

Recommendation: If you have a good news story to share of events taking place in your parish or pastoral unit please forward appropriate information (and photographs) to Fr. Frank Jay (frankjay@me.com) to have it posted on our Website/Facebook.

Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle: (including 3 night Greek Islands and Turkey cruise). Accompanied by Fr Keith Kennific. 11 days: 20 to 30 Sept 2017. Flights from Charlottetown, 20 meals (9 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners), all taxes included. Price per person, based on double rate, from \$4999. Please call Lucille at CWT Harvey's Travel in Charlottetown, 1 800 871 3979 or email lthompson@harveystravel-cwt.com

Do you know the Longest Married Couple in Canada? Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date, where they live, and your contact information to www.cet@hotmail.com Nominations will be accepted until January 10, 2017(to celebrate World Marriage Day).

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Plan to attend a very special Marriage Enrichment Weekend April 7 - 9, 2017 at the new Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center in PEI. For more information contact Worldwide Marriage Encounter at renewmarriage@gmail.com or (902) 314-8541 www.wwme.org

Keeping in Contact...

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the unit. We thank God that you are with us. If we may assist you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket.

- New parishioner.
- I am home bound and would like someone to visit me.
- I am going to be in hospital, please call on me.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

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.

Christmas Ceilidh is planned for Kelly's Cross Community Centre on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7pm. For list of entertainers and other information see Friday, Dec. 15 issue of the Guardian in the "Don't Miss This" section.

Christmas Party: The Villa Marguerite Senior's Home in North Rustico would like to invite family and friends to their Christmas Party on Dec. 20 from 7 - 9pm. Come enjoy some music, snacks and company. Staff and Residents would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, all the best in 2017.

Christmas Concert in aid of the Rustico Food Bank with Kim Albert and Faces will take place on Dec. 18 at 2pm at North Rustico Lions Club. Special guests Keelin Wedge, Kaitlyn Gallant and Beyond the Step Dancers.

New Years Eve dance at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club. No tickets will be sold as there is no cold plate. Admission at the door will be \$10. A little extra lunch will be provided. Music will be Country Steel.



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent ✕ December 18, 2016

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday: No Mass—Priest day off
Tuesday: 9am Stella Maris
Wednesday: 9am St. Augustine's for Edwin Gallant
Thursday: 9am St. Augustine's
Friday: 9am St. Anne's
Saturday: 4pm Stella Maris
Sunday: 9am St. Anne's
10:30am St. Augustine's
Fr. 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

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

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

A Spiritual Gift for the Marian Devotees: Holy Rosary will be said in all our unit churches before all the Holy Masses, those who love to join are requested to come 20 minutes before the mass time.

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ann, Brian, Debbie, Dorothy, Melanie, Parker, Steve, Steven, Ann Blais, Peter Buote, Evan Clark, Kathy Doiron (Inez), John Doucette, Shirley Dunfield, Alyre Gallant, Art Gallant, Audrey Gallant, Brenda Gallant, Brian Gallant, Cathy Gallant, Cecilia Gallant, Dale Gallant, Sonny Gauthier, Mary Gillis, Arlene & Clint Harper, Rose Hennessey, Beverly Lannon, Leo LeClair, Carol MacIsaac, Jen Marten, Alan Perry, Freddy Perry, Regis Peters, Shirley (Doiron) Peters, Sheldon Pineau, Allan Pound, Bernadette Proctor, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith, Shirley Somers, Pauline Walsh, 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

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.

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

Bulletin Announcements: Email bulletin notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call Francis @ 902-886-2761. Deadline for weekly bulletins is Thurs. at 4pm.



Youth Ministries

CDG—LDG—YDG

www.jp2youthministries.com



Next LDG and YDG classes: Jan. 8, 2017
 Next "Mass as a Class": Dec. 18, 2016
 Next CDG Outing: Jan. 20, 2017

The youth would like to thank **John Paul II** CWL for supplying snacks at our December 4 religion class.

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 1:30pm. For St. Anne's Sunday morning Mass, the decision will be made by 7am. 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.

Free Turkeys for those in Need: The Knights of Columbus have some turkeys available for the food bank. If anyone has need for a Christmas turkey please call Don Blacquire at 963-2359.

