

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

1st Sunday of Lent ☩ February 18, 2024

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Genesis 9:8-15

2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 9am St. Anne's

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's

Wednesday 9:30am Villa Marguerite for Gauthier Family

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday No Mass

Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for Mr & Mrs Ernest Blacquiere and Collette & Edward Lavoie

Sunday 9am St. Anne's for the people

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for Wallace & Anita Gallant

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1181.00

Ash Wednesday: \$215.00

Stella Maris: \$1355.00

St. Anne's: \$1111.00

*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

Giselle (Buote), Kim Coles, Vera Collister, Blake Culleton, Audrey Gallant, James (Lynn) Gallant, James Gallant Jr, Dorena Hall, 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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Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your love.

St. Clare of Assisi

Stella Maris Ministries

February 17 Lector: Ronnie Blacquiere

February 24 Lector: Andre Lavoie

March 2 Lector: Karen Lavoie

March 9 Lector: Paul Blacquiere

March 16 Lector: Eileen Gauthier

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Margaret Goulding

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Estelle Bourgeois

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Louis Gallant

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St. Anne's Ministries

January

Lector: Loriann MacFarlane

Ushers: Mike Doiron and John Doiron

Offertory

February 18 Mary MacKinnon and Donna Stewart

Eucharistic Minister: Gemma Reid

February 25 John and Charlene VanLeeuwan

Diocese Notices

Development and Peace asks that if you didn't sign the letter yet to the Honduran Ambassador to Canada asking for an end to illegal mining that denies people access to water, pollutes the environment, and kills and terrorizes people, please sign it on line before February 25: action@devp.org and go to Sign the Letter. Our Honduran friends are counting on our Solidarity.

Live your best life in love with your spouse! Unlock the power of your relationship with new ways to do the "I Do" by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It will be held in PEI at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre, on April 26-28. We need a minimum of 10 couples for this weekend to go ahead. Please consider applying early! For more information and to receive an application form, call 902-626-8875 or email noonans@eastlink.ca.

Getting married? There will be a Heart-of-the-Matter marriage preparation course offered on Friday evening and all day Saturday, March 1-2, for anyone who is planning to get married. A marriage preparation course is a requirement for marriage. If interested, please contact Pat Wiedemer at patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com for more information or call: 902-393-6047.

Upcoming Cursillo weekends will be held April 4-7 for men and April 11-14 for women at Our Lady of Hope Center in Stanley Bridge. The cost is \$150 per person and the application can be found on our PEI Cursillo website under "downloads" <https://peicursillo.com> or email peicursillo@gmail.com for application.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada invites you to give generously to the Share Lent Campaign to defend the rights of rural communities to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods and a healthy environment. The main collection is March 17, Solidarity Sunday.

Unit Notices

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.

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.

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.

Family Faith Formation: Our next gatherings will happen on February 18 and March 17. As always all are welcome. We start at 10am and end at 11:30. We are in the Bolger Room which is behind the altar at St. Anne's in Hope River.

Unit property and Finance meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 20 at 7:30 in St Anne's.

An Invitation to all ladies of St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit: The St. John Paul II Ladies Group was established two years ago, after ending our association with the Catholic Women's League. It has been a great success, often with over 30 women attending. There are no membership fees or lists; all ladies of all three parishes are automatically members and most welcome. We do continue with most of the activities of our previous CWL group, donating to our various charities, from funds raised by our annual card party and the proceeds of the 50/50 draw at the Knights of Columbus suppers, for which we make the desserts. Meetings are held every second month, and begin with a lunch at noon, prepared by the ladies of one of the parishes, alternating this duty. Following this, we have a spiritual presentation, sometimes by a member, or sometimes by a guest speaker from some community service organization. Last fall, we had a speaker from Anderson House, a shelter for women and children fleeing family violence. In support, the ladies brought donations of toiletries, which were much needed and appreciated. A main focus of our group is outreach, and especially at Christmas, members reach out to seniors, shut-ins and nursing home residents in our individual communities. Members of our Community Outreach Committee send cards throughout the year to acknowledge special as well as sorrowful occasions in the lives of members of our communities. Members of our Social Justice Committee keep us informed on issues of interest to Christians committed to caring for all members of our society. Meetings end with a round table of prayer intentions, when members ask for prayers for a particular or a more general intention. We invite all ladies to join us, you are most welcome. Our next meeting is April 9.

St. Augustine's Notices

Tax receipts: The tax receipts for 2023 are available in envelopes at the back of the Church. Any envelopes that remain after February 11 will be mailed if the appropriate mailing information has been provided. If you're your envelope does not have mailing information, please leave a message at the parish office 902-201-0790 with your envelope number and address particulars.

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.

The annual Parish meeting will be held on February 18 following mass. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

St. Anne's Notices

Live Streaming Mass Online: You can find it at 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.

Need Assistance? St Anne's pastoral council would like to offer to help anyone who doesn't drive at night but would like to get to evening mass, or doesn't drive on bad roads but would still like to get to mass on Sunday, or would like an arm to take a hold of to get from their vehicle when the parking lot is icy/snowy to the door. We would love to help in any way to allow our church community to attend mass. You can contact Monica Simpson (902-213-1486) Jacinta Doiron (902-213—0271) Tim Callahan (902-388-4169)

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.

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.

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

Property and Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27 at 7pm in the hall of our Church.

Community Notices

Star of the Sea Seniors Club: Coffee Break, Tuesdays (10-11). The Stitch Group, Wednesdays, (9:30). For Club Rentals, please call Estelle 963-3599.

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.

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

Rustico Bay Club Ceilidh and Dance welcomes Kelly Buote on Saturday, February 24 at 8pm. Kelly, an accomplished musician and great entertainer. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. 50/50. Bar service. Admission \$12.00 at the door. Located at 2104 Church Road (Rte. 243) in Rustico.

Meet & Greet the Honourable Barb Ramsay, Minister of Social Development & Seniors Services on Thursday, February 22 (1pm) at Star of the Sea Club North Rustico. Come with Questions on Dental, Hearing Aids, Grants for Seniors, etc. Everyone Welcome.

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)