

The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
Fourth Sunday of Advent ✕ December 22, 2024

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 9am St. Anne's
Tuesday 9am St. Augustine's
Tuesday 6pm Stella Maris (Christmas Eve)
Tuesday 8pm St. Anne's (Christmas Eve)
Tuesday 10pm St. Augustine's (Christmas Eve)
Wednesday 10:30am St. Augustine's (Christmas Day)
Thursday no mass
Friday no mass
Saturday 4 pm Stella Maris
Sunday 9:00 am St. Anne's
Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's

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.

December 21 Paul Blacquiére
December 28 Ronnie Blacquiére
January 11 Karen Lavoie

Stella Maris Ministries

December 24 Faye Fyfe
January 4 Joan Doiron

St. Anne's Ministries

December

Lector: Charlene Vanleeuwen

Ushers: Mike Doiron and Leonard Peters

Gifts to the Altar

December 15 Phyllis & Tom Reid

December 24 Grace & Gerry Engen

December 22 Aletha Gallant

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

Christmas Message to the Pastoral Unit

To the Pastoral Unit of Saint John Paul the Second,

We wish you a merry Christmas filled with the great joy of the birth of Jesus Christ, God become man. Whether the holiday season for you this year is one filled with blessings, family, and friends, or whether this is a challenging Christmas over which the trials of life seem to cast a shadow, let nothing distract you from the true meaning of Christmas day; Jesus Christ is born! The Savior has come! We no longer need to search for God, for He has searched for us and found us. He came down from heaven and became one of us. He united heaven and earth in the Person of Christ Jesus, that is, in Himself. He continues to do so for us today. Heaven and earth are united in the seven sacraments through which he hopes to meet us again and again. This Christmas encounter Jesus especially in the sacrament of the Eucharist and let Him be born in you, filling you with the gift of peace that the world cannot give.

Merry Christmas

Father Albin Arsenault and Sam Vail

Nous vous souhaitons un Joyeux Noël rempli de joie et d'allégresse à l'occasion de Dieu incarné en la personne de Jésus. À souhaiter que votre saison des fêtes soit comblé de bénédictions accompagné par vos êtres chers; mais étant réaliste --- ceux qui vivent des défis, nous prions afin que le vrai sens de Noël vous reconforte et vous apaise.

En effet, Dieu vient à notre rencontre. Le Messie est descendu du ciel et il partage notre condition humaine. Il est le lien d'unité entre le ciel et la terre. Il demeure lui-même et il nous accompagne. Jésus a donné à son église les sept sacraments. Comme il est présent dans le sacrement de l'Eucharistie, qu'il renaisse en vous et qu'il vous donne sa paix --- lui seul et non le monde a la capacité de rayonner sa paix dans vos cœurs.

Joyeux Noël

Père Albin Arsenault et Sam Vail

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1037.00

Stella Maris: \$955.00

St. Anne's: \$894.00

Cemetery Fund: \$200.00

*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, Lisa MacFadden, 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

Diocese Notices

Ordinary Year of Jubilee: Pope Francis announced that 2025 will be an Ordinary Year of Jubilee, with the theme being "Pilgrims of Hope." Join Bishop Joseph Dabrowski for Mass to open the Jubilee Year in our Diocese on Sunday, December 29 at 5pm at St. Dunstan's Basilica. A light reception will follow. More details about events celebrating the Jubilee in our Diocese are forthcoming.

The Annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre will be held Friday January 17 to Sunday the 19. This year's theme will be "Our Baptism Day: The Day That Lasts Forever" with retreat facilitator Father Walter Flynn. Please book your spot soon, as this popular retreat fills up very quickly. Retreat begins Friday with registrations at 6 pm and goes until Sunday afternoon. For more information and to register, call Earla at 902-388-1952 or 902-621-2385.

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.

The Family Faith Formation gatherings happen on the 3rd 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.

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.

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.

Cancelled!!! The Christmas Carol Sing which was to be held on December 22 at St. Augustine's has been cancelled.

Christmas Eve Seating Notice: Please be aware that the choir loft will be reserved exclusively for choir members during the 10 pm Christmas Eve Mass, in accordance with fire department restrictions. Parishioners and guests are kindly asked to find seating in the main body of the church. We have seating available for 200 people, so please make space by scooting over a bit to accommodate everyone.

2025 Envelopes: Next years envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the Church.

St. Anne's Notices

WIFI Available: St. Anne's is wifi accessible. Please feel free to use our network while at our church.

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>

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

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.

St. Anne's Choir will be singing Christmas Carols 15 minutes before 8:00pm mass on Christmas Eve.

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.

2025 envelopes: New envelopes are now available at the back of the church. If you have not received a set of envelopes in the past and wish to receive them, please contact Peter Gallant at 902-963-2460.

Stella Maris Church Opening For Saturday Masses: Our Church will be open at 2pm, the latest, on Saturdays for our 4pm Mass. It will be closed again after this mass has ended. *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 or call 902-963-2166.

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

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.

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

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

The New Year's Eve Dance at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club is on December 31 (9:00pm -12:15am). Music by Hache. Lunch will be served. Tickets, \$25, can be purchased by contacting Bernice Doucette at 902-621-0199. Come and celebrate the New Year.