

more as a virtual committee and meet face-to-face only a few times a year. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact the Diocese at 902-368-8005 or rc@dioceseofcharlottetown.com Thank you.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: This 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 - are no longer 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 counselor, 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.

The Annual General Retreat at Belcourt Centre in South 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

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.

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.

Sunday December 13th at 2:00pm Acadian Remembrance day ceremony at Fort Amherst. Official opening ceremony, procession to Acadian Odyssey monument, musique and light snack all in the celebration of the courage and perseverance of the Acadian people!

Give the Gift of Hope and Opportunity: Keep the true spirit of Christmas alive by donating a meal to a child on behalf on your loved ones this season. 100% of your contribution will go directly to help the poor of Mikinduri, Kenya. For each donation, you will receive a Christmas card to give to your friend or family member specifying the gift you have chosen on their behalf. Tax receipts issued 827911819RR01. www.mikinduri.com Ted at 902-566-2976



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

Third Sunday of Advent ✕ December 13, 2015

Schedule December 14 to December 19

Monday: 9am St. Augustine's

Tuesday: 9am Villa Marguerite - Patsy Gallant

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.

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 Blacquiery, Inez Pineau, Jean Gallant, Kaye Ford, Keisha Dunn, Kim Murphy, Kitty Gallant, Leo LeClair, Lisa MacDonald, Louis Reid, Louise Peters, Mary Gillis, Nancy Bicard, 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, Trisha Gallant, Vera Gallant, Victor Doiron, 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"

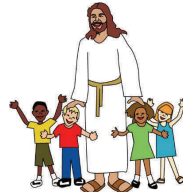
Pope Francis on the Environment: "The richest countries should shoulder the main burden of caring for the environment" Some strategies for lowering pollutant gas emissions call for the internationalization of environmental costs, which would risk imposing on countries with fewer resources burdensome commitments to reducing emissions comparable to those of the more industrialized countries. Imposing such measures penalizes those countries most in need of development.

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

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, **December 20th at 10:30 (St. Augustine's Church)**, for our next Mass as a Class, The youth will be participating in various aspects of the mass. Immediately following the mass there will be a short presentation by the religion classes including the Christmas Pageant. Munchies to follow! We look forward to having you celebrate with us. *Louise*

Your 2015-2016 Confirmation Candidates

Name: Hailey Doucette
Parents: Darren and Louise Doucette and Dianne Stewart
Birthday: November 4, 2000
Interests: Horseback Riding, Reading and Playing Basketball
Future Plans: To own many horses
What she really likes: Horses
What she really does NOT like: Chores



Special memory about church: Serving on the Altar
What she would like the parishes to know about her: I do well in school.

Name: Jeremie Buote
Parents: Marcel Buote and Simone Pineau
Birthday: August 25th, 2002
Interests: Sleight of hand, playing cards
Future Plans: RCMP Officer or professional magician
What he really likes: Dark chocolate, oreos, and comedy movies
What he really does NOT like: Broccoli and reading.



Special memory about church: Midnight Mass
What he would like the parishes to know about him: I love to perform magic, and to make you laugh.

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.

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 Candle- 3rd Sunday of Advent: Light 3 purple candles. Read Isaiah 35:10. Lord God, We light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who brings us great joy. We

who have walked in the shadow of the valley of death have found life in the resurrection of 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.

Baptism: We welcome Elyse Marie Stewart Gauthier to our St. John Paul 2 Pastoral Unit. The proud parents of this precious little girl are Devon Alexander Leo Stewart and Kennedy Brooke Gauthier. Elyse Marie will be baptised at Stella Maris Church on Sunday, December 13th at 12 noon. Congratulations and very best wishes to this family.

St. Augustine's Notices

Good Will Tree: St. Augustine's will have the Good Will Tree. 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.

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 13: Frank Doiron, Dec 20: Ron & Nancy McKinnon &

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine's: Sunday \$862.05

Cemetery Donation \$125.00

St. Anne's: Sunday \$835.00

Cemetery Fund \$50.00

Stella Maris: Sunday: \$682.00

Donation-Syrian Refugee Fund \$1000.00

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

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

St. Nicholas Boxes: We will be packing St. Nicholas boxes on Sunday Dec. 20 after mass. You may leave your donations of baked goods, fruit, etc in the Bolger Room before or after mass on that day. Thank you so much for your continued support of this project.

Sunday Envelopes 2016: The new envelopes for 2016 are now available on the table near the altar. Please pick your envelopes up and put your name and address on them for the first few weeks. Anyone presently not using envelopes but wishing to do so please see Kathy Doiron or just pick up a blank set of envelopes and put your name and address on them so we can register you to receive an income tax receipt next year.

Diocese Notices

Diocesan Communications Committee: As a support to the newly appointed Diocesan Webmaster, Fr. Frank Jay, there is a need to reconstitute the Diocesan Communications Committee (DCC) with additional membership from across the Diocese. Members of the DCC have the responsibility of relaying "good news stories" from their parish, pastoral unit and/or Zone. In this way our Website is kept more informative and up-to-date. FYI, it is intended that the DCC will function