

read from the collection of Rustico's well-known story teller Antoinette Gallant. There will also be musical entertainment: Antoinette's niece, Camilla Arsenault on the accordion, award winning step dancer Catherine Gallant and Tony Smith on the fiddle. There is a fee for each event (Cash only). For more information about these and other events, call 902-963-3168, email farmers@pei.aibn.com or visit our website www.farmersbank.ca . We acknowledge the support of The Government of P.E.I.

Praying with Jesus in the Holy Land: Father Paul Morris, Pastor of St. Agnes/St. John the Baptist, and Father Craig Cameron, Associate Pastor in several parishes throughout the Valley are the spiritual leaders on this prayerful pilgrimage. The itinerary has been carefully arranged with full consideration to the ministry of Christ as opposed to merely a tour of the holy sites. This pilgrimage experience is for a duration of 12 days, Oct 11-22. Over 20 pilgrims booked to date. If you are interested or just want to know more please send an email to Bob Sime bsime@privatelabeltravel.ca with "Keep me informed" as the subject or call (902) 482-2275

"Blessed Assurance - The Story and Songs of Fanny J. Crosby", created and performed by Pamela Campbell and Nancy Beck, plays on Sundays and Thursdays at 2:00 pm at The Guild in downtown Charlottetown this summer. For more further information and tickets, contact The Guild box office at (902) 620-3333 or www.theguildpei.com.

90th Birthday Party: There will be a 90th birthday party for Harold Doucette at the Seniors Center in South Rustico on August 16, 2-4pm. Best Wishes only.

Thank You: Ed and Shirley Gallant would like to thank everyone who came out to help celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Family and friends made it a very special occasion. Hugs to you all.

90th Birthday Party: Please join us in celebrating Magnus Ochsner's 90th birthday. Saturday Sept. 5th @ 2-4 at the Hunter River Lions Hall. Best wishes only please.

Cymbria Lions Ceilidh: This Sunday August 16th Anastasia Desroche, Mylene Ouellette and Brent Chaison. Doors open at 6:30, Music begins at 7:30. Admission \$10.00 Children \$5.00. Next Sunday August 23rd Eddy Quinn and Fiddlers Sons.

Seniors Lifestyle Makeover Challenge: The Star of the Sea Seniors Club of North Rustico will be hosting a Seniors Lifestyle Makeover Challenge program, sponsored by the Arthritis Society. This will take place beginning on Friday, September 11, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, and every Friday thereafter, for a total of six sessions. Topics include:- pain management, relaxation techniques, stress relief, healthy eating, exercise, fatigue, sleep, and more. To register for this free program, please contact the Arthritis Society at 902-628-2288, or online at www.arthritis.ca.

Benefit: Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is hosting a benefit for Kenneth and Lynn Parker on Thurs., Aug. 27, at 7:00 p.m. Music provided by Party Mix (Brad Trivers, Betty Pound and Charles Reid). Tickets are \$10/person or a donation at the church doors will be appreciated. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Sharon at 902-621-0724, Marie at 902-621-2102 or Lois at 902-621-0669.

"Touch of Country" Toe Tapping Show: The Star of the Sea Seniors Club of North Rustico invites everyone to a special Birthday Celebration. Best wishes only! There will be a show featuring traditional old time country music with lots of fun for all. This will take place on Monday, August 24, at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Birthday cake and ice cream will be served. Plus, there will be a 50/50 draw.



The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit

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

"Jesus Christ is the center of the universe and of history."

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ August 16, 2015

SCHEDULE AUGUST 17 TO AUGUST 23

Monday: 9am St. Augustine's

Tuesday: 9am Stella Maris

Wednesday: 9am St. Augustine's

Thursday: Priest's day off—no scheduled mass

Friday: 9am Hope River

Saturday: 6 PM Stella Maris

Sunday: 9 AM St. Anne's

10:00 AM Stella Maris

10:30 AM St. Augustine's

Scheduled weekday Mass is cancelled for a funeral.

Confessions: Saturday at 10am in St. Augustine's Church. For additional times for confessions please call 902-963-2245.