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 diner on Dec. 25th Christmas Day @ 12:30 pm in St. Anne's Church in the side chapel. 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 if you are thinking about joining us please contact one of the following: Jacinta Doiron @ 902-621-0638, or Marion Murphy @ 902 621 0725. Let us know if you will need a ride. This is a non-denominational event.

Christmas Weekend Schedule: Saturday, Dec. 24: 5pm at Stella Maris, 7pm at St. Anne's and 10pm at St. Augustine's. Sunday, Dec. 25: 10:30am at St. Augustine's.

New Years Eve/Day Weekend Schedule: Saturday, Dec. 31: 5pm at Stella Maris and 7pm at St. Anne's. Sunday, Jan. 1: 10:30am at St. Augustine's.

A word of thanks to Jim Good for conducting the Advent Mission for our Unit and presenting a large amount of information on Our Lady of Guadalupe and for leading our faithful to experience the same situation of Bethlehem as a part of spiritual perpetration for the coming great Celebration of Nativity of Our Lord. Thanks a lot for sharing his on personal experience.

CWL Bursary: The Provincial Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a bursary to Catholic girls and women attending college or university. Deadline is Jan 31, 2017. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this bursary please contact Carolyn Nantes at 902 964 2417 for info and application forms.

Stella Maris Notices

Memorial Tree: Again this year we have the Memorial Tree here at Stella Maris. Anyone who wishes to remember a loved one during this Christmas Season by placing a bow on the tree may do so. Your donation may be given to Sister Phyllis with the name of the loved one you wish to remember in this way. The money

from the donations will be used for decorations, flowers or other church needs. May God's love this Christmas fill you with peace and hope.

2017 Envelopes: New envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you have not received a set of envelopes in the past and wish to receive them, please contact Norman (963-2416) or Peter (963-2460).

The winter schedule for lectors, eucharistic ministers and offertory families is now available at the back of the church. Your service in these ministries is very much appreciated.

St. Anne's Notices

Ministries for December: Proclaimer: Lori Ann MacFarlane **Youth Proclaimer:** Julie Vanleeuwen **Eucharistic Minister:** Marion Murphy **Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality:** Jacinta Doiron, Donnie Doiron, Mike Doiron **Offertory Dec 18** Charlie & Aletha Gallant, **Dec 25** Ray & Karrie Murphy & Family

Flowers for Christmas: Anyone wishing to make a basket of flowers or an arrangement for the church for Christmas please do so and take it in anytime now until Christmas.

Sunday envelopes for 2017 are now available on the table near the altar. Please put your name and address on them for the first few weeks. Anyone not presently using envelopes, but wishing to do so, may pick up a set of envelopes or see Kathy Doiron.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our St. Nicholas boxes a success again this year. Your generosity is much appreciated. May God bless you.

Diocese Notices

Christmas Carol Service: Holy Redeemer Parish in Charlottetown will be presenting their annual Christmas Carol Service this Sunday, Dec. 18 at the church on Pond Street beginning at 7:30pm. This is a wonderful

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine's Sunday, December 11: \$1088.70

St. Anne's Sunday, December 11: \$738.00

Stella Maris Sunday, December 11: \$1090.00

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Please consider including your Parish in your will.

opportunity to relax, listen to beautiful Christmas music and readings as we prepare for a meaningful Christmas Season. The choir is under the excellent direction of Mr. Travis Boudreau and we welcome the participation of the UPEI Christmas Carolers and musicians of the UPEI Music Department. Julia MacVicar will be this year's featured soloist. Please come, bring the children and participate in the congregational carols.

Christmas Concert: St. Dunstan's Basilica presents its annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7pm. Featured works this year are Vivaldi's "Gloria" and a repeat performance of last year's exciting "Fantasia Noel", a re-imagining of classic carols with a contemporary twist. A 60 voice chorus is accompanied by a 35 piece orchestra conducted by Leo Marchildon. Admission is by free will offering.

The Catholic Centre (350 North River Road) will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23 until Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017.

Diocesan Website and Facebook Page: It may surprise you to know to what extent our Diocesan website and Facebook are accessed. Fr. Frank Jay, our current Diocesan "webmaster" recently provided these user statistics: In the year 2016 (to-date) more than 80,000 visits were made to the Diocesan website...this is in comparison to slightly over 66,000 in 2015. The average # of visits per day in 2016 (to-date) has been approximately 235, compared to approximately 180 visits per day in 2015.