

ister to reserve a seat. New Grief Support Group with Dr. Maureen Shea begins on Wednesday, April 12 at 3pm. Need to register as group is limited in size.

Spiritual Adoption of Pre-Born Babies: Canada, China and North Korea are the only “developed” countries in the world which allow for a baby to be aborted right up to the time of birth. With the opening of a Women's Wellness Center in Summerside, where abortions will be performed, PEI can no longer claim to be a Life Sanctuary. We can still save lives by “spiritually” adopting a preborn baby in danger of abortion. Please consider becoming a “spiritual” mom, dad or entire family for these endangered babies. The baby will be unknown to you, only God will know the identity of the child and the mother your prayers protect. Jesus became one with all preborn babies while he developed in Mary's womb. You may name your child, giving him/her the human identity s/he deserves. For nine months please pray daily: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby, in danger of being aborted, that I have spiritually adopted. A short scientific explanation of “your” baby's development in the womb, during the preceding month, will appear in the bulletin.

Birthright understands that facing an unplanned pregnancy can be scary, overwhelming, and isolating. Birthright is available to listen and assure a woman she is not alone during this challenging time. Support services are free and non-judgmental. Contact Birthright PEI at Murphy's Community Centre, (Room 301) 200 Richmond St., Charlottetown, 902 628 6028, during weekdays from 12:00-3:00p.m., 24/7 helpline 1 800 550 4900, or by email charlottetown@birthright.org. Birthright believes it is a woman's right to have support in making the right decision for herself. Birthright ap-

preciates financial assistance from benefactors, but also publicity assistance through spreading information about our presence to friends and community. Love is the essence of Birthright.

Community Notices

Al-Anon Group Meeting: Tuesdays at 10am in the vestry of St. Augustine's Church. Call 902-894-3503 for more information.

The Star of the Sea Seniors' Drama Group is holding their annual Use It or Lose It variety show on Thursday, April 27 at 7pm, Gulf Shore Consolidated School. This year's theme celebrates Canada's 150th birthday – Canada Rocks On! Entrance is by donation, there will be a light lunch, 50/50, and a large selection of door prizes (thanks to our local businesses who are so generous in their support of this event). We hope our audience will join in the spirit of the occasion and wear their “truth North strong” outfits. For more information please contact Margaret (902 963 3964) or Debra (902 963 3294).

North Rustico Lions and Lionettes QEH Equipment Drive: All you can eat Buffet Brunch Sunday April 2 @ North Rustico Lions Club from 10-1. Advance tickets, adults \$14, kids \$10. New family package available, family of 4 or more, maximum 2 adults \$10 per person, advance tickets only. Tickets at the door \$16 adults, \$12 children, under 5 - no charge. All proceeds to QEH Equipment Drive.

Rustico Bay Club: Membership fees now due. \$10/person payable to Yvonne Doucette or Wanda Gallant. Dance at the club on Sat April 1 from 8-11. Music by Country Steel. Card Party on Monday April 3 at 7:30.



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent ✠ April 2, 2017

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday: No Mass—Priest day off
Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: 9am St. Augustine's
Thursday: 9am St. Augustine's
Friday: 9am St. Anne's for CWL Members
Saturday: 4pm Stella Maris
Sunday: 9am St. Anne's
Sunday: 10:30am St. Augustine's
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Confessions: Fr. Raj is available in the vestries after weekday masses for the sacrament of Reconciliation. All are encouraged to experience the Mercy and Love of the Ever Forgiving Father

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

A Spiritual Gift for the Marian Devotees: Holy Rosary will be said in all our unit churches before all Masses, those who love to join are requested to come 20 minutes before the mass time.

Scent Free: Please avoid scented products in our churches. Some parishioners are strongly allergic to chemical fragrances.

Bulletin Announcements: Email bulletin notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call Francis @ 902-886-2761. Deadline for weekly bulletins is Thurs. at 4pm.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Sick and Dying will be said following weekday Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Alan, Ann, Brian, Debbie, Dorothy, Evan, Graham, Joan, Melanie, Parker, Steve, Steven, Linda Blacquiere, Ann Blais, Peter Buote, Ashley Cook, Shirley Coughlin, Kathy Doiron (Inez), John Doucette, Tyrell Doucette, Shirley Dunfield, Steven Ellworth, Alyre Gallant, Art Gallant, Audrey Gallant, Brenda Gallant, Brian Gallant, Cathy Gallant, Cecilia Gallant, Dale Gallant, Fr. Floyd Gallant, Sonny Gauthier, Mary Gillis, Arlene & Clint Harper, Rose Hennessey, Beverly Lannon, Leo LeClair, Carol MacIsaac, Jen Marten, Betty Mckenna, Aletha Mullaly, Pearl Murphy, Alexandra Pecoskie, Freddy Perry, Regis Peters, Gloria Pineau, Sheldon Pineau, Allan Pound, Bernadette Proctor, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith, Shirley Somers, Peter Ryan, Betty Walsh, Pauline Walsh, Emeric Walsh, Dakota Wedge

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

Marion Murphy 902-621-0725
Angela Gallant 902-963-3438
Rose Gallant 902-963-3516
Fr. Raj Santiago 902-963-2245

Communion at Home: If you know of anyone who should be receiving communion at home because of inability to attend church, please contact one of the pastoral associates.

