

**The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit**  
*Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island*  
**Second Sunday of Advent ✕ December 8, 2024**

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

**Monday 9am** St. Anne's  
**Tuesday 7pm** St. Augustine's Mass of Hope and Compassion  
**Wednesday 9am** Stella Maris  
**Thursday 9am** St. Augustine's  
**Friday** no mass  
**Saturday 8:30am** Stella Maris Sacristy Knights of Columbus  
**Saturday 4 pm** Stella Maris for Joe McCabe  
**Sunday 9:00 am** St. Anne's for the people  
**Sunday 10:30am** St. Augustine's for Joseph Clarence 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.

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**Our Bulletin** - [www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php](http://www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php)

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**Local Knights of Columbus** - [www.kofc9025.com](http://www.kofc9025.com) and like us @ [www.facebook.com/kofcrustico](http://www.facebook.com/kofcrustico)

**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.

December 7 Joan Gallant  
December 21 Paul Blacquiére  
December 28 Ronnie Blacquiére  
January 11 Karen Lavoie

**Stella Maris Ministries**

December 14 Andre Lavoie  
December 24 Faye Fyfe  
January 4 Joan Doiron

**St. Anne's Ministries**

**December**

Eucharistic Minister: Sam Vail

Lector: Charlene Vanleeuwen

Ushers: Mike Doiron and Leonard Peters

Gifts to the Altar

December 8 Mike & Peter Perry

December 22 Aletha Gallant

December 15 Phyllis & Tom Reid

December 29 Clifford & Michelle Proctor

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

December 24-6pm: Stella Maris

December 24-8pm: St. Anne's

December 24-10pm: St. Augustine's

December 25-10:30am: St. Augustine's

**Diocese Notices**

**Advent Service of Light:** Come join us at the Spirituality Centre (45 Great George St., Charlottetown) for an evening of Advent prayer at 7pm on Tuesday, December 17. We will pray for light to permeate our hearts, engender reconciliation, and to heal the earth. All are welcome. Donations are accepted for the Upper Room Hospitality Ministry. To register email Sister Joan at [drjoancsm@gmail.com](mailto:drjoancsm@gmail.com)

**Catholic Women's League Membership Contest 2025:** Every CWL council on PEI is encouraged to sign up new members! The council with the largest increase (%) in new members for 2025 will receive up to 5 free registrations for their council members to attend the provincial convention in May. Also, each new member will have their name entered into a draw for a prize. Every council has the same opportunity. As we approach the Jubilee of 2025 let's reach out to all Catholic women and offer the sisterhood of love and support that characterizes this great Canadian Catholic women's organization. Please reach out to Cheryl Boom, PEI Provincial Council VP, for any questions at 780-982-0724.

**The celebration of light** at the Martha Spirituality Centre, previously booked for 7pm on Tuesday, December 17, has been changed to 7pm on Sunday, December 15. All are welcome. If you have already registered, kindly let Sister Joan know whether or not you will be able to attend on the 15. New registrations are still welcome. Email Sister Joan at [drjoancsm@gmail.com](mailto:drjoancsm@gmail.com).

**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 6:30pm). 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!

**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 Dec 10 2024 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.

**Last Weeks Collections & Donations**

**St. Augustine's: \$909.85**

**Stella Maris: \$680.00**

**St. Anne's: \$846.00**

*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

**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 "What about Church?"

**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.

**St. John Paul II Ladies Tea Date Has Changed:** rescheduled to Wednesday, December 11 at Stella Maris Parish Hall. Come celebrate the Advent and Christmas season with us! Potluck lunch at noon with songs, skits and stories to follow. All are welcome. Questions call Joan 902-394-2208.

**Healing our lives through Our Lady of Gaudalupe.** A presentation on how Mary restores our lives seen through Our Lady of Gaudalupe. Held at St. Monica's chapel, St. Augustine's. Thursday December 12 at 7pm. Presented by James Good.

**Blue Christmas Celebration of Hope and Compassion:** This special Mass, offering Spiritual Support to anyone dealing with losses, will be held at St. Augustine's Church on Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

**All are invited** for a Christmas House Tour of the Parish Rectory at St. Augustine's in South Rustico on Sunday, December 15 from 1 to 4pm. Good Will Offerings accepted at the door will be used for pastoral programs.

**Knights of Columbus meeting** – Saturday December 14. Mass at 8:30am in the sacristy followed by breakfast and meeting in Stella Maris parish hall. All men of good faith are welcome.

**2nd Rite of reconciliation** – December 16, 7pm Stella Maris

### 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!!!** The St. Augustine Christmas Carol Sing which was originally scheduled to be on December 15 WILL NOW be on December 22!!! All talent is welcome. Please contact Joan Blacquiere (902-218-2435) or Anne-Marie Vessey (902-394-2581).

### 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*

**Christmas Memorial Tree:** Once again, we will have a memorial tree. If you wish to make a donation to have a departed loved one's name added to the tree, see Lorraine Lemay.

### 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.

**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. To pick up applications please contact: Peter Gallant: 902-940-9355 or Edwin Doiron: 902-393-7754.

**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.

**Rustico Bay Ceilidh and Dance:** On Saturday, December 14 at 8pm with "Bob Doyle". He will play some of your country favorites as well a variety of rock and roll and music of the Maritimes. Doors open at 7:15. Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over. Admission \$12. Located at 2104 Church Road in Rustico.

**Auction** at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club is cancelled until after New Year's.

**Yoga classes available at the Star of the Sea Club for December 2024:** Mondays: Mat Yoga 10am. Mondays: Mindful Breathing 11:30am. Friday: Chair Yoga 10am. Last classes for the year, the week of December 16 & 20. Classes resume, January 10, 2025. Everyone welcome Contact Paula for further details 782-234-5845.

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