

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

BULLETIN

Sunday, April 25, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Easter

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CHURCHES & MASS TIMES



St. Anthony's Church

603 Union St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Saturdays at 4:00 pm



St. Patrick's Church

31 Main St.

Stanley, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 8:45 am



St. Theresa's Church

1 William St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursdays

Alpha Course Online

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 27th 10:00 am – St. Anthony's Church

Kenneth McAllister

Wednesday, April 28th 12:00 pm – St. Theresa's Church

Rita Pelletier

Thursday, April 29th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

Yvonne McAllister

Friday, April 30th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

Avelin Galien

Saturday, May 1st 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Bertha Buyting

Sunday, May 2nd 8:45 pm - St. Patrick's Church

Jeannie Flynn

Sunday, May 2nd 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Aubrey Lavelle

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory - April 18, 2021

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| Sunday Contributions: | \$3,180.00 |
| Auto Debit (average): | <u>\$1,982.00</u> |
| Total: | \$5,162.00 |
| Weekly Budget Needs: | \$5,400.00 |
| Excess (Shortfall) | (\$ 238.00) |
| Capital Infrastructure: | \$ 87.00 |
| Special Collections: | \$ 25.00 |
| Other: | \$ 232.00 |

Year-to-Date

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| Offertory: | \$ 76,597.00 |
| Budget Needs: | <u>\$ 86,400.00</u> |
| Excess (Shortfall): | (\$ 9,803.00) |

Information inquires should be directed to:

Frank O'Donnell 472-0145
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)

Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that you do, THANK YOU!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Last Live Streamed Mass
Sunday, April 25th

We know that many individuals and families have remained connected with our parish community over the last year through Mass on Facebook Live and posted on our website, unfortunately, due to limited resources we regret to announce that the last live stream of our Sunday Mass will take place Sunday, April 25th.

To maintain this ministry would require 3 to 4 volunteers to learn the simple procedure of live streaming Mass. If you are able to help us to continue to offer this option to your community, please contact Fr. Maria (444-6010) to volunteer.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN CHURCH PARKING LOTS

To provide Communion to those parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person we will have distribution of Holy Communion Sundays at:

St. Theresa's Church after the 11:00 am Mass to 12:15 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Thursdays 9:30 at St. Anthony's Church
Fridays 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church
Wednesdays 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

** if there is no weekday Mass on Thursday or Friday, Adoration is also cancelled.*



Remember Someone with a Mass Intention

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according the rubrics of the Church for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. These special intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. If you would like to book a Mass intention to remember a loved one or for a special intention at any of our three parish churches, please contact Irene at the parish office at 444-6010.

Welcome to the Table

This weekend a number of young members of our community are taking a significant step in their faith journey. Sunday at the 4:00 pm Family Mass we welcome them among us and celebrate that they are joining us around the Table of the Lord for the first time.

Celebrating 1st Eucharist the Weekend

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| Andrew Armstrong | Lilah Arsenault |
| Ryker Bergin | Victoria Bogan |
| Isabella Burns | Vladd Gabe |
| Everleigh Locke-Ward | Leah Moore |
| Mitchel O'Keefe | Logan Seeley |
| Noah VanLeeuwen | |

*We hold them and their families
in our prayer and our hearts.*

PARISH GIVING

In addition to our parish envelope and auto debit program, parishioners are able to use E-Transfers for their parish giving.

E-Transfers can be done through on-line banking with your financial institution. Please send to **olpdonations@gmail.com**. If you need to add a secure question, please use:

- "What is this donation for?" and the answer "ourladyofpeace"

Envelopes can be dropped off at the pastoral center at 603 Union St. There is a mail slot in the door at the backdoor. Please do not leave envelopes in the mailbox at the front door.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office for assistance.



Do you have a vision for a parish community that is active, growing, inclusive, and vibrant?

If so... we want you on our team! Our Lady of Peace Pastoral Council is asking that each parishioner take some time over the next few months to discern and consider offering their talents, ideas, and time to our parish by putting your name forward for a position on Pastoral Council. We are looking forward to having some in person information sessions early in the fall, stay tuned for more information!



Mother's Day Basket Draw

This Mother's Day Parish Nursing is having a FREE draw for a gift basket to show some love for all the women in our parish. The draw is FREE to enter. Ballots can be found in our three parish churches, just fill one out and place in a collection basket or you can call Vicky at 454-8538 to have your name added to the draw. Please only one ballot per person.

Online Yoga ~ SMondays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom. Anyone interested to join can contact Emma at eecout@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

Fredericton Indoor Pool ~ If you would like to use our Parish Nursing program to access adult only swim times at the indoor pool please contact Vicky Knight at 454-8538 or by email at vicky.knight@bellaliant.net to book your swim time.

