

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

**First Sunday of Advent ✕ December 1, 2024**

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

**Monday** no mass  
**Tuesday 7pm** St. Augustine's  
**Wednesday 9am** Stella Maris  
**Thursday 9am** St. Augustine's  
**Friday** no mass  
**Saturday 4 pm** Stella Maris for Allan & Evelyn Gauthier  
**Sunday 9:00 am** St. Anne's for the people  
**Sunday 10:30am** St. Augustine's for Bob Nelson  
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](http://www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php)

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**Bulletin Announcements:** Email notices to [bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com](mailto:bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com) or call Francis @ 902-886-2761. Deadline for weekly bulletin is Thurs. at 4pm.

November 30 Eileen Gauthier

December 14 Andre Lavoie

December 24 Faye Fyfe

January 4 Joan Doiron

**Stella Maris Ministries**

December 7 Joan Gallant

December 21 Paul Blacquiére

December 28 Ronnie Blacquiére

January 11 Karen Lavoie

**St. Anne's Ministries**

**December**

Eucharistic Minister: Sam Vail

Lector: Charlene Vanleeuwen

Ushers: Mike Doiron and Leonard Peters

Gifts to the Altar

December 1 Wilbert & Brenda Reid

December 15 Phyllis & Tom Reid

December 29 Clifford & Michelle Proctor

December 8 Mike & Peter Perry

December 22 Aletha Gallant

**Diocese Notices**

**Une Crèche Vivante :** En voulant apporter de la beauté en cette saison de Noël, l'Équipe Réveil présente le beau projet communautaire de la Crèche Vivante, qui se réalisera au Village Musical Acadien le jeudi 12 décembre (portes ouvrent à 18h30). Il sera ouvert à tous et inclura une activité pour les jeunes, du chocolat chaud, des biscuits, un beau sac cadeau pour apporter à la maison ainsi que l'étoile de la soirée, une petite pièce théâtre avec chants sur la vraie histoire de Noël - La Crèche Vivante! Coût : Gratuit, mais dons appréciés!

**A Living Manger :** In an effort to bring beauty to the Christmas season, the Réveil Team presents the beautiful community project of the Living Manger, which will take place at the Acadian Musical Village (1745 Route 124, Abrams-Village) on Thursday, December 12 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). This event is open to all, and will include an activity for children, hot chocolate, cookies, a beautiful gift bag to take home, and the star of the evening, a theatre scene acted out with songs about the true Christmas story! Cost: Free, but donations appreciated!

**Stockings4LIFE:** PEI LIFE is running its annual Stockings4LIFE campaign to offer new moms of 2024 a thank you for saying yes to LIFE! If you would like to honor LIFE, then gift a new PEI mom who has had or who has adopted a new baby in 2024, with a Stocking4LIFE. It is filled with small delights to say how much we appreciate her and her YES to LIFE. Nominations are to be sent by December 10 to [nominations@peilife.org](mailto:nominations@peilife.org) or see our webpage Programs - PEI LIFE. We need to know her name, baby's name, how to contact her and your contact info. Stockings are hand delivered before Christmas. You can also call Pat at 902-894-5473.

**Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center** has an employment opportunity for two permanent part time positions, minimum 16 hours per week, at \$17.10/hour. Please contact Martin or Earla for details at 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952.

**Pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain:** May 19– 28, 2025: Pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain, with visits to Lisbon, Avila, Toledo, Madrid, Zaragoza Montserrat and Barcelona. The cost of CAD 4,730 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from Fredericton/Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and professional guides. (Single room supplement - \$510) INFO: Marie Desjardins at 207-868-5027 or [mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com](mailto:mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com).

**Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar** is Saturday, December 7, from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at Assumption Parish Centre, 145 Stratford Road. There will be a wide selection of home-baked goods, jams, pickles, fudge, crafts, holly, Christmas centre pieces, wreaths, gently-used books and puzzles, ticket sales for draws for gift baskets and a fruit cake, and silent auctions. Local shopping at its best!! Free admission.

**All are welcome** as St. Mary's/Holy Family Parish, Kensington, and St. James Parish, Summerfield, present a Christmas Musical Social Evening Sunday, December 8 at 6:30pm at Holy Family Church, Kensington. Join our parish choirs in singing Christmas favorites, with special guests fiddler Courtney Hogan-Chandler, Iain and Melissa McCarvill, and others in celebration of the season. Admission is free, but donations of money or non-perishable food items for the Kensington Food Bank are very welcome!

**Last Weeks Collections & Donations**

**St. Augustine's: \$1087.00**

**Stella Maris: \$692.00**

**St. Anne's: \$834.00**

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

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Ali, Giselle (Buote), Kim Coles, Stacey Deveaux, Shirley Doiron, Audrey Gallant, James (Lynn) Gallant, James Gallant Jr, Jonathan Gallant, Todd Gallant, Nicky Garland, Rosie Pangman (Gallant), Freda Peters, Annette Pettit, Jennifer Pitre, Ben Powell, Arvilla Roche, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith

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

## Unit Notices

**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.

**Stella Maris Community Foodbank:** The hours of operation for the food pantry at Stella Maris Church are Monday and Friday: 10am to 12 noon and Wednesday: 3pm to 5pm. Food items can be dropped off during operating hours or also at the North Rustico Home Hardware during store hours. If you require assistance outside of these hours, please contact Donnie Blacquiere at 902-569-8536.

