

The Marriage Preparation Program, “A Decision to Love”, being held on April 2nd is fully booked, so a second program will be held on Saturday, April 16, also at the Lakeview Loyalist Resort in Summerside. Presented by Ed and Marsha Ratelle, this one-day course begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 6:00 PM. The cost per couple is \$125.00. To register contact Marsha at marsharatelle@eastlink.ca or call (902) 436-6795.

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.

Star of the Sea Seniors Club: Card party every Tuesday at 7:30p.m. Light lunch and 50/50 included. Everyone welcome. Cribbage is played at the club every Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Rustico Bay Seniors Club: Dance at the Club on Sat March 5th Music by Country Steel. Card party Monday 7.30. Membership fees are now due. \$7.00 per person payable to Wanda Gallant or Yvonne Doucette. New members are needed if we want our club to survive.

Friends of the Farmers’ Bank of Rustico Inc: The annual general meeting of the Friends will be held on March 8th at the Farmers’ Bank starting at 7:00pm with a storm date of March 10th. The meeting agenda includes reports on 2015 activities, President’s Report, Presentation of the Financial Statements, Election of Officers, an overview of 2016 objectives and refreshments. The Friends are in need of volunteers to help with the many activities throughout the season and several Board of Directors positions will be vacant. Please contact Theresa Gallant at (902)963-2416 or Marlene White at (902)963-2997 if you are interested in volunteering. Your time and effort will be a great service to our community. For summer employment opportunities, please visit the Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs Websites and file your resumes.

Provincial Credit Union: Stella Maris Branch is having a food drive for our local food bank. Please drop off your non-perishable items at the credit union to support this very worthy cause in our communities.

Central Queen's Funeral Co-op Annual Meeting will be held at the Funeral Home, 2538 Glasgow Road, on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 2:00pm. Open House from 1-2pm Refreshments following. The funeral home has been providing high quality, lower cost funerals to the Central Queen's area since 1988. All welcome. 902-964-2886.

Come celebrate **Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie** at the Centre acadien Grand-Rustico! Thursday March 3rd (6am to 9am) “Le réveil” live radio broadcast at the Centre acadien. Free continental breakfast. Saturday March 5th (9am to 11am) Café parisien: croissant, hot chocolate, coffee. Live music by Mélanie Brulée, NFB movies. Free (12:30 pm– 2:30pm) Song writing workshop with Mélanie Brulée. Free (registration required) Wednesday March 9th (5pm) “Rustico 200, La francophonie en action!” Participate in our LIP DUB (lip synching and audio dubbing to make a music video) to experience the FRANCOPHONE VIBE. Free buffet. All Acadians, Francophones and Francophiles welcomed ! Call 902-963-3252 or visit www.conseilacadien.com

Benefit Dance: The Hunter River Lions Club has organized a benefit for Dwayne and Karen Stevenson and family of New Glasgow. A recent fire has left their home unlivable. The benefit will be held at the North Rustico Lions Club on March 12, 9:00 to 1:00. Music by Kelly and Taylor Buote. Admission \$10.00 per person. Donation bottle available. There will be a 50/50 draw. Everyone welcome.



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

Third Sunday of Lent ✕ February 28, 2016

Schedule February 29 to March 6

Monday: 9am St. Augustine’s, For Bob Nelson Stations of the Cross to follow Mass

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Thursday: Priest’s day off—No Mass

Friday: 9am Hope River– Stations of the Cross to follow Mass

Saturday: 4pm Stella Maris

Sunday: 9am St. Anne’s

10:30am St. Augustine’s for Fr. Denis Gallant
Scheduled weekday Mass is cancelled for a funeral.

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

Confessions: Fr. Raj available in the vestries after the mass in all the churches for the sacrament of Reconciliation. All are encouraged to experience the Mercy and Love of the Ever Forgiving Father

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

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,
Evan Clark, Bruce Crombie, Allen Cullen,
Kathy Doiron (Inez), Victor Doiron,
Nancy Doucette, Brenda Gallant, Cecilia 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 contact:

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.

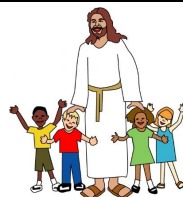
Scent Free: Please avoid scented products in our churches. Some parishioners are strongly allergic to chemical fragrances.

From Pope Francis’ Encyclical “Misericordiae Vultus” - “The Face of Mercy”
Pope Francis, for the Year of Mercy: “Perhaps we have too long forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy.” (MV#10)
Be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful. Luke 6:36



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

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

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

First Communion will take place Sunday, May 1, 2016 at St. Augustine's.
Confirmation will take place Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7pm in St. Anne's.