Infant Baptisms: Parents must contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation. Those parents who live outside our Pastoral Unit must have the permission of their own Pastor for a Baptism. Hospital Visits: If you have a family member or friend in the hospital or other care facility who would like to see a priest please call Fr. Raj.

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

Pastoral Associates:

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Despite the fact that the theme of Mass today continues that of last Sunday, there is a new twist: in recent weeks we have been looking at the Bread of Life in a very figurative or spiritual way: today we come right down to (literally) fleshy realities: food and drink, flesh and blood. As we shall see, this is too much for the Jews to swallow, and they will desert Jesus after what he says today. How far we have come from a few weeks ago when the crowds flocked over the lake to find Jesus after the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand! Despite the complexity of the message, and the reaction of the crowd, there is an elegant simplicity about it all, which the first reading and the response to the psalm highlight: there we hear a simple invitation: "Come and eat, come and drink!" and "Taste and see." Ignorance and folly disappear when they are surrendered to the generosity of God, and we taste the eternal life that Jesus gives us in himself.

**From Pope Francis' Encyclical
"Laudato Si" - "Our Common Home"**

Pope Francis on the Environment:
"LAUDATI SI', mi' Signore" - "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".



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PLEASE PRAY FOR: A person with MS, Brian, Evan, Wendy, Agatha Reddin, Albert Doiron, Allan Pound, Alyre Pineau, Ann Blais, Anne Marie Ellis, Anne Peters, Annette Coffin, Annie Gallant, Ashley Cook, Bernadette Procter, Billy Doucette, Bobby Briehl, Carol Ann Dickson, Cecily Gallant, Chester Fall, Dale Doucette, Dane Simpson, David Mutch, Dennis Woods, Donna Stiles, Edna Pineau, Elaine Stewart, Emeric Walsh, Eric "Buck" Doucette, Fred Judson, Gabrielle Gallant, Georgina Blacquiere, Inez Pineau, Jean Gallant, Kaye Ford, Keisha Dunn, Kim Murphy, Kitty Gallant, Leo LeClair, Lionel Gallant, Lisa MacDonald, Louis Reid, Louise Peters, Margaret Perry, Mary Gillis, Nancy (Puis) Doucette, Nicky Garland, Parker O'Brien, Pat Gallant (John), Paul Doiron, Regis Peters, Richard Arsenault, Roger Gallant, Rose Hennessey, Shirley Doucette, Sonny Gauthier, Stella (Gary) Gallant, Stephen Ellsworth, Stephen Sampson, Susie Smith, Tammy Wedge, Tim Gallant, Trisha Gallant, Vera Gallant, Victor Doiron, Vincent Blacquiere, Wally Litouskey and all those in hospital.

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

Prayer Line Contacts:

Marion Murphy 902-621-0725

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Fr. Raj Santiago 902-963-2245

Bulletin Notices:

Email notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call 902-886-2761 (please leave a message if we aren't home). Deadline for weekly bulletins is Thursday at 4pm.

Unit Notices

St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit has a new home online. You can find us at www.jp2pastoralunit.com. If anyone has information that we can add to the website please let me know. You can find the weekly bulletin at: www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php

Parish Pastoral Council: We are hoping to re-establish a Parish Pastoral Council for the St. John Paul II Unit. Representatives from each parish are necessary. If you would be interested in becoming a member please call Father Raj. A meeting will be called early in September. Meetings will include a half hour of spiritual reflection and a business session. Light refreshments will be available.

CHALICE: on Aug 15-16 please welcome Deacon Tom Smith who will speak about CHALICE., a Canadian Catholic Sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 sponsor sites in 15 developing countries.

World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation: Pope Francis has designated Tuesday, September 1st as the World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation. To mark this event, the Mass at Stella Maris on that day will be offered for the protection of the environment and will be followed by continuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after Mass ending with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. A schedule for adoration will be at the back of the church at Stella Maris or you can call Carol (963-3089) to reserve an hour for prayer. Please note that it is required that someone be present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Mass Intentions: If you wish to have a mass said for your intentions please notify Father Raj to set a date and place for the Mass then call Carol a week in advance so it can be announced in the bulletin.

