

Unit Notices

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.

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, 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.

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. The schedule for the month of March at Stella Maris is as follows: March 25 at 7pm. If you have difficulty with transportation, please contact David Gallant at 902-963-3697.

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.

Day of Confessions: On March 28, we will celebrate the Day of Confessions across our diocese in all parishes/parish units. The season of Lent is a time to be renewed and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. An important part of the Jubilee Year and our Lenten call to personal holiness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Confession is where we encounter Jesus." In an effort to highlight this important part of our Lenten journey, one church in each parish unit across the Diocese of Charlottetown will have priests available to hear confessions throughout the day. Since Fr. Albin refers to St. Augustine's parish rectory as the "Cleopus Residence" (a disciple on the road to Emmaus), he will be entirely committed to hearing confessions in the rectory and dedicating himself in prayer from 8am to 8pm on March 28. Please ring the rectory door-bell for admittance. Our parish website (<https://jp2pastoralunit.com>) lists the details of our parish confession time and location. For more info about the Day of Confessions, please visit the Diocesan website at: <https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/>

St. Augustine's Notices

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

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*

Property and Finance Committee Meeting: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25 at 7pm in the Sacristy of our Church.

A word of caution to anyone visiting cemetery dips in ground are very common and dangerous if stepped into. they are not very noticeable in most cases so proceed with care. cemetery caretaker Ronnie

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.

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 itsallyogarith@gmail.com.

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.

Dance: Saturday, March 29 (8-10pm). Music by Crow Black Chicken. Star of the Sea Club, North Rustico. Cash Bar. 50/50 Draw. Admission \$ 10. 19 & over Welcome