

in the welcoming of 60+ refugees from Syria, Iraq and Burma. There are also approximately 84 additional refugees that we have submitted applications for from Africa, Syria and Iraq, and we expect that number to continue to increase, potentially significantly, over the coming months. We have been most humbled by the enormous amount of generosity of time, talent and treasure that the fine people of Prince Edward Island have offered in our combined efforts to bring refuge to those in the most desperate of need. We look very forward to forging new relationships with anyone interested in sponsoring refugees. So, if the Holy Spirit has placed it on your heart to "do something", please contact Susan Nye-Brothers on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 368-8005 ext. 228 or any time by e-mail at sny_brothers@hotmail.com

Priests' Benevolent Fund: Income Tax Receipts for 2015 contributions will be available in your parish next weekend, February 13/14.

Martha Spirituality Centre (902-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca) Lenten Retreat with Fr. Trevor Scott on Saturday, February 20 from 10 am - 3:30pm followed by Mass. Cost is \$30 and people need to register as long as spaces last. Reflecting on Healing in a Lenten Journey every Wednesday beginning Feb. 17 from 1:30-3:00pm until March 23. Cost \$30 for the 5 sessions. Led by Sr. Della Gaudet. Need to register.

Ash Wednesday Collection, 2016 will be dedicated to the support of Syrian refugee sponsorship.

Lenten Mission at St. Paul's, Summerside, February 22-24, "A Time of Mercy with Father Mark Cherry". Join Fr. Mark Cherry and "All Things New" music ministry for this three-day mission in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Monday-Why an Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy? Tuesday-Receiving God's great Mercy. Wednesday- Sharing God's Mercy. The mission begins each evening at 7pm. On Monday and Wednesday, we will celebrate Holy Mass and the talk will be given within the Mass during the homily time. On Tuesday evening, we begin with a time of Praise and Worship, followed

by talk, then Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening. Plan now to take this time aside for personal and parish renewal. Invite a friend to join you!

Rosary for Life: PEI Catholic Women's League asks us to pray the Rosary every day until Easter, for our Blessed Mother's help to end abortion in our province and our world.

Are you interested in lending a hand – and your eyes – for a couple of hours a week to help a person living with vision loss in your community? If so, email jeff.deviller@cnib.ca or call (902) 453-1480.

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.

Card Party: Star of the Sea Seniors' Club has a card party every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Light lunch and 50/50 included. Everyone welcome.

Valentine's Concert: Central Queens United Church is hosting a Valentine's Concert at the church in Hunter River. The concert features Phase II and Friends. Date: Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016. Time: 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$10/person. Light refreshments served. Tickets available from Lois at 902-621-0669 or at the door.

Birthday: Please join the Gauthier family at Beach Grove, Charlottetown, Feb 7, 2-4pm to help celebrate Carol's 59 birthday. She would love to see you there.

Valentine's Day Dance: The Star of the Sea Seniors' Club is hosting a Valentine's Day dance on Saturday, February 13 at the Clubhouse on Sunrise Crescent. 7.30-11pm, 50-50, light lunch and dancing to the Peters Brothers. No entrance cost, there will be a jar at the door for anyone who would like to make a donation.

Cribbage at Cymbria Lions Club Thurs. Feb. 11 at 7pm.



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

Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time ✕ February 7, 2016

Schedule February 8 to February 14

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday (Ash Wednesday): 4pm Stella Maris
 6:30pm St. Augustine's
Thursday: No Mass
Friday: No Mass
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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ann, Brian, Melanie, Parker, Sally, Steve,
 Richard Arsenault, Evan Clark, Bruce Crombie,
 Allen Cullen, Kathy Doiron (Inez),
 Victor Doiron, Nancy Doucette, Brenda Gallant,
 Cecilia Gallant, Gabriella Gallant, Pearl Gallant,
 Sonny Gauthier, Mary Gillis, Rose Hennessey, Leo
 LeClair, Alan Perry, Joe Perry, Leo Peters, Regis
 Peters, Allan Pound, Bernadette Proctor,
 Stephen Sampson, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith,
 Emeric Walsh, Dakota Wedge

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

Bulletin Announcements: 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.

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.

Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2016: God's mercy transforms human hearts. It enables us, through the experience of faithful love to become merciful and to devote ourselves to the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness. For by touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering of others, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that we too are poor and in need. I want to remind us that the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practising the works of mercy. We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary who personally encountered the greatness of God's mercy.



Youth Ministries CDG—LDG—YDG

The youth would like to thank the North Rustico Fire Department for supplying snacks at our last religion class.



Kindergarten—grade 9 Religion Class Schedule

February 7, 2016
February 21, 2016
March 6, 2016
March 13, 2016
April 3, 2016
April 17, 2016

“Mass as a Class” Schedule

February 28, 2016
April 24, 2016

CDG Schedule

February 19, 2016
March 11, 2015
April 15, 2016
May 27, 2016

Important Information

Confirmation will take place Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7pm in St. Anne’s.

