

The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
Fifth Sunday of Lent ☩ April 6, 2025

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 9am St. Anne's
Tuesday 9am St. Anne's Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's
Wednesday 9am Stella Maris
Thursday 9am St. Augustine's
Friday 9am St. Anne's
Saturday 8:30am Stella Maris Knights of Columbus
Saturday 4 pm Stella Maris for the people
Sunday 9:00 am St. Anne's
Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for Shane Arsenault
If there is a funeral at the parish where daily mass is offered, then mass at that parish will be cancelled on that day.

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Our Bulletin - www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php
Diocese of Charlottetown - www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com
Local Knights of Columbus - www.kofc9025.com and like us @ www.facebook.com/kofcrustico
Bulletin Announcements: Email notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call Francis @ 902-886-2761. Deadline for weekly bulletin is Thurs. at 4pm.

Stella Maris Ministries					
April 5	Joan Gallant	April 12	Eileen Gauthier	April 17	Faye Fyfe
April 18	Vern Buote	April 19	Lorraine Lemay	April 26	Joan Doiron
May 3	Andre Lavoie				

St. Anne's Ministries			
April			
Lector:	Lori Ann MacFarlene	Eucharistic Minister: Sam Vail	
Ushers:	Mike Doiron and Clifford Proctor		
Gifts to the Altar			
April 5	Ces Turcotte	April 13	Gerry and Grace Engen and Family
April 27	Julie Walsh and Family		

Holy Week Schedule
Holy Thursday: 4pm Stella Maris; 7pm St. Anne's followed by Eucharistic Adoration until midnight.
Good Friday (day of fast and abstinence): 1pm Stella Maris; 3pm St. Augustine's
Easter Vigil: 8:15pm St. Augustine's
Easter Sunday: 9:00 am St. Anne's, 10:30 am Stella Maris

Diocese Notices
Martha Spirituality Centre offering: Indigenous Teachings Book Studies, First Monday of the Month from 3:00 - 4:30 pm via Zoom. Facilitated by Donna McGreal. To Register and receive Zoom link email: concernedlaycatholics@gmail.com. Monday, April 7: "Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation" by Andrew Soho Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson.
The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebration on April 18. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support - Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada.
Wills, Estates, Power of Attorney and Health Care Decisions: Join us for a wealth of important legal information, especially of concern for seniors. Areas will include writing and updating your will, clarification of the roles of Trustees, Executors, Guardians and more. The importance of Writing and different types of 'Powers of Attorney', Preventing Financial and Legal abuse, Health Care rights and decisions. There will be an opportunity for general questions. This session, facilitated by Hannah Jones, is offered at The Living Well, 96 Patterson Drive on April 9, 1:30-3:30. A break with a snack is provided. To register email rmd17csm@gmail.com We are scent free There is no charge for this session however, you are welcome to bring a food item for our monthly in-house Food Bank.
Have you registered for Steubenville Atlantic? Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Steubenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at St. Mary's University, July 5-7. This year's theme is Consumed (Deut 2:24)! There are still spaces available for youth in grades 9-12 to register. Registration closes May 31. The cost is \$270. For more information contact your parish group leader, or visit <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/steubenville-atlantic/>
Pray a Novena for the intentions of youth in the diocese. The first Millennial saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis, is being canonized on April 27, 2025. Join the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office in praying a novena to Blessed Carlo for the intentions of the young people in our diocese. The novena will begin on Saturday, April 19th. More information and the prayers can be found at <https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/novena-for-young-people-in-the-diocese/>

Last Weeks Collections & Donations
St. Augustine's: \$906.50
Stella Maris: \$845.00
St. Anne's: \$830.00
Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!
Please consider including your Parish in your will.

OUR PRAYER LIST
Adrie, Giselle (Buote), Stacey Deveaux, Lou Doiron, Nicole Doiron, Shirley Doiron, Wayne Doiron, Audrey Gallant, James (Lynn) Gallant, James Gallant Jr, Jonathan Gallant, Todd Gallant, Nicky Garland, Lisa MacFadden, Rosie Pangman (Gallant), Freda Peters, Annette Pettit, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith, Tessa Stone, Dwayne Williams
To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact
Marion Murphy 902-621-0725
Angela Gallant 902-393-0960
Rose Gallant 902-963-3516

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada Solidarity Sunday Workshop, 2pm – 4pm, Sunday, April 6, St. Pius X Church, Parkdale featuring great speakers on Palestine, our programs in the Global South – 79 in 34 countries - and debt cancellation for poor countries during this Jubilee Year. Please give generously to the Share Lent Collection. Pope Francis asks us to “Turn Debt into Hope.”

Unit Notices

Family Faith Formation: We try hard to keep to a regular schedule. However, school breaks and holidays sometime force us to have our faith formation gathering on a different date. If weather and road conditions force us to cancel, an email will be sent out between 7 and 7:30am of the gathering Sunday. Here are the dates for the remainder of the year, April 13, May 25 and June 15. As always, the gatherings happen at 10am at St. Anne’s Church in Hope River. All children, parents and other interested people are more than welcome to attend.

Lenten Coffee House and Prayer Study: Our pastoral unit will be hosting a Coffee House at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and will run every Monday for the 7 weeks of Lent, finishing on April 14. The evening will allow for socialization over Coffee, tea and treats followed by a video presentation of “The Prayer Course”. The course is a video series by Pete Greig that discusses and dives deep into the "Lords Prayer" which was Jesus' response to the disciples when they asked him "Lord, teach us how to pray". This course will teach us how to pray as Jesus wanted us to. This is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life, whether you are new to the faith or have been a Christian for many years. The course is open to anyone with an interest in attending. Registration at 7:00pm.

