Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday November 9, 2025 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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

Tuesday Nov 11th No Mass Wednesday Nov 12th 10:00 am St. Anthony's Alice Giovannetti Thursday Nov 13th 12:00 .pm St. Theresa's Patricia Coughlan Friday Nov 14th 10:00 am St. Anthony's Deceased Members of the Elite 90's Club Saturday Nov 15th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's Mira Tolentino Sunday Nov 16th 9:00 am St. Patrick's Linda Sales McAloon



St. Theresa's Church 1 Williams Street Fredericton, NB Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM



Season 5 of "The Chosen" Postponed to Thursday Nov 13th This week only

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November 2nd 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$7,625	Offertory	\$7,625
Capital Infrastructure	850	Budget Needs	(5,471)
Diocesan Collections	30	Excess (Shortfall)	2,154
Other	350	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$8,855	Offertory	\$233.800

Budget Needs

Excess (Shortfall)

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Sunday Nov 16th 11:00 am St. Theresa's Mass For the People

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Contributions are Welcome at: olpdonations@gmail.com

Parishioner (Avg.) Contribution

Envelope & Auto Debit

Budget Needs

Answer to Security Question is: ourladyofpeace

(238, 335)

(4,535)

Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

Ministry Schedule November 15th- November 16th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality Bonnie Bowlen Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford,

Tom & Nate VanLeeuwen, Daren Richard &

Marilyn Brennan

Eucharistic Minister Theresa Donaher Donna Duffey-Searle & Christopher Durieu

Lector Paul Ryan Betty MacNeil & Marilyn Brennan

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.

Nicene Creed – The Jubilee Year coincides with the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea (325 AD), which gave us the Nicene Creed—our foundational profession of faith. The Diocese has encouraged our communities in praying the Nicene Creed especially during these times when our culture is confused and searching for truth. We will be saying the Nicene Creed during our Sunday masses for the remainder of the Jubilee Year, which ends on December 28.

Family Faith Formation Because faith grows with those who are closest to us, Our Lady of Peace Parish offers "Family Style" Faith Formation for families with children in kindergarten to Grade 7. Families attending St. Patrick's Church are invited to contact Laura Horsley for Family Faith Formation and 1st Eucharist Preparation options.



Books of Remembrance ~ During the month of November we pray for all our deceased loved ones and friends. We invite you to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in our Books of Remembrance available in our three parish churches starting November 1st. By writing their names, they will be remembered and prayed for at every mass throughout November.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

A journey in faith formation for adults wanting to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. To learn more about the Catholic faith and/or want to complete the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist (First Holy Communion). We invite anyone who would like to join this journey to contact Wesley Deane at wesleymdeane@gmail.com (506) 260-6247.

<u>The Parish Directories are Now Available.</u> Individuals who participated in the scheduled photo sessions with the photographer are eligible to receive a complimentary directory. Those who submitted a photograph may purchase a directory from the Parish Office for \$20.00. If you possess a directory but did not participate in a photo session, please either return it to your church or contact the Parish Office regarding purchase options.

The Sunday Missals "Living with Christ" 2025-2026 are available at each of the churches. Cost is \$5.00 each

Season 5 of "The Chosen" Cancelled on Nov 11th due to Remembrance Day

CWL Executive Meeting will be held Thursday November 27, 2025 @ 12:30 in the Old Rectory Room



Happy Birthday to our latest member of St. Anthony's Elite 90's Club Anita White November 14th

Without engagement, there is no growth!

We are all called to the mission of building a community that nourishes faith, honors the dignity of every person, and reaches out in love to those in need. Together, as a faith-filled community rooted in service, prayer, and fellowship, we will answer God's call. Your parish invites you to reflect on how you can share your time and talents to help our parish grow and thrive in our call to mission.

Donated Items Notice

Over the past few months, our parish has become a drop-off location for various donated items, including books, religious articles, clothing, and plants. While we deeply appreciate the generosity of our community, we currently have limited staff, volunteers, and storage space to manage unrequested donations.

We kindly ask that you **refrain from leaving items** at the parish unless they have been **specifically requested** for an outreach initiative.

If you have items you'd like to donate, we encourage you to consider Greener Village's Unique Boutique, located at 686 Riverside Dr., or Mission Thrift Store, located at 387 Sunset Dr. either, would gratefully accept your contributions. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

SILENT RETREAT - We are happy to invite you once again to our annual silent Eucharistic retreat organized by the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Society. The retreat will be held November 28th-30th at the Villa Madonna and will be led by Father Owen Burns. Cost for the weekend is \$275 (Friday night to Sunday), which includes all meals. A \$55 deposit is required to reserve your spot. For questions, or to register, please contact Nathalie at 506-343-0128 or Rhoda at dooloo_flood@hotmail.com.



