

March 9 at 7pm. Open to the public. Donations accepted. Need to call to reserve a seat as space is limited. **Grief Support Group** begins on Friday, March 10 at 1:30 with Dr. Maureen Shea. Need to register.

Atlantic Bishops to Visit Rome and the Vatican: Every five years Bishops are invited to Rome for their "ad limina" visit. The Bishops of Atlantic Canada will be making this visit in March of this year. The purpose is first of all spiritual. All the Bishops will pray and say Mass at each of the four major Basilicas in Rome. Second, it is to visit with Pope Francis to renew the apostolic mission and fraternity with the Holy Father. Finally, the Bishops will share what is happening in their Dioceses with the various Pontifical Congregations and Councils, each of which has received a five-year report from their respective Diocese. You are asked to keep Bishop Richard and the other Bishops of Atlantic Canada in your prayers.

Community Notices

Al-Anon Group Meeting: Tuesdays at 10am in the vestry of St. Augustine's Church. Call 902-894-3503 for more information.

Roast Beef Supper: The Cymbria Lions will be holding their annual Roast Beef Supper Sunday, March 5. Serving from 3:30 to 6:00pm adults \$15, Children \$5. Proceeds for community service. Take-Outs available.

Cancer Changes Everything. So Can You. Join family, friends and neighbors at Confederation Landing Park on Friday, June 16 from 6pm to midnight for the 2017 Queens County Relay For Life. Whether you are cheering on survivors, walking the track, passing the baton to your teammate or joining in exciting track-side activities, Relay For Life is more than just a cancer walk - it's a journey. Every dollar raised by Relay for Life participants makes a difference. Money raised funds Canada's most promising cancer research to save more lives, ensures no one has to face cancer alone and helps stop cancer before it starts. For more in-

formation go to www.cancer.ca and click "get involved" or call Gail at 902-566-4007.

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Farmers' Bank of Rustico, Inc. will be held on March 7, 2017 at the Farmers' Bank at 7pm with a storm date of March 14. (Wheelchair Accessible). The meeting will open with the President's Remarks, followed by the Minutes, the Financial Report with Doug Ezeard, the Election of Directors, and 2017 Goals and Objectives. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in serving on the Board or volunteering for Bus Tours, etc., please contact Theresa Gallant at 902-963-2416 for more information. For Summer Employment Opportunities, please visit the Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs Websites and File Your Resumes.

The Central Queen's Funeral Co-op Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11, at the funeral home, 2538 Glasgow Road. Open House from 1 - 2 pm. Meeting to begin at 2 pm. Refreshments to follow. Everyone welcome. 902-964-2886

Provincial Credit Union Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 29 at the North Rustico Lions Club. Meal is at 6pm with meeting to follow. Lots of Door prizes to be won. Tickets are \$10 and available at any branch of Provincial Credit Union during office hours. Get your ticket early as they go quickly.

Exercise Control for Arthritis: On Tues. March 14 at 8pm the **Hunter River Lions Club** will host Rebecca Gariepy from the Arthritis Society. Her topic will be "**Exercise Control for Arthritis**". Everyone welcome.

Rustico Bay Seniors Club: Dance on Sat March 4 from 8-11 Music by Country Steel. Card party Monday evening 7:30. Meeting for the members will be held on Monday March 13 at 1:30.



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

First Sunday of Lent ✦ March 5, 2017

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

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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

Alan, Ann, Brian, Debbie, Dorothy, Evan, Graham, Joan, Melanie, Parker, Steve, Steven, Linda Blacquiere, Ann Blais, Peter Buote, Shirley Coughlin, 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, Betty Mckenna, Aletha Mullaly, Pearl Murphy, Alexandra Pecoskie, Freddy Perry, Regis 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
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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



LDG and YDG
 March 5, 2017
 March 12, 2017
 April 2, 2017
 April 23, 2017

Mass as a Class
 April 30, 2017

CDG Outing
 March 31
 April 29
 June 10

The youth would like to thank **St. Anne's Property and Finance Committee** for supplying snacks at our February 19th 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 info.

Blessed Palm: Last year's palms can be returned to the church anytime during lent for next year's ashes.

