am St. Anne's for Carla Reid

**Tuesday** 7pm St. Augustine's

**Wednesday** 9am Stella Maris

**Thursday** 7pm Stella Maris—Mass of Hope and Compassion

**Friday** No Mass

**Saturday** 4pm Stella Maris for seniors in the parish/John Paul II Ladies Group

**Sunday** 9am St. Anne's for Carla Reid

**Sunday** 10:30am St. Augustine's for the people

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: November 19: \$903.70**

**November 26: \$956.00**

**Stella Maris: \$1150**

**Special Collection: \$50.00**

**Special Collection So Far: \$11,085.00**

**St. Anne's: \$720.00**

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

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Vera Collister, Blake Culleton, Audrey Gallant, James (Lynn) Gallant, James Gallant Jr, Freda Peters, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith

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

**Marion Murphy** 902-621-0725

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**Stella Maris Ministries**

December 2 Lector: Joan Doiron

December 9 Lector: Andre Lavoie

December 16 Lector: Joan Gallant

December 23 Lector: Karen Lavoie

December 24 Lector: Vern Buote

December 30 Lector: Eileen Gauthier

December 31 Lector: Joan Doiron

January 6 Lector: Paul Blacquiere

January 13 Lector: Ronnie Blacquiere

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Eric Blacquiere

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Faye Fyfe

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Estelle Bourgeois

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Vern Buote

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Margaret Goulding

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Louis Gallant

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Carol Probert

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Joan Doiron

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Eric Blacquiere

**St. Anne's Ministries**

**December**

Lector: Monica Simpson

Ushers: Tim and Joanne Callahan

Offertory

December 3 Wilbert & Brenda Reid and Family December 10 Mike and Peter Perry

December 17 Phyllis Reid

Eucharistic Minister: Heather Doiron

**Diocese Notices**

**We are hiring!** Join Our Team as Activities Director of the Tignish Parish Center. Are you passionate about creating a vibrant and inclusive community hub? Do you thrive on building relationships and coordinating programs that enrich the lives of individuals & families? We are seeking a dynamic and motivated individual to be the Activities Director of our Parish Center! As the Director, you will be at the forefront of establishing and managing the operations of our Parish Center. You will have the unique opportunity to shape its identity, coordinate engaging activities and foster a sense of belonging within the Community. Please apply by sending in your Cover Letter & Resume to the Parish Office @PO Box 58, Tignish, PEI C0B 2B0 by Thursday, December 14. For a job description or more information, please contact our Parish Office at 902-882-2049. Thank you!

**May 17– 27, 2024:** Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 42 years. Cost of \$3570 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) INFO: Hector Caissie at [hectorcaissie@gmail.com](mailto:hectorcaissie@gmail.com) or 506-857-2295.

**Simbang Gabi (Evening Mass):** You are cordially invited to celebrate Simbang Gabi, a cherished Filipino Advent tradition. Simbang Gabi is a series of novena prayers and Masses over nine days, leading up to Christmas. A time for reflection, prayer, and joyful anticipation of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Sharing table follows the celebrations. Beginning Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm in the Lower level of St. Dunstan's Basilica. Everyone welcome!

**Advent Service of Light:** Come join us at the Martha Spirituality Centre for an evening of Advent prayer and reflection around the theme of light, at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 19. We pray for light to permeate our hearts, engender reconciliation, and to heal the earth. All are welcome. Donations are accepted for the Upper Room Hospitality Ministry. To register email Sister Joan at [drjoancsm@gmail.com](mailto:drjoancsm@gmail.com).

**The Island Peace Committee invites you to a Peace Gathering.** At 2 pm, Saturday, December 2 at Boulder Park on Grafton Street in Charlottetown, join us for 30 minutes of prayer, reflection, solidarity and hope for peace in the Middle East.

**Unit Notices**

**A Mass of Hope and Compassion** will be held at Stella Maris Church on December 7 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Christmas Food Hampers:** During this festive season, everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy a special Christmas meal. The Community Foodbank located in Stella Maris Church is again preparing Christmas food hampers for individuals and families. Anyone who is experiencing difficulty in making ends meet and would benefit from a hamper should contact the Food Pantry, Also if anyone is aware of an individual or family who is in need should contact Andre Lavoie at (902)963-2380 and provide a name so they can be contacted and included in this year's Christmas Food Hamper project.

**Sister Cecile** approached me, about the possibility of helping Patience's family in Cameroon, one more time. She shared the situation of Patience's family with me. While waiting to be hired for a decent paying position in a hospital, Marbel, a nurse, would like to open a small Pharmacy. \$3500.00 would allow her and the whole family to get organized and get a fresh start on life. Once again, Sister Cecile and the family would be very grateful for any assistance. "Only God can thank you". To donate please send check or cash to Art Buote, 2129 Church Rd. Rustico, C0A1N0, or e-transfer at buote5613@gmail.com. Please use 'cecile' as pass word.

