

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday June 22nd, 2025 –Body and Blood of Christ

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Churches & Mass Times

St. Anthony's Church

603 Union St.
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Saturdays at 4:00

St. Patrick's Church

31 Main St.
Stanley, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 9:00 AM

St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Tuesday June 24th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
George Mazerolle

Wednesday June 25th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Roger Roy

Thursday June 26th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Della Mayes

Friday June 27th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Michael Sacobie

Saturday June 28th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Volker VonWahl

Sunday June 29th 9:00 AM St. Patrick's
Gratitude to Saint Joaquim

Sunday June 29th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass For the People

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars
St. Theresa's CWL Twilight Retreat
Monday September 8th, 2025
St. Theresa's Church Hall



Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

June 15, 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$4,657	Offertory	\$4,657
Capital Infrastructure	15	Budget Needs	(5,471)
Diocesan Collections	30	Excess (Shortfall)	(814)
Other	1,322	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$6,024	Offertory	\$125,087
Parishioner (Avg.) Contribution		Budget Needs	(128,923)
Envelope & Auto Debit	\$ 24	Excess (Shortfall)	(3,836)
Budget Needs	\$ 39		
Avg. Weekly Shortfall	\$ (15)		

Contributions are Welcome at:
olpdonations@gmail.com

Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Keep up to date on all activities, news
and weather cancelations!



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

Ministry Schedule June 28th - June 29th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Emli Cabungal, Miguel & Andrea Yamane
Eucharistic Minister	Marg Anderson	Betty MacNeil & Marg Anderson
Lector	Kelly Bowlen	Lesley Lawlor & Joey LeBoutillier
Sacristan	Mary Feener	Bud Trevors

Our Lady of Peace Parish Adoration Schedule

Thursdays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church before 12:00 pm Mass *

Fridays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church before 10:00 am *

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) * If Mass is cancelled so, is Adoration.

Summer Office Hours

To accommodate Irene's holidays the office will be closed on Mondays for the remainder of June until September 9th. Also closed on Fridays for the month of July and August.



Thank you to all who donated bread in recognition of the Feast of St. Anthony. Through your generosity, we were able to provide 74 loaves of bread to Greener Village Food Bank in Fredericton and 18 loaves of bread to the Just Friends Food Bank in Stanley.

Special Diocesan Collection In this Jubilee Year, marking the 170th anniversary of our beloved mother church, we give thanks for the ongoing renewal and revitalization at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

To help support this important work, our annual Cathedral Restoration Collection will be taken on the weekend of Corpus Christi, June 21–22, 2025. Use the envelopes in your box sets, white envelopes marked "Cathedral Restoration," or visit <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>

St Anthony's Cemetery Clean Up / Maintenance Day

When: Saturday, June 28/2025 Time : 9am - 11am

Members of the Knights of Columbus have offered their services to volunteer with the Clean UP and *ON-GOING maintenance in the cemetery*. *Extra help would be much appreciated for the following tasks, grass seeding as required, leveling/straighten headstone, opening/closing for a cremation burial and any other related work. We have some tools on site. If you have your own (rake /shovel/working gloves) please bring.*

REMINDER: *Every Monday morning, roughly 8am until 11am we continue with the ON-GOING maintenance in the cemetery. We are always looking for extra help AND would be much appreciated. Any questions, please contact me. Thanks in advance, Ron Daigle (506) 282-0226*

Camp Sheldrake Sponsorship ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish is pleased to be able to sponsor up to 3 children/youth who are part of our faith formation programs to attend Camp Sheldrake (Miramichi, NB) this summer. Applications can be found on our parish website. For more information about Camp Sheldrake and their programs please visit www.campsheldrake.ca. This opportunity is made possible by a generous offer from a parishioner.

Director of Faith Formation

With much discernment and prayer, Patty Cameron submitted her resignation from her position as director of Faith Formation for Our Lady of Peace Parish and St. Mary Magdalene Parish as of June 13th.

Patty has done an incredible job over the years providing and coordinating quality Catholic programs, events, and celebrations for all ages and every stage of one's faith journey. She has been diligent in supporting our catechists in their journey, prepared many parishioners for the sacraments, and has served on the many ministries in our churches.

Patty was first employed with St. Theresa's parish in 2007 and has been a strong and valuable leader through the transition to Our Lady of Peace Parish in 2018. She continued her work through changes and challenges that we have faced, always working with the best interest of Our Lady of Peace parish as a whole community in mind. Along the way she has planted seeds of discipleship in our community and is a testament to the vibrant parish we have become. As she steps away from this ministry, we wish her peace and much deserved time to nurture her own faith in our faith community.

Please join us at St. Theresa's Hall following the Mass on Sunday on July 6th and show her our appreciation.

