

The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
The Epiphany of the Lord ✠ January 7, 2024

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading Ephesians 3:2-3A,5-6

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 9am St. Anne's for Penzie McAleer

Tuesday 6:45pm St. Augustine's for special intentions

Wednesday 9am Stella Maris

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday No Mass

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for Dennis Gallant

Sunday 9am St. Anne's for the people

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for senior's in the parish and John Paul II Ladies Group

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$945.50

Initial Offering: \$250.00

Stella Maris: \$540.00

Donation: \$500.00

St. Anne's: \$533.00

Christmas: \$90.00

Candles: \$70.00

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.

Contact Information

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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, Betty Walsh

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

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

Julian of Norwich

Stella Maris Ministries

January 6 Lector: Paul Blacquiére

January 13 Lector: Ronnie Blacquiére

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Joan Doiron

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St. Anne's Ministries

January

Lector: Tammy Peters

Ushers: Mike Doiron and Wilbert Reid

Eucharistic Minister: Marina Doiron

Offertory

January 7 Mike and Jacinta Doiron

January 21 Paula Gauthier

January 14 Lorian MacFarlane

January 28 Inez and Paula Doiron

Diocese Notices

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.

The PEI Catholic Girls Bursary which is administered by the PEI Provincial Catholic Women League of Canada (CWL) is available to PEI Catholic Girls and Women attending College or University Institutions and is open to applicants for 2024. Completed applications can be sent by regular mail or electronically to the address on the application. The deadline to apply is January 31.

Heart-of-The-Matter Marriage Preparation course will be offered on Jan 26/27, 2024 in Charlottetown. If you are getting married in the Catholic Church, please enquire about this requirement for preparation. Email Pat at patria.wiedemer@outlook.com. Registration required.

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.

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.

Mass Stipends: It is diocesan policy that only one intention is offered per mass. It is suggested that you reserve well in advance of your chosen date. Every effort is made to respond to your request and we apologize in advance if mass needs to be celebrated on an alternate date. When requesting memorial masses, it would also help to specify the church where the mass will be celebrated.

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.

Prayer Line: Anyone interested in joining our prayer line contact 902-393-0960 (Angela).

St. Augustine's Notices

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

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.

Christmas Concert: On behalf of the property and finance committee and Fr. Albin, I would like to thank Anne Marie Vessey and Joni Blacquiere for their organization of the Christmas concert. We are thankful also to John Blacquiere who MC'd, all the talented community performers, fudge makers, and any other volunteers who took part in this fund-raising event in support of St. Augustine's Church. Special thanks to the Lions Club for donating the use of the hall. The proceeds of \$832 will be used for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Church. Thank you and God bless. *James Donnelly.*

Christmas Hymn Sing: Thank you to St. Augustine's choir and to Anne Marie Vessey for organizing the Christmas Hymn sing event to raise funds for Gulf Shore School band. Thank you also to all the talented participants who shared their musical gifts to create a memorable Christmas experience. Anne-Marie presented a donation in the amount of \$501.05 to the school in late December.

Property and Finance Meeting: Monday January 15 at 7pm in St. Monica's chapel.

Stella Maris' Notices

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)

Our church will be opened during the following hours until May 2024: 4pm mass on Saturdays and 9am mass on Wednesdays. Also our church will be opened during the food - bank hours which are as follows: Mondays and Fridays - 10am to noon; Wednesdays From 3pm to 5pm. Of course our church will be open for any other occasions such as, weddings, funerals, baptism, etc.

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

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.

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

A Tribute to Sister Phyllis: A Celebration and reception in honour of Sister Phyllis Gallant's many years of service to our parish and unit will be held after the 4pm Mass on January 13. All welcome.

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, Tuesdays (10-11). The Stitch Group, Wednesdays, (9:30).

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!

You Could Save a Life: Give Blood, call 1-800-236-6283 for appointment.

Rustico Bay Seniors dance Saturday January 13 at 8pm with Seaglass. Little Alfred and his band play a variety of great dancing music including some old-time. Bar service. \$12. at the door.

Bingo There will be a 50/50 bingo at Cymbria Lions Club on Sunday January 21 at 1:30pm. Don't forget to bring your dabbers.

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)