Knitting Class via ZOOM ~ We are looking to see if there is interest in knitting classes delivered via Zoom beginning in September. If anyone is interested please contact Vicky Knight at 454-8538 or e-mail vicky.knight@bellaliant.net

Home Repairs ~ Adopt a Grandparent/Elder Fredericton (AGE) a free not for profit service in Fredericton pairing older and younger adult volunteers for mutual benefit and support is very pleased to offer a new service to low income seniors in the Fredericton region. We have a new volunteer who has 40 years of career experience in building and home maintenance including plumbing, electrical, and carpentry. He is willing to help low income seniors with small to medium household repair projects. He will supply tools but recipients must supply materials. If you or someone you know could use some help please call us at 2616551 or email adoptanelder@outlook.com.

Do you have a love of decorating? Would you be willing to share your talents in creating inviting, welcoming and prayerful spaces at St. Theresa's Church? Please contact Rochelle Ivey (451-7221), Patty Cameron (444-6070) or Fr. Maria (444-6010).

50/50 FUNDRAISER

Parish Fundraiser! The parish is having a fundraiser to support the individual building funds for each our parish churches. Three 50/50 Boards will be drawn over the next 4 to 5 weeks. Each board will have a \$500 winner! There are 100 squares per board at a cost of \$10 per square. To buy your square please call Irene at 444-6010. (NB Lotter Permit #362206)

Thank you! 😊

Our Religious Formation programs for Kindergarten to Grade 8 and Confirmation Preparation are wrapping up this weekend. A huge thank you to the catechists and volunteers who have made offering programs and Family Masses during this difficult year possible. Thank you to all the families who participated in our programs online and attended Family Masses. Thank you for your patience as we figured out the online elements and when we experienced technical glitches. The efforts on everyone's part this year have allowed the parish to maintain strong connections to our families. Thank you!

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Join the Conversation: The Atlantic Association of Catholic Youth Ministers is seeking young people aged 12-24 to join a series of virtual conversations via Zoom. These sessions will begin in May and will be an opportunity for young people to talk about issues important to them and how we as a faith community can respond to them. For more information contact Margot at fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or 444-6025.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 27TH TO MAY 2ND

| St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 10:00 am | | St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 12:00 pm | |
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| Screeners/Ushers | John Walsh Merla Spires | Mary Billings Betty Flanagan | |
| Lector | John Walsh | Gisele Weatherhead | |
| St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am | | St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm | |
| Screeners/Ushers | Sue Inkster Ken Harris | Janet Matheson | |
| Lector | Ken Harris | Leonce Savoie | |
| St. Anthony's – Saturday 4:00 pm | | St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am | |
| Screeners/Ushers | Greg Feener Bonnie Bowlen Vicky Knight | Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford Ed Theriault Betty MacNeil Allison Wrynn | |
| Lector | Sr. Karen Kelly | Ed Theriault | |

Our Sacred Stories

An Easter People in the Midst of the World of Creation

Even beyond the Feast of Easter, we are an “Easter People” living an incarnational faith in the midst of our world. At the center or core of our faith lie two great mysteries: the Incarnation and the Resurrection. These two great truths stand at the center of our creeds: *I believe.... In Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary... was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven... (Apostles' Creed).*

Two particular passages of our Christian scriptures capture these two key tenets of our faith. The significance of the Incarnation is proclaimed in the Gospel of John: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life” (Jn.3:16). Fundamental to our Christian faith is that God loves us. Right from the very beginning, from the very act of creation, God has expressed this love in life-giving (Genesis ch.1). The Incarnation is a wondrous proclamation of God’s continuous and unconditional love. God has entered into our humanity sharing life with us in the person of Jesus the Christ. The community of love we see in the Trinity has overflowed into our humanity.

The centrality of the Resurrection is expressed in Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians: “If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation [of the Gospel] has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.... If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (1 Cor.15:14, 17). To believe in the Resurrection is to believe in the unconditional love of our God. The Risen Jesus, is the full expression of God’s compassionate love. Even death cannot erase, hinder or halt it.

It is not without significance that John’s Gospel for this Sunday in the Easter season focuses on the image of the Good Shepherd (Jn.10:11-18). Like the disciples who witnessed to the Resurrection, it draws us into the relationship or communion we share with the Jesus of our faith. Like the disciples too, the image of the Good Shepherd reveals the close bond we hold with this Jesus.

While many of our churches, our gathering places, are dominated by the crucifix behind the altar, occasionally we come upon a few which express the meaning of the sacrifice on the Cross, that is the sign of God’s constant, life-giving love in the Resurrection.

In the Easter event of the resurrection, there is an assertion that this steadfast love of God has a capacity to do something remarkable. The disciples came to recognize that Jesus who has laid down his life for them has been raised to new life. Such is the love that God has for us, that it has the capacity to transform death into life. The risen Jesus becomes of the revelation of this life-giving love in the midst of all humanity.

It is no accident that the earliest Christian artistic representations of Jesus were as the Good Shepherd. John’s Gospel reveals how wide is this compassionate love of God:

I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

As Jesus lays down his life for his disciples, it is for a much broader circle – for all humanity. The life-giving love of God is to reach to the ends of the earth. This is truly Good News for all, for we all share the bond of God’s love as Easter People.