Thank You for Supporting Our Youth! We are incredibly grateful for your generous support in helping offset the cost for youth in our diocese to attend Steubenville Atlantic. Thanks to your contributions and the hard work of our young people through fundraising, we're excited to share that two busloads of youth will be heading to Halifax this July! How Can You Continue to Help? 1. Join us in prayer! Let's lift up all the youth attending Steubenville Atlantic by joining a 14-day prayer campaign starting June 27. We'll be praying together through the Hallow App, interceding for a powerful and faith-filled weekend. Register here: hallow.app.link/6VcJtKkdSTb Sign up now to receive daily updates and reminders directly to your phone through the app. 2. Continue to support financially - Donations are still being accepted to help cover remaining costs for those needing some financial assistance. You can give online through the Diocese website by visiting: www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations Please indicate your donation is for Steubenville Atlantic.

Sincere thanks to Father Maria and the congregation of St. Patrick's for hosting the Baccalaureate Service for the 2025 graduates of Stanley Consolidated School. Your warm hospitality is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to accompanist Patricia Merrill, and to the choir for their beautiful anthem. Sandra MacBean, Service Co-ordinator

Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré:

Pastoral Council is in the planning stages for a pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré and Quebec City, September 18th to 21st 2025. We will be holding an information meeting at St. Theresa's church hall Tuesday July 29th for all those interested in joining the pilgrimage

Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John:

The Diocese of Saint John has invited Our Lady of Peace Parishioners to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral on designated First Saturday September 6th, for the celebration of Mass, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, veneration of relics, historical tours, and special Jubilee prayers and reflections. Pastoral Council has booked a bus for parishioners, which need transportation for the pilgrimage. More information will follow.

Our Sacred Stories

Eucharist: Real Presence, Freedom and Sacrifice

Seven years ago, our world entered the experience of Covid-19. Among other things, this world-wide epidemic forced us into isolation and disrupted social structures and behaviour around the globe. The epidemic took many lives and interrupted normal living patterns. Few would want to repeat the experience.

Covid-19, as awful as it was, however, left us something positive. Measures to address the disease called for community cooperation in avoiding or mitigating its spread. The same willingness to cooperate, resulted in a vaccine that was produced in record time through a science that was built on collaborative work, rather than through competition, at least in some measure. Humanity behaved with a vision of solidarity and compassion that allowed a broader world view to mark the response to the disease. Community is important. We experience this in many aspects of life, not least in our Catholic faith tradition.

Every time we come together for Eucharist, we begin our gathering in the same way. First of we make the sign of the cross that represents the faith we share in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. That is what draws us together as one community. Then the priest/presider will say: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be/is with you all.* In response the gathered community will say: *And with you/your spirit.* What are we saying?

What the priest is saying is that in the gathered community we see the *Real Presence of Christ*. The people's response acknowledges that the same *Real Presence of Christ* is in the priest/presider as well. As Jesus tells his disciples: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among you.* (Matt 18:20) The *Real Presence of Christ* is not only under the form of bread and wine. It is in the assembly around us as we celebrate together, walk together, share together and commit ourselves to sharing and sacrificing for each other. We are the *Real Presence of Christ* for our world.

Sacrifice is often a hard work for us. It presents us with challenges. It forces us to make choices. Yet, *sacrifice* also brings meaning to our lives and offers us opportunities to make commitments which are both meaningful and the way to fulfillment. We humans are naturally disposed to *sacrifice*, for it is an expression of one of our most wonderful human traits – we are basically free. We can make choices and even challenging, demanding choices and sacrifices for others, beyond ourselves to the community.

Sacrifice is what we hear of in this Sunday's readings. In the Gospel (Luke 9:11-17) we hear the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 with five loaves and two fish. No matter how, it is a wonder. Some would read this story literally, and in this way see Jesus using power to multiply a little available food so that there was enough to feed multitude. Others might read it differently. Perhaps it is a story with even greater meaning.

The story can be seen as representing Jesus' whole person and message as well as what Jesus is able to draw out of people. Humanly, when we lack or have little, we sometimes draw back into ourselves to protect our own resources, whether that be food or time or energy or whatever. By nature, we take care of ourselves. But not always, often we make sacrifices reaching out to others, responding to need, to the community of which we are a part.

The 5000 are seated in groups. Jesus takes the bread and fish, says a prayer of blessing, breaks the food up and asks the disciples to set it before the crowd. What has taken place is very much in keeping with what Jesus often causes as he announces the Reign of God. In the Reign people look after one another. People share what they have with one another. Their care reflects God's care and compassion.

The *sacrifice* we witness in our sharing of the Eucharist expresses a basic truth of our faith. Eucharist is more than a sharing of Jesus' physical body and blood. In following Jesus' call: "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor.11:24) we imitate him. And what Jesus *sacrificed* was more than his physical existence. It was his whole person and life. Eucharist is our expression of commitment and willingness to *sacrifice* for the Reign, to *sacrifice* for one another. For we are the *Real Presence of Christ*.

John Jennings

Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord