

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday July 20th, 2025 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Churches & Mass Times



St. Anthony's Church

603 Union St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Saturdays at 4:00

Mass Time Sundays at 9:00 AM

Copies of Fr. John's reflections available at each church

St. Patrick's Church

31 Main St.

Stanley, NB

St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars

St. Theresa's CWL Twilight Retreat

Monday September 8th, 2025

St. Theresa's Church Hall

Tuesday July 22nd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Prayers for Kyle Smith

Wednesday July 23rd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

For Answered Prayers

Thursday July 24th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Stephen Read

Friday July 25th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Lee Brewer

Saturday July 26th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Gerry Arsenault

Sunday July 27th 9:00 AM St. Patrick's

Mass for the People

Sunday July 27th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

George Mazerolle

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Jul 6, 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$5,002	Offertory	\$5,002
Capital Infrastructure	185	Budget Needs	(5,471)
Diocesan Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	(468)
Other	50	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$5,237	Offertory	\$146,752
Parishioner (Avg.) Contribution		Budget Needs	(150,805)
Envelope & Auto Debit	\$ 44	Excess (Shortfall)	(4,053)
Budget Needs	\$ 47		
Avg. Weekly Shortfall	\$ (3)		

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 July 26th- July 27th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Emli Cabungal & Miguel and Andea Yamane
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Donna Duffy-Searle & Mary Billings
Lector	Juanita Rose	Betty MacNeil & Ryan Joy
Sacristan	Mary Feener	Mary Fitzpatrick

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 and Fridays until September 9th.



St. Theresa's CWL are pleased to announce the two successful recipients of the two **\$1000.00 Bursaries.**

Karen Jimenez Barrientos & Payton Grace Murdock

Both ladies are accepted at the University of New Brunswick. Best wishes on your future studies.

Note from Pastoral Council:

This being the Jubilee Year of Hope there have been many extra activities and events that Pastoral council have committed to; therefore, we have decided to not have the large Our Lady of Peace Feast Day Celebration this year. We are looking at various other ways to bring our community together in celebration at different times during the year. We would like to thank everyone who worked to plan, arrange and facilitate the celebrations in the past, and look forward to organizing our next social gathering. We wish you all relaxation and enjoyment in the blessings of summer.

The St. Anthony's Cemetery would like to send a huge thank you to Lawrence Holleran along with the Johnson Ave Senior Wood Working Group for making a new frame for our updated sign. Much appreciated, **Thank You.**

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.

Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré:

Pastoral council is in the planning stages for a pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Quebec City, September 18th to 21st 2025. We will be holding an information session at St. Theresa's church hall Tuesday July 29th at 6:30pm 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Fredericton

Full-time Experienced Person \$30,000 - \$50,000 / year

We have an opening for an Administrative Assistant and are offering a competitive salary and benefits package. The position is full-time, 35 hours per week. Work hours are 9:00 to 5:00 Monday-Friday, with an hour for lunch, occasional extra hours as necessary.

Duties include reception, communication (i.e. social media, website management, bulletins), and general office responsibilities. Skills required include interpersonal communication, advanced computer proficiency, intimate knowledge of MS Office products, and working with database software. Must be highly organized and able to multi-task and work independently in an environment subject to frequent interruptions. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Please submit resume by July 25 to office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Diocese of Saint John

NOW HIRING – DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR: The Diocese of Saint John is seeking a dynamic and mission-driven Development Coordinator to join our diocesan team. This new, full-time position will play a key role in building a culture of generosity and stewardship in support of the Church's mission across our diocese. If you or someone you know is passionate about the Catholic faith, experienced in fundraising or donor relations, and eager to help strengthen the Church's mission through development work, we invite you to learn more. For details or to apply, visit www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org or email hr@dioceseofsaintjohn.org. Applications will be reviewed beginning July 18 and will remain open until the position is filled.

Happy Birthday to John Giovannetti



**Member of the
St. Anthony's Elite 90's Club**

Our Sacred Stories

Living Faith in the Midst of Our World

Over the years, I have cycled often, in many places and with many friends. One of my most interesting companions was a couple who had a bicycle-built-for-two. They were delightful to travel with. He always took the front seat and steered; she sat on the back. There was one element of their cycling that was quite striking. On the road there was a frequent complaint voiced by the husband: "You're not pedaling, I'm doing all the work". The scene is not unique.

The Gospel of Luke tells a story of Jesus as he visits the house of two sisters, Martha and Mary (Lk. 10:38-42). Martha welcomes him into the home and works hard at being a hospitable hostess, seeing that he is comfortable, fed and generally looked after. Meanwhile, her sister Mary simply sits and listens to Jesus. When Martha asks Jesus to tell Mary to assist her in serving. Jesus tells Martha that her sister "has chosen the better part".

I must confess that I am sometimes a bit disappointed by this response on the part of Jesus. Martha seems to be doing all the work, Mary simply sits. How many times in our lives have we heard brothers and sisters contesting with "he's not helping, I have to do it all by myself". When have we found ourselves in work situations where most of the team tasks seem to have fallen on one or two persons. In classes where there is a team project, one of the frequent student complaints is directed at the team member who appears to be contributing very little effort. Martha has found herself in this situation.

The Franciscan spiritual writer Richard Rohr has a daily online article on lived spirituality which he entitles: "Contemplation and Action". The title reflects the integrity of spirituality. Spirituality is not something apart from our human experience, our lives. In fact, it is a key element of our lives. Too often we struggle to bring the spirit into normal and everyday life. We create a divide between the spirit and the material. This dichotomy or division does no justice to either our lives or our faith and spirituality.

Perhaps, Jesus is leading us to see the situation differently. It may well be that the story in Luke can lead us to see our communities of life – parishes, work, schools, neighbourhoods in a new way, a way that can be very lifegiving for all. Faith and spirituality are meant to be lived amid all our other relationships and experiences. Our Christian faith, in particular honours this integrity with humanity and life.

A huge piece of our faith rests on the Incarnation – Jesus the Christ lies at the centre for us. This is the point of what John tells us in the Prologue of his Gospel: *The Word was made flesh; he lived among us* (1:14). John's words, reflect a foundation for our faith. Our Catholic tradition constantly celebrates this foundation in our sacraments. We acknowledge the goodness, holiness and wonder of God's creation in our use of material things to focus on the spirit of God in action among us.

Jesus' response to Martha might lead us to see that any community, team or household calls for great sharing of each person's energies and gifts with others. Martha's gift was her action and energy; Mary's was her engagement with Jesus. Both were required for a full expression of love and hospitality.

Our faith and our tradition express the same breadth of vision. We are a Christian community living in the world. This is a world that deserves to affect and be affected by our spirituality, our prayer and our action. We are not called as disciples to flee the world. Nor are we called to fear the world; or to dismiss the significance of our humanity or the material creation in which we live.

Both Martha and Mary have something to teach us about ourselves and our faith. Our Catholic tradition of spirituality is not a flight from the world, but an engagement with the Creation in which God's love has placed us. Theologian, Thomas Groome captured this in what he called "The sacramental principle": *God is present to humankind, we respond to God's grace through the ordinary and everyday of life in the world.* Groome goes on to point out: *Life in the world is sacramental – the medium of God's outreach and of human response.* (Groome. What Makes Us Catholic 2002 84,85).

John Jennings