

Rustico will be held January 22-24, 2016, led by Fr. Danny Wilson. The theme will be "God's Mercy". To register please call 902-963-2877 or e-mail belcourtlodge@gmail.com

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 - every Wednesday at 11:00am

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.

Community Notices

Al-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: Once again, the North Rustico Lions Club will be hosting a Christmas dinner for the seniors (65 and over) 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 takeouts.

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.

"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.

Cribbage at Cymbria lions club on Thursday December 10th at 7:00 pm

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.

Rustico Bay Club Notices: Christmas Dance will be held at the Rustico Bay Club on Sat. Dec 12th. Music by Country Steel. New Years Eve tickets are now on sale \$ 16 for members \$18 for non members. Contact Margaret Blacquire at 963-2003. Russell Ford @621-0103 or Wanda Gallant@ 621-0023. May be picked up at the Christmas dance. Card Party on Monday night Dec.7 at 7.30

Christmas Time with Kim Albert and Faces: Dec 9th North Rustico Lions Club at 7pm. Christmas concert in support of the Knights of Columbus food bank. All donations of nonperishable food items much appreciated. Special guests include multi talented musician Keelin Wedge and Beyond the Step Dancers. Tickets are \$6 at the door. Canteen service and 50/50 draw.

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

Second Sunday of Advent ✕ December 6, 2015

SCHEDULE DECEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 12

Monday: 9am St. Augustine's

Tuesday: 9am Stella Maris for Betty Roy

Wednesday: 9am St. Augustine's

Thursday: Priest's day off — no mass

Friday: 9am Rosewood Residence (Hunter River)

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
Cell: 902-393-0572

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.

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

Pope Francis on the Environment: "Care for the environment is a matter of intergenerational justice." *The notion of the common good also extends to future generations. The global economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us. We can no longer speak of sustainable development apart from intergenerational solidarity.*

Email bulletin 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.



Youth Ministries CDG—LDG—YDG

The youth would like to thank the St. Augustine's choir for supplying snacks at our last religion class.



Kindergarten—grade 9 Religion Class Schedule

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

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who participated in making the N.E.T. retreat a success again this year. Thanks to our host families Kerrie & Ray Murphy, John & Charlene Van leeuwen, Lori Ann & Chris MacFarlane, Father Raj and Eileen Costello. Thanks to Stella Maris for hosting the evening and a special shout out to Marlene Gallant and her helpers for all the work behind the scenes. God Bless! Louise

Unit Notices

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.

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.

Christmas Dinner: Are you alone or know of someone (couples included) who is and would love to share a Christmas Dinner with us. The Pastoral Associates of John Paul II Unit will be hosting a turkey dinner on Dec. 25th Christmas Day @ 2:00 pm in St. Anne's Church Basement. If you know of someone in need of a family style Christmas Dinner please let us know. To give us an idea of how many to prepare for and you are thinking about joining us please contact one of the following: Jacinta Doiron @ 902-621-0638, Marion Murphy @ 902-621-0638 or Carol Probert @ 902-963-3089. Let us know if you will need a ride. This is a

non-denominational event.

Advent Wreath – Second week of Advent: Light two purple candles, read Mark 1:4. Lord God we light this candle to thank you for your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. who is the way. We who like sheep have gone astray have found the way to you through Jesus Christ. 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

Knights of Columbus Christmas Pot Luck Dinner: Members, spouses and families are reminded that the annual K Of C Christmas dinner will be held at Ecole Saint Augustin in Rustico on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Dinner commences at 6:00 PM sharp. Enjoy lively music and a Christmas sing along following dinner.

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

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.

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

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine's: Sunday November 22nd \$979.30
Sunday November 29th \$863.05
St. Anne's: Sunday \$780.00
Stella Maris: Sunday: \$1215.00
Donation (Lionettes) Cemetery Fund \$100.00
Donation—Cemetery Fund \$20.00

Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!

Diocese Notices

Jubilee Year of Mercy: Next Sunday, Dec. 13, Bishop Grecco will inaugurate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Diocese with the Opening of the Holy Door at St. Dunstan's Basilica at the 10:30am Sunday Eucharist. All are welcome to share in the procession and blessing as the Diocese begins this extraordinary year of jubilee.

Clothing Donations for Refugees - will no longer be accepted here at the Catholic Centre; they now go the former Coast Guard building at 1 Queen St. in Charlottetown on Tuesdays 11:00am - 7:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am - 2:00pm.

"Water with Blessings" is a project that will give the people of Haiti a small water filter so they can have clean water to drink. In January, Sister Marie Eva Gaudet from the Sisters NDSC of Moncton, will go to twelve different villages to educate Haitians on the importance of drinking pure water and on how to use the filters; it is very easy and low maintenance. A family receiving a filter will also provide clean water to three neighbours. We hope to buy 100 filters to support this project. Donations are being taken at the Metro Credit Union in Charlottetown, the Consolidated Credit Union in Summerside or the Evangeline Credit Union in Wellington. For more information, call organizers Leona Bernard at 902-436-0299 or Anne Gallant 902-836-3113. Tax receipts are available.

Marriage Survey: Would you like to help strengthen marriages in our Diocese? From December 1, 2015 to February 1, 2016 consider completing a 25-minute, anonymous on-line marriage survey that will be used by doctoral student and clinical counsellor, Stephen Mawhinney, for research in his doctoral thesis. Type in the link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/diocesemarriagesurvey read the opening page and complete the survey, submitting your results at the end.

The Annual General Retreat at Belcourt Centre in South