Hospital or Home Visits: If you have a family member or friend in the hospital, at home or other care facility who would like to see a priest please call Fr. Raj



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LDG and YDG

April 2, 2017
April 23, 2017

Mass as a Class

April 29, 2017

CDG Outing

April 29
June 10

This year's final *Mass as a Class* will be held at Stella Maris Church on April 29 at the 4pm Mass, hope to see you all there.

End of Year Sleepover: Our annual year end sleepover will be on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Gulf Shore School from 3pm Saturday until 9am Sunday morning. Cost of the sleepover is \$10.00 (to help cover the cost of food, supper and breakfast). Please download and print the permission slip, http://www.jp2youthministries.com/overnight_2017.pdf. It needs to be handed in to your teacher on or before April 23. The sleepover is for grades 5-9.

Unit Notices

Blessed Palm: Last year's palms can be returned to the church anytime during Lent for next year's ashes.

Time to Share Grief: For those who have experienced or are experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one mark Thursday May 18 on your calendar for supper and a time of sharing. This will be held at Stella Maris Church basement and is open to anyone in the total area which includes those from the Protestant and Catholic Churches as well as those with no affiliation. It will be ecumenical and may be held in other areas at another time. More info later.

Lenten Reflection at Stella Maris Church on Tuesday April 4 at 7pm. Sister Susan Kidd, CND will be giving a presentation "Journey to Calvary." All parishioners of our three parishes in St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit and anyone else who might like to attend are invited and encouraged to join us. This will be a great opportunity to prepare for Holy week. Sister Sue is the chaplain at UPEI and is highly respected by the students there. She

loves and lives life to the fullest as you will soon discover. Following the presentation, coffee, tea and lunch will be served down stairs. You are invited to bring finger foods for the sharing table. Come and enjoy an evening of spiritual enrichment and fellowship! And let us pray for each other as we continue our Lenten journey.

Choir Practice: This week's choir practice for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil will be held at St. Anne's Church on Sunday April 2 at 1pm. And again, thank you for your generosity. It is so appreciated! *Sister Phyllis*

Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm at St. Anne's, Friday 1:30 pm at St. Anne's and 4pm St. Augustine, Holy Saturday Night Vigil at 8pm at St. Anne's and Easter Sunday Morning Mass at Stella Marie's.

St. Anne's Notices

Little Extras for Lent: Sunday, April 9, all loose collection will be for Holy Childhood. Good Friday, collection is for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.

Ministries for April: Proclaimer: Charlene VanLeeuwen **Youth Proclaimer:** Peter VanLeeuwen **Eucharistic Minister:** Lori-Ann MacFarlane **Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality:** Inez Doiron, Ron Doiron, Paula Doiron **Offertory April 2** Brian & Lindsay Walsh, **April 9** Mary MacKinnon & Donna Stewart, **April 16** Terry & Paula Gauthier, **April 23** Marina Doiron, **April 30** Gerry & Karen Barry

Stella Maris' Notices

Thank You - Unit Knights and Their Families: Many of us have enjoyed the monthly dinners after mass on Saturday evenings which were prepared by the Knights of Columbus with the assistance of family members. These dinners were always delicious and certainly contributed to community spirit. Also, it was great to be served by the young people from the Grade 9 Confirmation Class and, as well, the CDG Members. A heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for all the hard work that was done and we all look forward to more meals and camaraderie next Fall... *Property and Finance Committee*

Spring Cleaning of our Church for Easter: Please put Wednesday, April 12 at 9am on your calendar to come and help clean our Church for Easter. Many hands make light work and it should only take at the most an hour and a half to two hours to get this job done. Do come and help us clean our church on Wednesday, April 12 at 9am. Thank you *Property and Finance Committee*

Diocese Notices

Hunger Meal - Sunday, April 2 from 2 - 4pm at All Saints Church Hall, Cardigan. Sponsored by Development and Peace.

Solidarity Sunday: April 2 is when the Share Lent Collection is taken up. We focus our attention on the needs of development

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's Sunday March 26: \$884.45
St. Anne's Sunday March 26: \$682.00
Stella Maris Sunday March 26: \$885.00
Cemetery Fund: \$59.00

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and relief in the 3rd world by supporting our Diocesan 2-pronged effort: LAMP, our diocesan mission program in the Dominican Republic and CCOOP, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Our generous contributions on Solidarity Sunday are shared between these groups that work for justice and development throughout the world.

Sisters of St. Martha Scholarship application forms are now available on-line at www.saintdunstansuniversity.ca

Marriage Preparation Course: "A Decision to Love", a one-day Marriage Preparation Program will be presented by Ed and Marsha Ratelle at the Loyalist Lakeview Resort in Summerside, on Saturday April 22, from 9am to 6pm. The first course offered On April 8 is now filled. The cost is \$150 per couple. For further information or to register contact Marsha at marsharatelle@eastlink.ca or call (902)436-6795.

Over 20 and interested in making the world a better place? Jesuit Volunteers Canada is looking for a few good people who want to spend a year in community, in Canada, working for the greater good. For more information see jesuitvolunteers.ca or email Fr Joe Mroz SJ ej_mroz@yahoo.ca

Martha Spirituality Centre (902-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca): Health Literacy Series #4 on Therapeutic Touch with Judy Donovan-Whitty and Mary Hughes. Thursday, April 6 at 7pm. No cost, but need to reg-