

- every Wed. at 11:00am. Advent Retreat with Rev. Gail Hopkirk. Theme: Advent Longing. Sat., Dec. 5, from 10am-3pm. Cost \$30.

Save the Date: To conclude the year of Consecrated Life Evening Prayer will be held at St. Dunstan's Basilica on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Attention Cursillo Community: Island Wide Ultreya - 2:30pm on Sunday, December 6, at St. Paul's, Summerside. All welcome; sharing table.

Community Notices

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

North Rustico Lions Club Christmas Dinner for Seniors: the North Rustico Lions Club will be hosting a Christmas dinner for the seniors of North Rustico and surrounding areas. This will take place at the Lions Club on Saturday, December 12, at 5:30 pm. Admission is \$5.00, plus a non perishable item, which will be donated to the Knights of Columbus food drive, on behalf of the three parishes. To reserve a seat, please contact one of the following:- Rose Gallant 902-963-3516, Noreen Down 902-963-3849, Pat Gallant 902-963-2539. Deadline is December 7. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, and share in the Christmas spirit. Sorry.... no takeout's.

80th Birthday Meet and Greet: Louise Gallant 80th birthday meet and greet at Hunter River Community Centre. Sunday November 29, 2pm-4pm. Best Wishes Only.

Old Fashioned Community Christmas Concert: Reserve Sunday December 13 at 2pm if you enjoy hearing and seeing great musical talent from our community! This concert is being organized as a fund raiser for the Cymbria Lion's Club. You will also see a few entertaining skits! Everyone will have a chance to win some fabulous door prizes. There will be some nut free fudge as well as 50/50 tickets for sale. Admission will be \$5.00/person or \$15.00/family. So...take some time to enjoy the spirit of the season and hope to see you on Dec. 13th at 2pm.

The Farmers' Bank of Rustico in co-operation with the **Cymbria Lions Club**, cordially invite you and your family to attend Bob's Annual Sleigh/Wagon Ride on

Sunday December 6 from 2:00 to 3:30. Hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies will be served for your added enjoyment.

"A Christmas Afternoon": The North Rustico Choral Group:- A concert with Music, Songs, And Skits of Senior Club North Rustico :Sunday December 6th at 2:00 PM. with Light Lunch. Admission: Donation at the Door All proceeds to the Seniors Club Every one is Welcome.

The Star of the Sea Seniors Christmas Party will take place on Fri., Dec, 4, at 7:30 pm. Please note the change of date, which was necessary because of conflicting schedules. Members are asked to bring a gift, valued at \$10.00 for a person of the same sex, plus a small contribution of sweets. Sandwiches will be provided. Members may bring a guest. Hope to see you all there.

"Night Light" A Christmas Musical Play for World Vision. Presented to raise funds to send a stable full of animals to a world vision village. Free admission Donations Welcome: Saturday and Sunday December 5&6 7:30 PM, New Glasgow Christian church.

Children Wish committee North Rustico is having a children's fun day on Sunday Dec 6 1-3 pm at the North Rustico Lions club. Cookie decorating, coloring, bingo, jelly bean guess and a visit from Santa. Cost is 5 dollars per child (all Children will leave with a prize). All proceeds go to Children's Wish to help grant a wish to a sick child.

Dance at the **Rustico Bay Seniors Club** on Sat. Nov.28th. Music by Country Steel. Card party at the club on Monday Nov.30th at 7.30

Central Queens United Church: Dec. 5 - Country Christmas song service, 7:00 p.m. Admission: \$10/person at door. Light refreshments. Featuring Joan Reeves, Judy McGregor, Wayne Diamond, Nancy Rackham, Janet and Helena Stead, Brooke Stead, Sarah Annema, Retro Frets, Party Mix, and C.Q. Musical Friends.

Central Queens United Church: Dec. 6 - White Gift Service, 6:00 p.m. Invited gift offering is a children's book to support our Sugar Mill project in St. Vincent.



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

First Sunday of Advent ✕ November 29, 2015

SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 5

Monday: 9am St. Augustine's

Tuesday: 9am Stella Maris

Wednesday: 9am St. Augustine's

Thursday: Priest's day off — no mass

Friday: 9am St. Anne's—followed by a Day of Adoration, ending at 4pm

Saturday: 4pm Stella Maris

Sunday: 9am St. Anne's

10:30am St. Augustine's

Scheduled weekday Mass is cancelled for a funeral.