**The Saint John Paul II Ladies Group** will be having it's Christmas Pot Luck fun afternoon on December 12 at 12 noon in Stella Maris church. Everyone welcome please join for a few laughs and community camaraderie. The ladies group will be offering a mass for the seniors of the area. Stella Maris on December 9, Saint Augustine's January 4 and Saint Anne's on January 7. Hope to see you at our luncheon. Any questions call Mary Blacquiere at 213-3083

#### St. Augustine's Notices

**Community Christmas Concert:** Reserve Sunday, December 10, 6:30pm if you enjoy hearing and seeing absolutely fantastic musical and dramatic talent!!! Community members will be putting forth their best effort to entertain you. There will be nut free fudge for sale as well. Funds raised will go towards maintenance of St. Augustine Parish property. We appreciate the Cymbria Lions Club for allowing us to use their wonderful, accessible facility. Admission will be \$15 per person.

**Christmas Carol Sing:** St. Augustine's Parish will host an evening of Christmas Carols and Nativity presentation on December 17 at 7pm. This will be an evening where all are encouraged to sing and participate. Good will offerings will be accepted at the door and funds raised will be given to a charity as an outreach project.

**Christmas is just around the corner!** We will have choir practice each Sunday at 9:15 until Christmas. You don't need to know how to read music, you just need to enjoy singing for if you sing, you pray twice! I invite you to join us, young and old as we would love to have you lend your voice. Also if you play a musical instrument, please come and join too. Any questions, please call Phyllis Arsenault at 902-394-3862 or Janet Cox 902-314-8086

#### Stella Maris' Notices

**Memorial Tree:** As in previous years, we are putting up a Memorial tree at Stella Maris Church during Advent. Any one who wishes to honour a loved one by a donation to our church May do so by giving the donation and name of the loved one to Sister Phyllis who will put the name on a candle and add it to the Memorial tree. Let us remember and pray for our loved one particularly all during Advent and the Christmas season.

**Christmas Choir Practice:** We would like to have a full choir for our upcoming Feast of Christmas. Since all the carols are quite familiar to us we feel that maybe only 1 practice will be necessary. We are scheduling this practice on December 10 at 1 pm in Stella Maris Church. Anyone who would like to join us to honour our Lord and Saviour on His birthday in this special way, is most welcome. In advance, thank you for your love and generosity. Let us make our Christmas special!

**Cleaning of Church for Christmas:** This cleaning will take place on Tuesday, December 5 at 9am. Many hands make light work; so, a good-parishioner turnout would be appreciated. Thank you *Property and Finance Committee*

**Email Addresses:** In order to be able to easily reach all parishioners in case of an emergency, we would appreciate your filling out the form located on the tables at the back of the Church. This form includes your name, email address and telephone number. If you do not have an email address, please write down your name and telephone number.

**Are you on our phone tree?** From time to time important information, such as mass time cancellations or changes, is communicated to Stella Maris parishioners through a phone call from one of our phone tree volunteers. If you have never received such a call and wish to be included in our phone tree, please call Lorraine Lemay 360-2060.

#### 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)

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

**Our Choir:** With a little encouragement, we have had a good response re: reviving the choir and adding some new bodies (and voices). There will be a choir practice Sunday December 10 after mass to start preparation for Christmas. We can discuss what practice time works best for people when we meet, and discuss what people are able to commit. Thank you to those who said yes, and we want anyone else who was contemplating helping out (male and female both) to please come along and join us.

**Sunday collection envelopes** for 2024 are now available. Please pick yours up at the entrance you use for Sunday Mass. If you do not presently use envelopes but would like to start using them, see Inez Doiron at church or call her at 902-626-7032.

#### 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. Coffee Break every Tuesday, 10am-11am, All welcome. Thanks to all for your support.

**Cribbage** Every Thursday at Cymbria Lions club at 7pm.

**Coffeeshouse:** Every Wednesday from 1 to 3 pm, the Rustico Bay Seniors Centre will host a Coffeeshouse (or Tea) Social. Bring any portable craft projects, or come and enjoy whatever games are onsite. This is a relaxed opportunity to gather. Call Jill, at 902-388-6107 with any questions.

**Rustico Bay Club New Year's Dance** is Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 to 12:15 with "Haché". Multitalented Laurie, Kaitlyn, lead guitarist George and drummer Bob perform songs of various musical genres, with an emphasis on old country, rock and roll and music of the Maritimes. A delicious lunch will be served at break. Bar service. 19 and over. Tickets are \$25 each by calling Bernice at 902-621-0199. Located at 2104 Church Road in Rustico

**You are invited** to enjoy the "Sounds of Christmas" concert at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, on Sun., December 3 at 7pm. This seasonal performance will feature Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance and friends. Come get an early start enjoying the spirit of Christmas in a wonderfully musical, stress free environment. Admission is \$12 at the door.

**Questions about Wills & Estates, Power of Attorney, Health Care Decisions, etc.** Come hear Hannah from Community Legal Information PEI, on Wednesday, December 6 (1:00-3:00) at Star of the Sea Club, North Rustico To register, call Donna 902-432-0233. Everyone Welcome.