Atlantic Steubenville Conference

We are looking for interest in attending the Atlantic Steubenville Conference this summer, July 8-10 in Halifax. The weekend conference is open to high school students aged 14-18 (generally, those entering grade nine in the coming school year and this year's high school graduates). Please check out the site at <http://www.steubenville.ca/> for more information and let Louise (902-394-0681) know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

Unit Notices

Winter Storm Policy: At St. Augustine's Church, Mass is never cancelled due to weather. When school in Rustico is cancelled or delayed due to weather, the weekday Mass at Stella Maris or St. Anne's is cancelled. For Saturday evening Mass, a decision to cancel will be made by 1:30 PM. For St. Anne's Sunday morning Mass, the decision will be made by 7 AM. If Religious Education Classes are cancelled there will be an email sent out and a notice on the website. Call 902-963-2245 for information.

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.

Reminder: CWL fees of \$20.00 are now due. Contact people: Ruth Gallant (902-963-2664), Annie Thomas (902-963-2187) or Yvonne Doucette (902-963-2037). Thanks.

Year of Mercy: This week's corporal work of mercy is to visit the sick. Here are some suggestions: take the time to call, send a card or an e-mail to someone who is sick, volunteer to drive patients to medical appointments and treatment facilities, volunteer at a hospital or nursing home, assist those who are full time care givers for family members, cook and deliver meals to the sick and homebound, lend a hand with household chores, spend some quality time with those who are sick or homebound, It is wise to be aware that sometimes lengthy visits can be wearing on a sick person and brief visits may be more helpful.

World Day of Prayer 2016 will be held at the New Glasgow Christian Church Friday March 4th at 7pm. This is an ecumenical service and the theme is "Receive Children, Receive Me". Everyone welcome and refreshments afterwards.

Food Bank: The Knights of Columbus is asking for your continued support for the food bank. Supplies are getting low as a number of families have been taking advantage of the service. Monetary or non perishable food items would be appreciated. We

would like to thank everyone for your support.

Mission: at Stella Maris Church at 7:00 p.m. on March 6, 7 & 8th. St. John Paul 2 Pastoral Unit is inviting all parishioners of our three parishes to attend this Mission. The focus of the Mission will be: Remember the Past with Gratitude, Live the Present with Joy, Look to the Future with Hope. Sister Regina McQuaid, CND will be the presenter for the mission. Part of the Tuesday evening session will include Mass which will replace the regular Tuesday morning Mass. Following the Tuesday evening session all are invited to the basement for coffee, tea, sandwiches, sweets etc. We ask those who can to bring something for this sharing table. May our Lenten Journey be greatly enriched by this mission and sharing. Everyone is welcome!

St. Anne's Notices

Ministries for February: Proclaimer: Charlene VanLeeuwen **Youth Proclaimer:** Katie VanLeeuwen **Eucharistic Minister:** Heather Doiron **Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality:** Chris Hayami, Joan Hayami, Cameron Barry **Offertory Families: March 6** Donna Stewart, **March 13** Francis & Sharon Wieggers & Family, **March 20** Eugene & Florence Larkin, **March 27** Victor & Ella Mae Doiron

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

Property & Finance Committee meeting: Monday February 29th at 7pm.

Annual Property & Finance Committee meeting Sunday March 13th at 1pm in the Bolger Room.

Diocese Notices

Most Reverend Richard Grecco, Bishop of Charlottetown has announced the following Clergy appointments. These pastoral changes will take place effective March 1, 2016: **Rev. Doug MacDonald**, Pastor at St. Malachy's in Kinkora, St. Peter's in Seven Mile Bay and St. Joseph's in

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine's Sunday, Feb 21: \$1000.05

Ash Wednesday \$45.00

Initial Offering \$5.00

St. Anne's Sunday, Feb 21: \$672.00

Ash Wednesday \$165.00

Stella Maris Sunday, Feb 21: \$718.00

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

Kelly's Cross returns from a six-month Sabbatical Leave. **Rev. Joseph Palliyodil**, presently Pastoral Administrator at St. Malachy's in Kinkora, St. Peter's in Seven Mile Bay and St. Joseph's in Kelly's Cross posted as Associate Pastor at the Holy Family Pastoral Unit in Stratford, Fort Augustus and Vernon River. **Rev. John Molina**, presently Resident Priest with weekend ministry at the Holy Family Pastoral Unit in Stratford, Fort Augustus and Vernon River while retaining his office as Chancellor and Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Charlottetown and Associate Judicial Vicar of the Halifax Regional Catholic Marriage Tribunal, placed as Resident Priest at the St. Dunstan's Basilica Parish.

Development and Peace invites you to its Annual Lenten Solidarity Workshop, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Sunday, March 6 at St. Pius X Church, Parkdale. Guest Speaker is a D&P partner, Professor Tor Lorapuu of the University of Jos, Nigeria who does great work with adults and youth for empowerment and change. Nigeria is the home base of BOKO Haram, considered the world's most dangerous terrorist group.

The Provincial Council CWL will be hosting Area meetings: West Prince on Tuesday 8th March at St. Anthony's Hall Bloomfield; East Prince on Wednesday, 9th March at St. Paul's Parish Center Summerside; Queens' on Monday 7th March at St. Pius X Charlottetown; and King's on Monday, 7th March at St. Mary's Hall, Souris. All meetings begin at 7:00pm. Members are encouraged to attend.