

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, 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.

Lenten Coffee House and Prayer Study: Our pastoral unit will be hosting a Coffee House at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and will run every Monday for the 7 weeks of Lent, finishing on April 14. The evening will allow for socialization over Coffee, tea and treats followed by a video presentation of "The Prayer Course". The course is a video series by Pete Greig that discusses and dives deep into the "Lords Prayer" which was Jesus' response to the disciples when they asked him "Lord, teach us how to pray". This course will teach us how to pray as Jesus wanted us to. This is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life, whether you are new to the faith or have been a Christian for many years. The course is open to anyone with an interest in attending. Registration at 7:00pm.

Way of the Cross: During Lent the Way of the Cross will be held each week in our parishes. Stella Maris Friday at 10:30am. St. Anne's Monday after mass. St. Augustine's Sunday at 9:45am.

Baby Bottle Campaign: PEI Life Association is holding its annual baby bottle campaign, Change 4 Life, from March 9 to April 13, to promote LIFE on PEI. Join us in helping advance the beauty of LIFE on PEI. Take a bottle at the back of the church, sign up bottle number and your name plus phone number put what you can in the bottle and return it on by Sunday April 13. There will be bottles at the entrance of our 3 churches.

Unit Property and Finance Committee Meeting: This meeting will be held in the Sacristy of Stella Maris Church on Wednesday, March 19 at 7pm.

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!

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

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

Stella Maris

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

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 Blacquiere @ 902 963-2505 or e-mail 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 or call 902-963-2166.

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

Bingo: There's a 50/50 bingo at Cymbria Lions club Sunday March 2 at 130 pm. Bring your dabbers.

Community Yoga and Meditation Classes at the Star of the Sea Club: Mondays: Mat Yoga 10am. Mondays: Mindful Breathing Meditation 11:30am. Friday: Chair Yoga 10am. Contact: Paula Smith 1-782-234-5845 or itsall-yogaright@gmail.com.

St Patrick's Potluck & Games Night: Friday, March 14. 5pm Potluck followed by Fun & Games. Star of the Sea Club, North Rustico. Cash bar. 19 & over Welcome

Rustico Bay Club Ceilidh and Dance with Kelly Buote on Saturday, March 8 at 8pm. Kelly, an accomplished musician and vocalist will entertain you with a bit of everything, from rock and roll and some of your country favorites. Doors open at 7:15pm. At 2104 Church Rd. in Rustico. Admission \$12.

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!

Auction will be held at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club each Monday at 1pm. All card players are invited to attend. You do not need to bring a partner. Cost \$5 per person and there's a 50/50. For more information, please call Marina at 902-626-5688.

Join a Ukulele Music Class at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club starting Wednesday March 19, 3:30-4:30. Hazel St. Amand, former Central Queens teacher, will be the instructor. Bring your ukulele. Bring a music stand if you have one. Cost: \$5. Please contact Marina Doiron at 902-626-5688 if you have questions.