**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. This week on Monday, 6pm – 8pm at Stella Maris Parish Centre. This week's topic is "Does God Heal Today?". If you haven't registered yet, please do so by emailing [alpharustico.pe@gmail.com](mailto:alpharustico.pe@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:alpharustico.pe@gmail.com) to have you name added to the prayer team.

**The Family Faith Formation** gatherings happen on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at St. Anne's after the 9am Mass. If your child is ready to receive instruction for First Holy Communion (7 years of age) or Confirmation (grade 9) you can register them at this address as well. Call Anne-Marie Vessey at 902-964-3442 for more info.

**Mass of Hope and Compassion** on Tuesday December 10 at 7pm – St. Augustine's.

### St. Augustine's Notices

**Catholic Register** - Many of you may have seen copies of the Catholic Register on display at the church entrances. Reading this Catholic newspaper is a great way to be informed about happenings in our Church. There are lots of articles about the Church in different parts of the world and information about our faith at different stages of our life (bullying, marriage etc). We have a parish subscription and a new paper is available every week. Please feel free to take a copy home and enjoy reading and learning at your leisure.

**Christmas Carol Sing!!!** Reserve December 15 for St. Augustine's annual Christmas Carol Sing at St. Augustine's starting at 6:30 with a free will offering for admission. We've been given talents to share! Please step up and know that your talent will be appreciated. If you know someone who would like to participate please ask them. Joan Blacquiere (902-218-2435) and Anne-Marie Vessey (902-964-3442) will take names of participants. PLEASE come forward 'cause we need you!!! All names should be given by December 8.

### St. Anne's Notices

**Live Streaming Mass Online:** You can find it at [https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live\\_videos](https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live_videos)

**St. Anne's Choir Practice:** there will be choir practice for Christmas after Mass on December 8 and 15.

**Sunday envelopes** for 2025 are now available at the entrance of the church. Please put your names and address on the first couple of weekends. Anyone not using envelopes and wishing to do so get in touch with Inez at 902-626-7032.

### Stella Maris

**Church Opening:** Our church will be open during the following hours from now until May, 2025: 4pm mass on Saturdays and 9am mass on Wednesdays. Also, our Church will be open during food-bank hours as follows: Mondays and Fridays - 10am to noon; Wednesdays - 3pm to 5pm. Of course, our Church will also be open for any other occasions such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. *Property and Finance Committee*

**Stella Maris Church Cleaning for Christmas:** Our Church will be cleaned on Monday, December 2 at 9am. Many hands make light work. Looking forward to a good turnout by our parishioners. *Property and Finance Committee*

### Community Notices

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

**The Cymbria Lions Club** (2184 Church Road) is now designated by the provincial government as a reception centre. During times of an emergency when services are lost (think Hurricane Fiona), the club will offer warmth, water, wifi, and other services. For more info, please email [info@cymbrialionsclub](mailto:info@cymbrialionsclub) or call 902-963-2166.

**Cribbage** at Cymbria Lions club is on Thursday at 7pm. \$10 per person and bring a partner.

**Auction** will be held at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club each Monday at 1 pm. All card players are invited to attend. Bring your partner. Cost \$5 per person and there's a 50/50. For more information, please call Marina at 902-626-5688.

**There will be a vacancy** at the Sunrise Lodge in North Rustico January 2025. This is a senior housing unit. Application deadline is December 9, 2024. To pick up applications please contact: Peter Gallant: 902-940-9355 or Edwin Doiron: 902-393-7754.

**Come one, come all!** Marche de Noel. Saturday, December 7. 10am-4pm. Centre acadien Grand-Rustico, 2244 Church Road, Rustico. Local artisans and crafters. A cantine bistro. Art session with Lynn Gaudet. Raffle tickets for Christmas baskets. Free but folks encouraged to bring food bank donations. More info 902-963-3252.

**Christmas Carol Concert:** Central Queens United Church is pleased to host a Christmas Carol Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 7pm. The concert will be presented by Central Queens Musical Friends with featured performers; Ellen Davis, Jodi Whitlock, Braiden Campbell, Wade Campbell, Chris DeRoche, as well as other visiting musical guests. Admission will be a free-will offering. Come and enjoy this special evening filled with musical talent and seasonal favourites.

**Hunter River Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks:** Sunday, December 8 at 6pm. Dr. Kent. G Ellis Heritage Park, Hunter River. Join us to start the holiday season off with a bang! Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy some holiday music, hot beverages and cookies. Please park at Central Queens Elementary School and take a holiday lit walk to the event. Free will donations and non-perishable food items for the Hunter River Helping Hand Program will be accepted. Special thanks to event sponsor Hunter River PharmaChoice.

**The Rustico Bay Club Coffeehouse** for Wednesday December 4 has been cancelled.