

The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit

Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ September 8, 2024

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading **Isaiah 35:4-7A**

2nd Reading **James 2:1-5**

Gospel **Mark 7:31-37**

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 9am St. Anne's

Tuesday 9am St. Augustine's

Wednesday 8:45am Stella Maris

Thursday 9am St. Augustine's

Friday no mass

Saturday 4 pm Stella Maris for the people

Sunday 9:00 am St. Anne's for Colleen Reid

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for Peter R. 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.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Giselle (Buote), Kim Coles, Vera Collister, Stacey Deveaux, Esther Drobot, Audrey Gallant, James (Lynn) Gallant, James Gallant Jr, Jonathan Gallant, Todd Gallant, Nicky Garland, Freda Peters, Annette Pettit, Jennifer Pitre, Eleanor Larkin Ranger, Arvilla Roche, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith

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

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Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1013.00

Stella Maris: \$605.00

St. Anne's: \$974.00

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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.

Stella Maris Ministries

September 7 Lector: Vern Buote

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Eric Blacquiere

September 14 Lector: Terry Crawford

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Vern Buote

St. Anne's Ministries

September

Lector: Tammy Peters

Eucharistic Minister: Marina Doiron

Ushers: Leonard Peters and Mike Doiron

Gifts to the Altar

September 8 Mike & Peter Perry

September 15 Phyllis Reid and Tom Reid

September 22 Aletha Gallant

September 29 Mike & Jacinta Doiron

Diocese Notices

The 800th Anniversary Feast Day of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi will be held at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Stratford on Tuesday, September 17 at 7pm. Presided by Fr. Jim Willick with homily by Fr. Brian MacDougall, hosted by Brother Leo Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, Montague, celebrating with St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Cornwall. Everyone is most welcome. Refreshments to follow in the church hall.

Christian Life Program by Couples for Christ: Looking for some light in your life? Come and hear talks on Faith, family and your baptismal calling. There are five sessions in total on Saturday evenings, September 14-October 12 from 6:00 -8:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room at St. Pius X Church. For more information, contact Paskee and Julie: paskee.natividad@gmail.com. Use the following link to register: docs.google.com/forms.

Lectio Divina (divine reading) is a contemplative praying of Scripture. We will meet on Zoom every Thursday, from September 19 to December 19 from 10:30-11:30am to listen to and reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Freewill offerings welcome. To register contact Sister Joan at drjoancsm@gmail.com

Christian Meditation, the prayer of the heart, opens us to the presence of God in the silence and stillness of the present moment. Sessions will be held on Zoom on Tuesdays from September 17 to December 10 at 7pm. In lieu of a fee, freewill offerings for Spirituality Centre programs are welcome. To register, contact karenyogapei@gmail.com

Book Study with Nancy Murphy and Sister Gemma Dunn. Topic: "Come, Have Breakfast: Meditations on God and the Earth" by Elizabeth A. Johnson. These sessions will be held at the Spirituality Centre on every second Wednesday beginning on Sept 25, then Oct 9, Oct 23, Nov 6, and Nov 20 at 7pm. These sessions will continue in 2025. "The Bookmark" will have texts available to purchase in September. There is no additional fee. To register email: drjoancsm@gmail.com

Women's Book Study with Lynn DeLong: Our book study is re-starting Sept 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm by Zoom and thereafter every fourth Monday of the month (subject to change). We will continue following Joyce Rupp's book "Return to the Root: Reflections on the Inner Life." Suggested fee is \$15. New participants are welcome. Please register by Sept 9 by emailing Lynn DeLong at lynndelong284@gmail.com. New participants will be responsible for ordering the book.

The Annual Pilgrimage to St. Peter's, Seven Mile Bay in honour of the Canadian Martyrs hosted by the PEI Provincial CWL Council will take place on Saturday, September 21 starting at 1030am. All members and parishioners from across the province are welcome. The Mass collection will go to PEI Life. Hope to see you there!

Unit Notices

The Knights of Columbus (KofC) service group of our John Paul II Pastoral Unit has a number of books obtained through the Dynamic Catholic group. The KofC would like to make copies of these books available for borrowing to each of our three parishes. Therefore, we are setting up a mini-library at the back of each of the three churches, along with sign-up sheets to help keep track of the books. There is no fixed borrowing length of time, but we would hope that borrowers would return the book after a month or so, allowing other parishioners to borrow the book. Enjoy!