Choir Practice for the Easter Vigil Tridium: Holy Week is approaching us quickly. I am planning choir practices for the St. John Paul II Unit to prepare for the Holy week services. The first practice will be held at St. Anne's on Sunday March 5 at 1pm. Hoping to see as many as possible from all the 3 parishes. At this practice we will decide the time and place for the additional practices. Please come and let your voice be one of your gifts to God this lent. Thank you for your generosity! May your lent be blessed in abundance.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our bake sale for the Humane Society. We are very pleased to announce that our profit was \$384.45. We thank you for all of your support.
Grade 7/8 Religion Classes

St. Anne's Notices

Ministries for March: Proclaimer: Tammy Peters **Youth Proclaimer:** Joey Murphy **Eucharistic Minister:** Charlie Gallant **Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality:** Chris Hayami, Joan Hayami, Peter VanLeeuwen **Offertory March 5** Donna Stewart, **March 12** Francis Wieggers & Family, **March 19** Eugene & Florence Larkin, **March 26** Gordon & Marion Myers

Annual Parish Meeting: The date for the annual parish meeting has been changed to next Sunday, March 12 at 1pm.

Stella Maris' Notices

Annual Financial Statement: Extra copies are available on the table at the back of the Church. Please take one home.

Diocese Notices

Pro-life Rally: All are invited to participate in a peaceful Pro-life Rally on Saturday, March 11 at 11am in Summerside along the Roy Boats Ave. near Prince County Hospital. Signs will be handed out in the Walmart parking lot.

If you are unable to join in person, please pray for the success of the rally.

Theology on Tap: Please join us for Theology on Tap, 7pm on Thursday March 9. Weronika Janczuk, World Youth Alliance, will speak on "The Place of the Heart in Integral Human Formation." Location: The Pourhouse, Old Triangle Pub, 189 Great George Street. Theology on Tap is sponsored by the Saint Dunstan's University Institute of Christianity and Culture.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes: Join Father Andrew Handrahan on a guided pilgrimage of Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona. From October 1-10, 2017, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. An information session will be held in the vestry at St. John the Baptist Parish, Miscouche, on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30pm. Space is limited - book soon by contacting Krisanne Butler at CAA travel: kbutler@atlantic.caa.ca or (902) 892-0296.

SDU Scholarship: Graduating high school students are reminded that the deadline to apply for a Saint Dunstan Scholarship is April 15, 2017. The St. Dunstan Scholarship is valued at \$5,000 per year and is renewable for an additional three years. Criteria and application form is available on the SDU website at www.saintdunstansuniversity.ca. Additional information can be obtained by calling 393-3441.

Evenings of Recollection: meditations preached by a priest of Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church. Men's (Mon March 13 @7pm) - Women's (Tue March 14 @7pm) at St. Paul's, Summerside. These recollections aim to assist the individual to relate his or her family life, professional work and social commitments more fully to their relationship with God. Evenings also include Benediction and an opportunity for confession. More information, please contact Bruce Perry at 854-3674 or Debbie Bulger at 854-2425.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

St. Augustine's Sunday, Feb. 26: \$721.00
Cemetery Fund: \$250.00
Ash Wednesday—Bishop's Project: \$276.55
St. Anne's Sunday, Feb. 26: \$
Stella Maris Sunday, Feb. 26: \$1087.00
Ash Wednesday—Bishop's Project: \$549.00
Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers married couples the opportunity to spend time together away from the busyness of the world, and to focus on each other. It offers tools for building and maintaining a strong Christian marriage in today's world. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center, on April 7-9, 2016. To register contact renewmarriage@gmail.com or call 902-314-8541

"Canada Needs Our Lady" will be coming to PEI April 28-30. In honour of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima, this organization encourages people to say the Rosary by making home visits. So far there are 3 scheduled, 2 in Charlottetown and 1 in Wellington Station. During the visit they will do a presentation on Fatima, unveil the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and say the Rosary. They are seeing many conversions of people who have been away from the Church for a long time, returning to Confession and Mass. To have them visit your home contact: www.canadaneedsourlady.org

Martha Spirituality Centre (903-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca) **A 4-Week Lenten Retreat with the First Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius** begins Sunday, March 5 (information evening) and continues on the following 4 Sundays of March 12,19,26 and April 2 from 7-8:30. Need to register so texts can be ordered. Cost \$30. **Presentation By Dr. Gretchen MacLean**, a naturopath on Optimizing Your Brain Health on Thursday,