A warm WELCOME to the new comers: ANDRE and KAREN LAVOIE have moved from Charlottetown to Rustico and SIMON and LORRAINE LEMAY have moved to New Condos from Winnipeg. The St. John Paul II Unit welcomes them and wishes them a pleasant stay with our community.

St. Augustine's Notices

Calling All Mature Altar Servers (Teens & Adults): We need you again! There are not many young children in our parish and serving at the altar is a necessary part of mass. If you could volunteer for this service once a month please sign up at the back of the church.

Part-Time Positions Available: Belcourt Center is currently looking for housekeeping/kitchen staff to work at the Retreat Center in Rustico beginning in July. Duties include housekeeping of the facility, summer cleaning, food preparation, serving, kitchen clean up, and other duties as deemed necessary. Schedule dependent upon facility bookings. To apply, please contact Martin or Earla at (902) 963-2877 or belcourtlodge@gmail.com.

Stella Maris Notices

Second Weekend Mass During summer: There will be a second weekend mass at Stella Maris Church during the month of August, Sunday at 10am.

Lost Ring: There was a lady's ring with a red ruby stone lost in front of Stella Maris Church. If found please call 902-330-7271.

Annual Stella Maris Parish Collection: Your contribution may be returned by placing it in the week-end collection or mailing it in the self-addressed envelope. We ask that you be as generous as you can. Extra envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. *Thank you!*

St. Anne's Notices

Ministers for August: Proclaimer: Marion Murphy **Youth Proclaimer:** Becca Wieggers **Eucharistic Minister:** Heather Doiron **Backup Eucharistic Minister:** Jacinta Doiron **Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality:** Ron Doiron, Inez Doiron and Paula Doiron **Offertory Families:** Aug. 16 Louis & Glenda Blanchard, Aug. 23 Brenda & Wilbert Reid, Aug. 30 Victor & Ella Mae Doiron

Diocese Notices

Palmer Road Picnic: Immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road, Sunday, Aug. 16 beginning with the outdoor mass at 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of live music, lobster/ham dinners, bingo, 50/50, flea market, games, etc. Something for everyone. Come out and bring the family!

Come join Development and Peace's Solidarity Walk from St. Dunstan's Basilica to St. Pius X Church beginning at 1:30pm Sunday, October 25 to launch the Fall Education program on Climate Change and begin celebrations for the 50th Anniversary in 2017. Prayer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine's: Sunday \$1256.05

Special Collection: \$1100.00

St. Anne's: Sunday \$750.00

Donation from Fr. Francis Bolger \$1000.00

Stella Maris: Sunday: \$ 1284.00

Special Collection: \$100.00

2015 Special Collection so far: \$8195.00

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and sharing table following the walk.

Consultation on Euthanasia: The Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), wrote to the Minister of Justice on May 20, 2015, requesting that the CCCB be among those to be consulted by the Government of Canada on this question. The CCCB is encouraging all the Catholic communities across Canada to participate in the online consultation. Furthermore, the "Life-Giving Love" Campaign website of the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF), launched in September 2014 with the support of the CCCB, provides many resources and formative tools on end of life care.

Links: to the consultation: <http://ep-ce.ca/en/home/> to the letter sent to Peter MacKay: http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Letter_to_The_Honourable_Peter_MacKay_P.C._Q.C._M.P._May_20_2015.pdf to COLF's "Life-Giving Love" campaign: <http://www.lifegivinglove.com/english>

Community Notices

Acadian Days Celebrations Continue at the Farmers' Bank of Rustico and Doucet House Museums until August 21. On Tuesday, August 18 from 5:30-7:15pm, charismatic Chef Robert Pendergast will prepare Traditional Acadian Food at the Outdoor Clay Bake Oven at the Doucet House. He will entertain you with stories and music while he bakes. (Pre-registration is requested). This is followed by an evening of entertainment from 7:30 -9:00pm at The Farmers' Bank Museum, in air conditioned comfort. Noella Richard will