

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

The Epiphany of the Lord ✠ January 5, 2025

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 9am St. Anne's

Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's

Wednesday 9am Stella Maris

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Friday no Mass

Saturday 8:30am Stella Maris: Knights of Columbus

Saturday 4 pm Stella Maris for Dennis Gallant and Robert Blacquiere

Sunday 9:00 am St. Anne's

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for the people

If there is a funeral at the parish where daily mass is offered, then mass at that parish will be cancelled on that day.

Contact Information

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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.

January 4 Joan Doiron

Stella Maris Ministries
January 11 Karen Lavoie

Diocese Notices

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

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!

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.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Saturday January 11 beginning with Mass at 8:30 in the sacristy – Stella Maris Church. All men of good faith are welcome to attend.

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.

Volunteers: If you or anyone in your family would like to volunteer for a church ministry we would love to hear from you! This includes lectors (French and/or English), ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers (adult and youth are welcome), choir members, greeters, and ushers. If you are unsure what to do, training can be provided. We are also in need of people willing to be trained on preparing the altar for Mass as well as being adult altar servers. Perhaps you are new to our parish or perhaps you just want to get more involved. Please call Anne-Marie Vessey at 902-964-3442. Being involved is the BEST way to get to know your parish family!

2024 Tax receipts: Tax receipts are available for pick up at the back of the Church. Any receipts not picked up by the end of January will be mailed.

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1463.85

Stella Maris: \$810.00

Christmas: \$175.00

Memorial Tree: \$150.00

St. Anne's: N/A

*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, Lou Doiron, 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, 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

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

Stella Maris

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 Blacquiére @ 902 963-2505 or e-mail paul.blacquiere@pei.sympatico.ca

Funeral Receptions: When there is a funeral reception, it will take precedence over any other hall bookings, which will have to be rescheduled.

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.

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.

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 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

Are you a Canadian Veteran, a family member of a Canadian Veteran, a friend of a Canadian Veteran, or a member of the Community who recognizes the need for professional resource help for today's Canadian Veteran and or their family? If you fall in any one of these categories, please contact the Royal Canadian Legion PEI Command. 902-892-2161 or royalcanadianlegion@pei.aibn.com and ask to be referred to the Chairman of Veterans Services.

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.

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

Rustico Bay Club Ceilidh welcomes Kelly Buote, Saturday, January 11 at 8pm. Kelly plays a bit of everything from some of your country favorites to rock and roll. Admission at the door. Doors open at 7:15. Bar service, 50/50. 19 and over. Located at 2104 Church Road in Rustico.

Circuit Training Program: I am planning to begin our circuit training classes, again, at the Eternal Fitness Gym, in Rustico, at the Cymbria Lions Club, beginning Tuesday, January 14. We have lots of fun and laughs as we work with partners using the gym equipment to help improve balance, strength, flexibility and coordination. I am offering these classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 7:45am and 11:00am. Preregistration, 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.

Auction will be held at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club each Monday at 1 pm beginning January 13. 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.

Come join us at the Rustico Bay Seniors Center (55+) Coffee House Social each week on Wednesday 1 to 3 pm. We socialize, play games/cards, and some bring knitting projects with them/. other crafts. Love to see you this 2025!

Keeping in Contact...

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the unit. We thank God that you are with us. If we may assist you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket.

- New parishioner.
- I am home bound and would like someone to visit me.
- I am going to be in hospital, please call on me.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

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)