Sanctuary Lamps Burn This Week for

+ Ronnie Richard + Deceased Members of + Allen Family +
St. Theresa's Church
Offered by Family

Deceased Members of + Allen Family +
St. Anthony's Church
Offered by Sue Allen

Ministry for Divorced Catholics and Declaration of Nullity Process The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth encourages anyone with questions about the declaration of nullity (sometimes called annulment) to contact the Marriage Tribunal Office at 902-429-9800 ext. 321 or visit "Marriage Tribunal" under "Pastoral Services" at www.halifaxyarmouth.org.

Community Events

The gift shop at **Nashwaak Villa** operated by volunteers, with proceeds for the benefit of the residents. There is always a market for dish cloths, so if you enjoy knitting or crocheting these, and would like to donate some for us to sell, it would be appreciated. We also need volunteers to keep the shop open. If interested in either of these appeals, please contact Sandra MacBean (367-2163).

<u>Gerry and Anita White</u>, esteemed members of St. Anthony's Elite 90s Club, will be jointly celebrating their birthdays and hosting an Open House on November 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Willie O'Ree Place. Guests are respectfully invited to attend and offer their best wishes.

Our Great Stories -

Our Covenant of Love, Our Relationship with God and Others

Jesus was born into Judaism, his disciples were Jewish, and the first generations of Christians came largely from Judaism. As well, they continued to see themselves as an expression of Judaism. It is no surprise then that the New Testament has frequent references to Judaism. Jesus often refers to the Old Testament - to the prophets, to the psalms and to the stories of Israel's history. His prayer was in the Jewish tradition and his mission, God's call, is tied to Israel's history. His role was as the expected messiah, leading to a new, fulfilled Kingdom of God.

God's relationship with Israel was marked by God's love for them as His people. The words of the Old Testament prophets express this relationship and its closeness on many occasions. The prophet Ezekiel expresses this love as a great hope and promise. Even during exile and divisions, God remained with them. Though they had their struggles, God's loving promise did not wane. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; ... Then you shall live in the land that I gave your ancestors; and you shall be my people and will be your God (Ezek.36:26-28).

Christianity grew out of Jewish roots. Israel's story is our story. We can see this origin in the Old Testament, and we can recognize it reflected in the New Testament. Even our prayer tradition and our liturgies have roots in the forms of prayer and communal celebrations of Israel.

Israel saw itself in a covenant relationship. God called them as a people to be God's own. They in return lived according to the law and in doing so, they had a fuller, happier life as special to God and caring for each other. Like all covenants or alliances, each side promised something to the other in exchange for their bond with each other. That is, they appear to be *bargaining*. But can this happen between two very unequal parties? In this case, the relationship between God and Israel is unequal – between the divine and the human.

The covenant of the Old Testament is also in fact unusual. The relationship results from the gift of God's love to this People. Over the course of the Old Testament, we learn of this quality of gift repeatedly. No matter how many times Israel drifted from God, God continued to reach out in love for them. As unequal as the covenant relationship might, it in fact unusual, dependent on God love.

In John's Gospel we find a story of Jesus as a good practicing Jew visiting the Temple in Jerusalem (John 2:13-22). This is not the only reference to the Temple in the Gospels. It was the center of Jewish worship. It was a place of sacrifice and prayer. Even more significantly the Temple was a concrete sign that God lived among the People of God, a place where Israel felt assured of God's presence with them. The Gospel accounts point out that this all came together for the disciples after the Resurrection. Jesus then, becomes the sign of God's loving presence among us. He represents a new way of seeing our relationship with God. God's care and love is not dependent on what we offer to God. It is not affected by sacrifices we might present. It is not the result of bargaining with God. Our relationship with God is a free and unconditional gift from God. We do not have to earn or win God's love, and we cannot lose it. It is always there for us. This is a remarkable discovery, a great surprise.

The great expression of God's love comes in the New Testament, with Jesus. Jesus proclaims it a little further on in John's Gospel as describes Jesus in conversation with a Pharisee named Nicodemus. He says to Nicodemus: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16).

The piece we hear today in the Gospel reading comes earlier in the Gospel, but it presents that same core element of our faith. Jesus is the sign of God's loving presence for us, the new Temple. Our relationship is not based on our doing something for God. It is not dependent on sacrifice or offering. It is not affected by how we keep rules or commands. It is not the result of some arrangement arrived at by bargaining with God. It is in fact a gift of God's unconditional love, a love we do not win, and we cannot lose. Paul makes this more personal for us: *Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?... For you are God's temple and you are that temple* (1 Cor 3:16-17). Our covenant is gift, a gift we are called to share with others.

Q/ How might accepting that God loves me unconditionally, affect the way I live?

John Jennings

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Home Church of the Bishop of Rome)