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

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

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

Father Raj Santiago: Office: 902-963-2245
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Pastoral Associates:

Jacinta Doiron 902-621-0638

Janet Doiron 902-963-3247

Marion Murphy 902-621-0725

Carol Probert 902-963-3089

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: A person with MS, A depressed person, Brian, Evan, Wendy, Agatha Reddin, Alice Doucette, Allan Pound, Alyre Doucette, Alyre Pineau, Ann Blais, Anne Marie Ellis, Anne Peters, Annette Coffin, Annie Gallant, Ashley Cook, Bernadette Procter, Billy Doucette, Bobby Briehl, Brenda Gallant, Carol Ann Dickson, Cecilia Gallant, Cecily Gallant, Charlotte Kilorn, Chester Fall, Claude Gregoire, Dale Doucette, Dane Simpson, Donna Stiles, Edna Pineau, Elaine Stewart, Emeric Walsh, Eric "Buck" Doucette, Frances Rose Wilson, Gabrielle Gallant, Georgina Blacquiere, Inez Pineau, Jean Gallant, Kaye Ford, Keisha Dunn, Kim Murphy, Kitty Gallant, Leo LeClair, Lisa MacDonald, Louis Reid, Louise Peters, Mary Gillis, Nancy (Pius) Doucette, Nicky Garland, Parker O'Brien, Pat Gallant (John), Paul Doiron, Regis Peters, Richard Arsenault, Roger Gallant, Rose Hennessey, Scott Faust, Shirley Doucette, Sonny Gauthier, Stella (Gary) Gallant, Stephen Ellsworth, Stephen Sampson, Susie Smith, Tammy Wedge, Terry Doucette, Tim Gallant, Tracy Peters, 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

Angela Gallant 902-963-3438

Rose Gallant 902-963-3516

Fr. Raj Santiago 902-963-2245

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

Pope Francis on the Environment: "Concern for nature is incompatible with abortion and human experimentation" *There is a tendency to justify transgressing all boundaries when experimentation is carried out on living human embryos. We forget that the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development. In the same way, when technology disregards the great ethical principles, it ends up considering any practice whatsoever as licit. (120,136)*



Youth Ministries CDG—LDG—YDG

Kindergarten—grade 9 Religion Class Schedule

All classes are held at Gulf Shore School at 10:30am.

November 29, 2015
December 13, 2015
January 10, 2016

January 24, 2016
February 7, 2016
February 21, 2016

March 6, 2016
March 13, 2016

April 3, 2016
April 17, 2016



“Mass as a Class” Schedule

December 20, 2015

January 31, 2016

February 28, 2016

April 24, 2016

CDG Schedule

December 18, 2015
January 15, 2016

February 19, 2016
March 11, 2015

April 15, 2016

May 27, 2016

The N.E.T Retreat will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd at Stella Maris Church from 4-9 p.m. Youth from grade 8 and above are encouraged to register online at <http://jp2youthministries.com/>. Cost is \$5 a child and includes supper.

The youth would like to thank the **St. Anne’s Finance and Property Committee** for supplying snacks at our last religion class.

Unit Notices

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.

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.

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.

Volunteers are needed to be host families for the N.E.T. retreat on Wednesday, December 2nd. Please contact Louise Doucette at 902-394-0681 or by e-mail at dandldoucette@gmail.com.

The 2nd Annual Belcourt Centre Christmas Gala will be held on Friday, Dec. 4, 6:00-10:00pm. Come, join us in the Spirit of Christmas with food and entertainment provided. This year’s donation will be for Cecelia Gallant, a long-time employee of Belcourt, recently diagnosed with cancer. Come all and support Cecelia!

Unit Food Bank: The local food bank sponsored by K of

C Council 9025 and located in Stella Maris Church is open every day during daylight hours. As we prepare for the Christmas and Winter Seasons, many limited income families must direct more funds to heating requirements leaving fewer dollars for nutritional foods especially for children. Please advise needy families you may know of the food bank location. Food contributions can be dropped off at all three unit churches. For further information, please call Vernon Buote at 902-963-2106.