ALPHA? Curious about Faith? Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Each session has time for connection, a talk and space to discuss and ask questions. It is not a bible study or a catechism course. It is designed for people without a Church background or for people who wouldn't describe themselves as Christian. That could include people who have been away from the Church for some time. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back. Monday's 6pm – 8pm, commencing Sept. 30 to Dec. 9 at Stella Maris Parish Centre. For more info on how to register, email alpharustico.pe@gmail.com. Who will you invite?

Alpha Prayer Campaign: (Luke) 11:02 We need you!! We can't all be leaders in this years Alpha, but you can play a vital part by joining our prayer team and praying for a successful Alpha. 1) Think of the names of 3 people you would like to pray for and invite to explore faith on Alpha. 2) Set your alarm for 11:02 am daily and pray daily for them and the alpha team. Pray this prayer. "I pray for my friends, my community and for Alpha. Lord let your kingdom come and your will be done. Holy Spirit, come fill me today, that I might share the love and Good News of Jesus to those around me." Amen. 3) Be open and expectant to see how God might use you. Contact alpharustico.pe@gmail.com to have you name added to the prayer team.

Time to sign up!!! Yes it's that time of year again! The Family Faith Formation gatherings happen on the third Sunday of the month at St. Anne's Church after the 9am Mass. It is very helpful in organizing the gatherings if we have an idea of how many families are interested in participating. All you need to do is go to jp2pastoralunit.com to register. If your child is ready to receive instruction for First Holy Communion (usually 7 years of age) or Confirmation (usually grade 9) you can register them at this address as well. Please register ASAP. Call me, Anne-Marie Vessey, at 902-964-3442 if you need more information.

The Saint John Paul II ladies group will hold its first meeting of this year on September 10 at 12 noon. A light lunch will be served. Our guest speaker will be Pat Wiedemer executive director of PEI Life. Everyone is welcome. Looking forward to seeing some new people as well as our regular faithful members. An item for the food bank would be very much appreciated. For any questions please call Mary Blacquiere at 214-2083

St. Mary's (Hunter River) Cemetery Sunday: There will be a service of prayer and song at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hunter River on Sunday, September 8 at 1pm. All are welcome. Please pass this invitation along to anyone you know who may have friends or family members in the cemetery or former parishioners of St Mary's of the People.

St. Augustine's Notices

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.

St. Anne's Notices

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

Walk Down Memories Lane: Our website with the video we took last fall and the photos submitted by parishioners and former parishioners is now live. You can view the video and photos at <https://stannespei.com>

Stella Maris

Communion at Home: If you are unable to attend our Saturday mass and would like to receive communion at home on Sunday morning, call Lorraine Lemay at 902-360-2060.

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.

Community Notices

Star of the Sea Seniors Club: Coffee Break (10-11) every Tuesday beginning September 3. Stitch Group on Wednesdays 9:30 all year. For Club Rentals, please call Lorraine LeMay 902-360-2060.

Farmers Market and Craft Fair: New London Community Complex, Sunday September 15, Noon-4pm. Come check out local farmers products and get a head start on Christmas with local craft ideas.

Star of the Sea Drama Club Cast: This year our show will take place Nov. 7 & 8. Our first get together will be on Tuesday, September 10 at 11:30. Persons already registered will get a call. Thank you for your participation. Eleanor 330-3134.

Circuit Training Fitness Class: I am planning to begin a circuit training fitness class at the Eternal Fitness Gym, in Rustico, at the Cymbria Lions Club, beginning Tuesday, September 17. We have lots of fun and laughs as we work in partners, using the gym equipment, to help improve balance, strength, flexibility and coordination. If the interest is there, I am looking to offer these classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at three different times, 7:45am, 11:00am and 7:00pm. Pre-registration for the time slot that best accommodates you, is required, as there is limited space, and you pay by the month to hold your spot. For further information or to book your spot, you can contact me, Michele Gallant at, 902-626-9799 or email at magallant58@gmail.com. Stay active!

Monday, September 9 at 7pm at the Hunter River Community Centre, staff from the Department of Public Safety will hold an information session on how to be prepared in weather and emergency situations. Join us to learn more and ask questions that you may have about how to best prepare yourself and your home.

Sea of Hope Al-Anon will be having their 54th Al-Anon Anniversary on Sunday afternoon at 2pm on September 15. This will be held at St. Monica's Chapel (St. Augustine's Catholic Church on the Church Road in Rustico. There will be a Al-Anon and A.A. Speaker. Lunch will be served and everyone welcome to attend.

The Rustico Bay Seniors monthly meeting is Monday September 16. It is a lunch meeting starting at 12:00. All members are welcome and bring along any new members.

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)