

The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
4th Sunday of Advent ❖ December 24, 2023

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

2nd Reading Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 10am St. Anne's—Christmas Day

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday 7pm St. Augustine's

Thursday 9am Stella Maris

Friday 9am St. Anne's

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for Allan and Evelyn Gauthier

Sunday 9am St. Anne's for Janet Doiron

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

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1453.45

Cemetery Fund: \$2500.00

Stella Maris: \$665.00

St. Anne's: \$920.00

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

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.

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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A Christmas message from our Pastor, Fr. Albin

We all know the Christmas story: the birth of Jesus our Saviour. What is the most important and essential is that we may have a relationship with Him and an increase in Faith. May Jesus the son of God and the Prince of Peace abundantly bless you all at Christmas and in the New Year.

Depuis la naissance et la vie de Jésus notre Saveur, nous sommes bénis a chaque jour. Nous croyons en Emmanuel : Dieu avec nous. Qu'il vous accompagne, et vous comble de joie et d'espérance.

Stella Maris Ministries

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 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 24 Althea Gallant

December 31 Clifford and Michelle Proctor

Eucharistic Minister: Heather Doiron

Christmas Eve: Julie Walsh and family

The mass times for Christmas/New Years:

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

Bishop's Levee 2024: The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, Bishop of Charlottetown, cordially invites all to attend his first annual New Year's Levee on January 1 at SDU Place, 45 Great George Street, Charlottetown, from 1 to 2pm.

The Annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre will be held January 19-21. This year's retreat director is Fr. Walter Flynn and the theme is "A Journey from Christ's Suffering to Our Suffering." The cost for the retreat is \$215 per person / \$325 per couple. Register with Martin or Earla at the Centre: 902-621-1952 or ourladyofhope@gmail.com.

Unit Notices

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.

Helping Hands: The Knights of Columbus are undertaking a program to assist seniors in the John Paul II Pastoral Unit with small odd jobs, for example, hanging curtains, blinds, pictures, putting up a shelf, or minor re-pairs. If you need help please call Genny Gallant 902-360-2067. She will refer your name and request to a member of the Knights.

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.

Open House / St. Augustine's Parochial House: Fr. Albin would like to invite you to an open house on December 27 from 2:00 - 4:30 pm or 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Drop by for a visit and view his tastefully decorated home. Admission is a good will offering with proceeds directed to St. Cecile Buote.

St. Augustine's Notices

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.

Due to fire regulations, there will be no seating allowed in the Choir Loft for the 10pm Mass Christmas eve, except for Choir members. The main body of the Church will accommodate 300 persons and we would encourage you to scootch together and share the pews with others so that everyone can attend the service.

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.

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)

St. Anne's Notices

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

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.

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

Community Notices

Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico: Coffee Break, Tuesday's (10-11) will resume on January 2. The Stitch Group, Wednesdays, (9:30) will resume on January 3. The Lottery Winners were Eunice Gallant & Helen Rudgene. Thank you to all who support our Lottery.

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.

Celebrating 50 Years! Join us to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Claude and Della Buote on Saturday, December 30, from 2pm - 4pm at the Cymbria Lions Club. Refreshments will be served. Best wishes only please.

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)