

The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
2nd Sunday of Advent ✕ December 10, 2023

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 9am St. Anne's

Monday 7pm St. Augustine's (St, Monica's Chapel) 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's

Wednesday 9am Stella Maris

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday No Mass

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for the people

Sunday 9am St. Anne's for Al Bourgeois

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for Joseph Clarence Gallant and Leah Mary 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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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.

If God is the centre of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts.

St. Vincent de Paul

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$976.10

Stella Maris: \$640.00

St. Anne's: \$869.00

Cemetery Fund IMO Carla Reid: \$200.00

Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!

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

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Stella Maris Ministries

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 Blacquièrre

January 13 Lector: Ronnie Blacquièrre

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 Blacquièrre

St. Anne's Ministries

December

Lector: Monica Simpson

Ushers: Tim and Joanne Callahan

Offertory

December 10 Mike and Peter Perry

Eucharistic Minister: Heather Doiron

December 17 Phyllis Reid

The mass times for Christmas/New Years:

Saturday December 23 – 4:00 pm Stella Maris

Sunday December 24 – 9:00 am St. Anne's

Sunday December 24 – 10:30 am St. Augustine's

Christmas Eve December 24 – 6:00 pm Stella Maris

Christmas Eve December 24 – 8:00 pm St. Anne's

Christmas Eve December 24 – 10:00 pm St. Augustine's

Christmas Day December 25 – 10:00am St. Anne's

New Years Day January 1 – 10:30am St. Augustine's

Diocese Notices

Last Chance to nominate your favourite new mom for a Stocking4LIFE. This is some Christmas Joy to say thank you for LIFE, for any mother who has delivered or who has adopted a baby in 2023. See our webpage PELLife.org/programs for more information and how to nominate or send us an email at nominations@peilife.org with your contact info, mom's name and how to contact her. You can also call Pat at 902-894-5473. Please send us your nomination by Dec 10.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 42 years. May 17– 27, 2024. 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 or 506-857-2295.

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.

Unit Notices

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.

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 14 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

Envelopes: 2024 Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

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!

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.

2024 Envelopes: New Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Envelope Numbers have changed for a few people so please pay attention when collecting them. If you have not received a set of envelopes in the past and wish to receive them please contact Peter Gallant (902-963-2460)

Thank You: Thank you to all the parishioners who turned out on Tuesday, December 5 to clean our Church for Christmas. As we can all see, it was a job well done. Thanks again. The Property and Finance Committee

St. Anne's Notices

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

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.

Coffeehouse: Every Wednesday from 1 to 3 pm, the Rustico Bay Seniors Centre will host a Coffeehouse (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.

Introduction to Social Dancing: Peter and Jill McDougall will be offering "Introduction to Social Dancing" classes starting on Monday January 8 at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club. Cost is \$10/pp for 4x one hour classes. The 7-8pm class is already full but they've now added an 8-9pm session. All ages are welcome - no partner required!

Rustico Bay Club New Year's Dance is Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 to 12:15 with "Haché". A delicious lunch will be served at break. Bar service. 19 and over. Tickets are \$25.00 each by calling Bernice at 902-621-0199. Located at 2104 Church Road in Rustico.

Rustico Bay Christmas Dance: On Saturday, December 16 at 8pm with musical group, "Haché". They will play some of your Christmas favorites as well a variety of 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.

Christmas Carol Concert: Central Queens United Church is pleased to host a Christmas Carol Concert on Sunday., Dec. 17 at 7pm. This concert will be presented by Central Queens Musical Friends with featured performers Sarah Weeks, Brad and Annika Trivers, Wade and Braiden Campbell, Ellen Davis, Wina Reardon, Marsha Weeks and Rev. Greg Davis. Admission will be a free-will offering.