First Communion will take place Sunday, May 1, 2016 at St. Augustine’s.

Your 2015-2016 Confirmation Candidates

Name: Hailey Collister
Parents: Debbie & Garner
Birthday: May 27, 2001
Interests: Sports
Future plans: Police office
What she really likes: Hockey
What she really does NOT like: Homework
Special memory about Church: Christmas mass with



Family

What she would like parishioners to know about her: That she is kind and honest

Name: Galen Toombs
Parents: Carrie & Kendall
Birthday: May 17, 2001
Interests: hockey dirt biking
Future plans: farming
What he really likes: working on the farm
What he really does NOT like: drama
Special memory about



church: first communion

What he would like parishes to know about him: I'm a respectful friendly person who enjoys helping the neighbours with odd jobs.

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 .

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

In preparation for Ash Wednesday: those who have psalms at home bring them to the church over the next couple of Sunday's so we are able to prepare the ashes.

Day of Adoration will be held on February 29

beginning after 9:00 am mass at St. Augustine. It is necessary to have two people present at all times until final prayers @ 4:00 pm. A sign up sheet will be at the back of the church. Please consider spending some time with our Lord and sign up today.

Mardi Gras Dinner: A pancake and sausage dinner will be held at Stella Maris Parish Center on Saturday 6 February following the 4:00 PM Mass to celebrate Mardi Gras and the beginning of the Lenten Season. The menu also includes sweets and beverages. The cost is a free will offering for K of C charities. As well, a 50/50 draw will take place. Everyone is most welcome.

Year of Mercy: The second corporal work of mercy

is to shelter the homeless. What can you do this week ? Support or donate to shelters for the homeless, help a neighbour care for their homes and do repairs, support agencies which build homes for the poor, advocate for public policies and legislation that provide housing for low-income people, support foster parents, or consider becoming a foster parent; become a mentor for a foster child, sponsor a child through an international charity like Chalice, to support any way we can the effort to provide homes for the refugees arriving on the Island.

Prayer/Discussion Group: If you are interested in joining a prayer/discussion group focusing on Pope Francis’ Papal Bull of Indiction declaring the year of mercy please call Carol at 902-963-3089 or Marion at 902-621-0725. Topics will include ways to exercise mercy in our daily lives. Afternoons or evenings are possible and men and women are welcome.

Stella Maris Notices

Choir Practice: There will be a choir practices at Stella Maris Church on Mondays at 1:00 pm starting Monday February 8th. We are always looking for new members. Please come and join us as we prepare for Easter. Anne Kirk will be here to help direct us. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Anne’s Notices

Ministries for February: Proclaimer: Rose Mary MacDonald **Youth Proclaimer:** Becca Wieggers **Eucharistic Minister:** Charlie Gallant **Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality:** Wilbert Gallant, Jacinta Doiron, Mike Doiron **Offertory Families: Feb. 7** Gerry, Karen & Cameron Barry, **Feb. 14** Kathy Buote, **Feb. 21** Dennis & Kathy Doiron, **Feb. 28** Cory & Tammy Peters & Family

Thank You: I would like to thank everyone for the help and concern that was shown to me at Mass on Sunday . Thanks everyone and God Bless. *Gordon Myers*

Income Tax Receipts for Sunday envelope users for 2015 are now available on the table near the altar. Please pick yours up. Thanks

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine’s Sunday, Jan 31: \$905.85

St. Anne’s Sunday, Jan 31: \$579.00

Stella Maris Sunday, Jan 31: \$830.00

Donation in Memory of Germaine Buote \$50.00

Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!

Please consider including your Parish in your will.

Diocese Notices

Congratulations! On Sunday, January 31, 2016 at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, seminarian Andrew Handrahan (originally from Tignish) was ordained to the Diaconate. His ordination to the priesthood will hopefully take place later this year on PEI. Collectively we extend congratulations to Andrew on this joyous occasion.

Physician-assisted Suicide and Euthanasia: Please be assured that the Canadian Bishops view this issue with the utmost gravity and concern. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Diocese of Hamilton) and Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archdiocese of Toronto have written to both the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada, and the Minister of Health regarding this issue. Similarly they have requested to appear before the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying, a body charged with developing appropriate legislation for the country to regulate doctor assisted suicide. It is also important to recall that the Church’s long-standing position has been unequivocal in supporting and defending life from conception to natural death. If you wish to have your voice heard you may wish to sign the petition re assisted suicide and euthanasia at <http://www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/signatories/>

The Rite of Election: will be celebrated at St. Dunstan’s Basilica during the 5 pm Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, February 14 . All welcome!

Refugee Sponsorship: As the only Sponsorship Agreement Holder on PEI, the Diocese of Charlottetown is overjoyed to report that to date, we have assisted Constituent Groups and Co-Sponsors