Advent Candle: 1st Sunday of Advent: Light one purple candle, read Isaiah 60: 203, Lord God we light this candle to thank you for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. We who have sat in darkness have seen a great light, the light of Jesus Christ our salvation. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus name because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen

CWL Notices

CWL Christmas Tea: Reserve Thursday Dec.10th at 11:00am for CWL Christmas Tea. Ladies are asked to bring finger foods for a pot-luck luncheon. Ladies are also invited to bring a bathroom item, this also includes sanitary products for Anderson House. There will be a raffle and door prizes. You will also have an opportunity to renew your membership. You may bring a guest to join in the fun, food and fellowship.

St. Augustine’s Notices

Good Will Tree: Starting next week, Sunday Nov. 29, St. Augustine's will have the Good Will Tree up. We will be accepting clothes, teddy bears, toys, toiletries, canned goods etc. These will be distributed to needy places to make Christmas a happy time for all. Please new or gently used!!

This year, the CWL ladies will not be making the usual Christmas baskets for people in the Rustico area. Instead we are encouraging anyone who can to provide some home cooked treats for a family member or neighbour who is sick or living alone. Hopefully no one will be forgotten. Thanks again to all who have donated goods for the baskets in the past.

Stella Maris Notices

The church will welcome Avery Marie Doucette daughter of Jason and Lindsay Doucette with the sacrament of baptism at 2 p.m on November 29th at Stella Maris church.

Sr Cecile Relief Fund Let's all give this fund our final push for 2015. As of today we have collected \$1615.50 from recyclables in this area. Why not add to this? Drop any recyclables off at Stella Maris Church or at the home of Cathy and Hal Gallant. Thanking all for your support of this project.

Cleaning and Decorating Our Church for Christmas: Please put Wednesday, December 9th at 9 AM on your calendar to come and help clean and decorate our Church for Christmas. The storm date will be Thursday, December 10th at 9 AM. It would be greatly appreciated if a large number of parishioners would come to help clean and decorate our church. 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. Coffee and muffins will be supplied at the end of this cleaning. Come and help us clean our church on December 9th at 9 AM. *The Property and Finance Committee*

The Memorial Tree in Stella Maris Church has been put up again. If you are interested in placing a bow on the Memorial Tree in remembrance of a loved one, please give the names and the donation to Sister Phyllis Gallant. The money collected will be used for church decorations or for any other needs of the parish.

Choir Practise: A choir practise for Christmas Eve at Stella Maris will be held this week at 10:00 am on

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine’s: Sunday \$

St. Anne’s: Sunday \$651.00

Stella Maris: Sunday: \$1150.00

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

Monday morning. We will also review a few Advent hymns. This is a great way to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child.

Hat and Mitten Tree will be put up next week-end and will be there till Dec.16th.Thanks in advance for your donation of these items. If you need your items picked up please call Joan at 963-2559

St. Anne’s Notices

Ministries for December: Proclaimer: Lori Ann MacFarlane **Youth Proclaimer:** Joey Murphy **Eucharistic Minister:** Marion Murphy **Backup Eucharistic Minister:** Marina Doiron **Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality:** Dennis Doiron, Mike & Jacinta Doiron **Offertory Families:** Dec 6: John & Charlene Vanleeuwen, Dec 13: Frank Doiron, Dec 20: Ron & Nancy McKinnon & Family, Dec 25: Wilbert & Brenda Reid, Dec 27: Marina Doiron & Family

Parish Photo Directory: Don't forget your photo sitting for the parish directory Sunday Nov. 29th (from 10-3 pm for committees, ministries, alter servers, etc.) or Monday Nov. 30th (from 1:30-8:30 pm) .

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to give a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one contact Gemma Reid or Kathy Doiron

Diocese Notices

Holy Redeemer Parish will be holding its traditional **Christmas Carol Service** in the church, Pond St., Charlottetown on Sunday evening, December 13th at 7:30PM. This is an excellent way to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Our Carol Service, under the excellent direction of Travis Boudreau, will include choral music, readings, congregation singing, and musicians and special guests from the UPEI Dept. of Music. All are most welcome!

Martha Spirituality Centre (902-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca) Lectio Divina on Mark's Gospel