Way of the Cross: During Lent the Way of the Cross will be held each week in our parishes. Stella Maris Wednesday after mass. St. Anne’s Monday after mass. St. Augustine’s Sunday at 9:45am.

Baby Bottle Campaign: PEI Life Association is holding its annual baby bottle campaign, Change 4 Life, from March 9 to April 13, to promote LIFE on PEI. Join us in helping advance the beauty of LIFE on PEI. Take a bottle at the back of the church, sign up bottle number and your name plus phone number put what you can in the bottle and return it on by Sunday April 13. There will be bottles at the entrance of our 3 churches.

Jubilee Year Happenings for St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit: The unit, with the support Fr. Albin and Sam Vail will be offering Eucharistic Adoration services on a weekly basis for the duration of the Jubilee Year. The services will run on Tuesdays. The schedule for the month of March at St. Anne's is as follows: April 8, April 15 and April 22 at 9am and April 29 at 7pm. If you have difficulty with transportation, please contact David Gallant at 902-963-3697.

St John Paul II Ladies Group welcome Seminarian Sam Vail as guest speaker April 8. Please join us for lunch at noon with a program and meeting to follow at Stella Maris Parish Hall.

Thanks all the people who offered prayers. Thanks to Father Albin and Sam for their visits and all the people who stopped in to visit while I was in the hospital. Thanks to all the people who sent cards, brought food and treats to the house also many phone calls. It was a long month, thanks again *Frank Doiron*.

Knights of Columbus monthly meeting: Saturday April 12 with Liturgy of the Word at 8:30am at Stella Maris in the sacristy, followed by breakfast at 9:00am and the meeting at 9:30. All men of good faith are welcome to attend.

St. Augustine’s Notices

Volunteers: If you or anyone in your family would like to volunteer for a church ministry we would love to hear from you! This includes lectors (French and/or English), ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers (adult and youth are welcome), choir members, greeters, and ushers. If you are unsure what to do, training can be provided. We are also in need of people willing to be trained on preparing the altar for Mass as well as being adult altar servers. Perhaps you are new to our parish or perhaps you just want to get more involved. Please call Anne-Marie Vessey at 902-964-3442. Being involved is the BEST way to get to know your parish family!

Flowers for Easter Vigil: The Easter Vigil is the happiest celebration in the liturgical year!!! We are celebrating it at St. Augustine’s this year. Our decorating committee always does an amazing job of making our church look beautiful. Parishioners can help by bringing bouquets of real flowers for the celebration. Since we don’t have Mass on Easter Sunday, the flowers could be taken home after the vigil. However, we need to know by April 13 if your intention is to bring some flowers. Please call or email or text Anne-Marie Vessey (amvessey@gmail.com or 902-394-2581).

St. Anne’s Notices

Live Streaming Mass Online: You can find it at https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live_videos

Rosary: St. Anne’s parish will be reciting the rosary at 8:30am on the last Sunday of each month.

Parish Annual Meeting: Our annual meeting will take place today, Wednesday April 9 at 7pm, all are welcome.

Stella Maris

A word of caution to anyone visiting cemetery dips in ground are very common and dangerous if stepped into. they are not very noticeable in most cases so proceed with care. *cemetery caretaker Ronnie*

Blessing of the Fishers: Blessing of the Fishers, with the Bishop presiding, will take place on April 10 at 10:30am. There will be a reception in the basement of Stella Maris following.

Church Cleaning for Easter: Our Church will be cleaned for Easter on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 9 AM. A large turnout of parishioners would be greatly appreciated. *Property and Finance Committee*

Community Notices

Star of the Sea Seniors Club: Coffee Break (10-11) every Tuesday. Stitch Group on Wednesdays 9:30 all year. For Club Rentals, please call Lorraine LeMay 902-360-2060.

The Cymbria Lions Club (2184 Church Road) is now designated by the provincial government as a reception centre. During times of an emergency when services are lost (think Hurricane Fiona), the club will offer warmth, water, wifi, and other services. For more info, please email info@cymbrialionsclub or call 902-963–2166.

Cribbage at Cymbria Lions club is on Thursday at 7pm. \$10 per person and bring a partner.

Community Yoga and Meditation Classes at the Star of the Sea Club: Mondays: Mat Yoga 10am. Mondays: Mindful Breathing Meditation 11:30am. Friday: Chair Yoga 10am. Contact: Paula Smith 1-782-234-5845 or itsall-yogaright@gmail.com.

Come join us at the Rustico Bay Seniors Center (55+) Coffee House Social each week on Wednesday 1 to 3 pm. We socialize, play games/cards, and some bring knitting projects with them/. other crafts. Love to see you this 2025!

Auction will be held at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club each Monday at 1pm. All card players are invited to attend. You do not need to bring a partner. Cost \$5 per person and there's a 50/50. For more information, please call Marina at 902 -626-5688.

Bingo: There’s a 50/50 Bingo at Cymbria Lions Club on Sunday April 6 at 1:30 pm. Bring your dabbers. All proceeds will go to QEH.

Rustico Bay Club Ceilidh and Dance with Kelly Buote on Saturday, April 5 at 8pm. Kelly, an accomplished musician and vocalist will entertain you with a bit of everything, from rock and roll and some of your country favorites. Doors open at 7:15 pm. At 2104 Church Rd.in Rustico. Admission \$12.