

# The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit

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

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ February 9, 2025

### Weekly Mass Schedule

**Monday 9am** St. Anne's  
**Tuesday 9am** St. Augustine's Eucharistic Adoration  
**Tuesday 7pm** St. Augustine's world day of prayer for the sick  
**Wednesday 9am** Stella Maris  
**Thursday 9am** St. Augustine's  
**Friday** no Mass  
**Saturday 4 pm** Stella Maris  
**Sunday 9:00 am** St. Anne's for the people  
**Sunday 10:30am** St. Augustine's for Stephen Rene Cormier  
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)

**Diocese of Charlottetown** - [www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com](http://www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com)

**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.

Stella Maris Ministries			
February 8	Faye Fyfe	February 15	Paul Blacquiére
March 1	Karen Lavoie	March 5	Vern Buote

St. Anne's Ministries			
February			
Lector:	Monica Simpson	Eucharistic Minister:	Sam Vail
Ushers:	Tim and Joanne Callahan		

Gifts to the Altar			
February 9	Tim and Joanne Callahan	February 16	Mary MacKinnon and Donna Stewart
February 23	John and Charlene VanLeeuwan		

### Diocese Notices

**The CWL Area Meeting East** will be at St. Dunstan's Basilica on Saturday, March 1 from 9:30am until 2:00pm. Lunch will be a sharing table. Guest Speakers: Sr. Rosemary MacDonald on Church Teaching on End-of-Life Care and Provincial Vice President Cheryl Boom on Membership. We hope to see as many members there as possible.

**The Martha Spirituality Centre** at SDU Place will be open on Monday afternoons from 1:00pm to 4:00pm for the month of February. This is for anyone wishing to drop in for some quiet time to pray or meditate, or to just have a coffee and spend time looking through our collection of books and CDs on Spirituality that the Centre has to offer. If this would be of interest to you, please give Gail a call at 902-388-8466, send an email to: [gail.spiritualitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:gail.spiritualitycentre@gmail.com) or drop over to the Centre entrance at the backdoor of SDU place and ring the bell for assisted entrance.

**Martha Spirituality Centre offering:** There is still space available for the Book Study beginning February 13 using the book "Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life" by Joyce Rupp. "Her exploration of how the heart might open to ourselves, to one another, to all living beings, and to the earth becomes a master class in Love". Participants are responsible for purchasing their own book. This will be offered from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of February to April. Cost is \$25 and it will be held on Zoom. To register, email: [lynnedelong284@gmail.com](mailto:lynnedelong284@gmail.com)

**Join us for the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage** to Austria, Poland, and Italy, featuring an extensive stay in Rome this June! We still have a few spots available for this unforgettable pilgrimage to the heart of our faith. Experience the rich history of Europe, walk through Rome's ancient streets, and fully immerse yourself in the vibrant Jubilee celebrations. A highlight of this pilgrimage will be the opportunity to meet Pope Francis during his Wednesday audience. You'll also journey with our diocesan community under the spiritual guidance of Bishop Joseph. Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and create lasting memories. For more information, please contact QS Travel & Tours Inc. at 905-412-3355 or 1800-565-3619.

**Steubenville Atlantic is coming!** Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Steubenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at Dalhousie University, July 11-13. This year's theme is Consumed (Deut 2:24)! Registration is open for youth in grades 9-12. The early bird price is \$250, until March 21. For more information contact your parish group leader, or Lauren at [youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com](mailto:youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com)

**Job Opportunity - Business Manager:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlottetown is seeking a dedicated Business Manager to support the Bishop in overseeing the Diocese's financial and property matters. This role involves collaborating with parishes, monitoring investment performance, leading fundraising initiatives, and ensuring financial due diligence. Permanent, flexible, part-time hours with a potential full-time option. Position is available immediately. Compensation: \$40,000 (PT). Please refer to the Diocesan website for more information and how to apply: <https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/employment-opportunity-business-manager-for-the-diocese-of-charlottetown/>

**Heart-of-The-Matter Marriage Prep Course** will be offered on two occasions this spring: March 21/22 and May 30/31. If you are getting married in the Catholic Church, you will need to attend a marriage preparation course. Please reach out for details to Pat at [patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com) or call or text 902-393-6047. The courses run from Friday evening and all-day Saturday and are held in St Francis Parish in Cornwall. Registration is required.

### Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1061.00  
Stella Maris: \$680.00  
St. Anne's: \$818.00

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

### OUR PRAYER LIST

Amelia, Giselle (Buote), Theresa Blacquiére, Kim Coles, Stacey Deveaux, Lou Doiron, Nicole 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, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith, Dwayne Williams

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

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## 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!

**Jubilee Year Happenings for St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit:** The unit, with the support Fr. Albin and Sam Vail will be offering Eucharistic Adoration services on a weekly basis for the duration of the Jubilee Year. The services will run on Tuesdays beginning on January 28. The schedule for the month of February at St. Augustine's is as follows: Tuesday February 4 – 9:00 am, Tuesday February 11 -9:00 am, Tuesday Feb. 18 – 9:00 am and Tuesday February 25 – 7pm, with daily Mass on that day at 9:00 am. Please refer to the weekly Mass schedule. If you have difficulty with transportation, please contact David Gallant at 902-963-3697.

**World day of prayer for the sick:** St. Augustine's 7pm February 11 – Mass with administration of the sacrament of the sick.

**Family Faith Formation:** We try hard to keep to a regular schedule. However, school breaks and holidays sometime force us to have our faith formation gathering on a different date. If weather and road conditions force us to cancel, an email will be sent out between 7 and 7:30am of the gathering Sunday. Here are the dates for the remainder of the year, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 25 and June 15. As always, the gatherings happen at 10am at St. Anne's Church in Hope River. All children, parents and other interested people are more than welcome to attend.

**Sacramental Preparations:** Our classes for First Holy Communion preparation have been meeting. The Confirmation class is also preparing. If your child is of age to receive either of these sacraments and has not yet registered please call me, Anne-Marie Vessey at 902 964 3442.

**John Paul II Ladies Group** meet Tuesday, February 11. Guest speaker James Donnelley is a member of our local Knights of Columbus Fr JD McNeill Council and will share a short history of the "Knights". Please join us for lunch at noon, a short program and meeting at 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.

**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!

**The Annual General Meeting** of St. Augustine's Parish will be held on Sunday February 16 following Mass. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live_videos)

**Rosary:** St. Anne's parish will be reciting the rosary at 8:30am on the fourth Sunday of each month.

### 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 Blacquiere @ 902 963-2505 or e-mail [paul.blacquiere@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:paul.blacquiere@pei.sympatico.ca)

**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*

### 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.

**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!

**Valentines Dance** - Hunter River Lions Club is hosting a Valentines dance. Friday February 14. Music by Kelly Boute. 8:30-11:30. \$10 per person. All 19 and over are welcome.

**Cymbria Lions Ladies Branch** will be having our Valentine's Luncheon, February 9 with two seatings 11:45 am & 1:00 pm. The tickets are Adults \$10 and Children \$7 with all with all proceeds going to The Heart and Stroke Foundation. Tickets can be purchased by calling Donalda 902-626-6926 or Jean 902 621-0119. Enjoy a lunch after Church with family and friends.

**Valentines Dance:** Friday February 14, 8-10pm. Star of the Sea Club, North Rustico. Music by Bob Doyle (Country and Rock&Roll) Snacks, Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw Admission \$ 10. 19 & over Welcome.

**The Rustico Bay Seniors Club** will be having Painting Classes starting February 20. It will go each Thursday afternoon from 1-3:30 for 4 weeks. There will be 4 places for beginners and 6 places for people who have previously taken Donalda's painting classes. No cost, you will receive one canvas, paint and brushes. If you wish to have a different size canvas, please pick one up on your own. Call Carmelle at 902-940-5177 to register. Come and enjoy an afternoon of oil painting.