

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, March 15th - 3rd Sunday of Lent

PASTORAL OFFICE

603 Union St., Fredericton, NB E3A 3N5

Tel: (506) 444-6010

PRIEST: Fr. Martin Arputham, HGN

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Patty Cameron **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Irene Jewett

Parish Email: parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 17th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's
Leonard Dionne

Wednesday, March 18th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Michael Cunningham

Thursday, March 19th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's
Penny Guitard

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory - March 8, 2020

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,496.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,743.00</u>
Total:	\$5,239.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,860.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 621.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 190.00
Special Collections:	\$ 25.00
Other:	\$ 245.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$54,849.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$58,600.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 3,751.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:

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

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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



@Ourladyofpeaceparishfredericton

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL

As we continue our journey as Our Lady of Peace Parish, and recognizing that we are one parish, Pastoral Council has approved a change to the reporting of the weekly collection in the bulletin. Commencing this weekend, the weekly collection reporting in the bulletin will be shown as a single total for the Parish rather than by individual church site. The weekly reporting will continue to show the sources of collections, ie from Sunday envelopes, auto debit and for capital infrastructure, special collections, etc, but as a parish total. This practice is in keeping with Diocesan guidelines on financial reporting.



Holy Thursday, April 9th

7:00 pm at St. Theresa's

Good Friday, April 10th

12:00 pm at St. Anthony's

3:00 pm at St. Theresa's

5:00 pm at St. Patrick's

Easter Vigil, April 11th

6:30 pm at St. Anthony's

8:30 pm at St. Patrick's

Easter Sunday, April 12th

11:00 am at St. Theresa's

Syrian Refugee Sponsorship ~ At the last Pastoral Council meeting it was decided that we will begin working towards the sponsorship of a Syrian refugee. This individual already has a family on Fredericton's northside, and the parish is hoping to develop a settlement team to work towards this end goal with the help of volunteers. As this gentleman already has accommodations pre-arranged and a small support system in place, the time and financial requirements from volunteers and the parish would be less extensive than with a traditional settlement process. We are looking for volunteers to help with: Fundraising, Communications, Documentation. If interested, please call Patty Cameron at 444-6070.

COVID-19 UPDATE

March 13, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

In light of the continued spread of Covid-19, and of the advice being given by provincial health authorities to limit gatherings of people to no more than 150, in order to protect the vulnerable among us, the Catholic bishops of New Brunswick have decided unanimously to cease the celebration of all Saturday evening and Sunday Masses in all four New Brunswick dioceses until further notice beginning next weekend March 21/22. Masses will be celebrated as scheduled for this weekend.

Catechism classes will be suspended as well until further notice. For the time being weekday Masses and baptism, funerals or weddings may be celebrated as long as they respect the limit of 150 people. Confessions will still be offered at the usual times and churches will remain open and accessible at the regular times for private prayer.

The Catholic people of the Diocese of Saint John are dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass for the duration of this suspension of weekend Masses. Our people are asked to watch Mass on television, pray the rosary, read the Scriptures, or otherwise pray as long as Sunday Mass is not possible. These preventive measures will be reviewed prior to Holy Week. Please keep the sick, and all who care for them in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John

*This week Our Lady of Peace Parish
Sanctuary Lamps are lit for:
St. Theresa's Church
Jack Weatherhead*

Please watch the parish website and Facebook page for further updates on parish activities.

"Touched by Cancer" Mass ~ Has been cancelled for this month.

All Religious Formation programs have been cancelled until further noticed.**Free Tax Clinic Book Your Appointment!**

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (Free of Charge) at the Parish Pastoral Centre to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. The tax preparation service will commence March 2nd.

The service does not include tax returns for complex situations such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses.

Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact Steve Linton for further information at 506-261-7600 or linton@nbnet.nb.ca

Annual Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre ~ June 6th to 9th. Contact Rick Bourgeois at 327-6777 or 327-3392 for pricing and more information.

New Evangelization Summit 2020 ~ The Summit will inspire, provide formation and connect Catholics from around the world. Be a part of this FREE one-day event streaming live from Ottawa to Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 7 Leverman St., from 9:30 am 5:30 p. on Saturday, April 25th. Bring your own brown bag lunch: beverages, and snacks will be provided. There is no cost to participants, but you must register online at www.newevangelization.ca For more information, contact (506) 444-6029.

St. Anthony's Bingo – March 18th Prizes!

Sputnick \$389.00 + Jackpot \$1,400.00 +
Lucky Seven \$806.00 + Letter H \$1,042.00 +
Loonie \$ 81.00 +

**Wednesdays - Early Bird at 6:30 pm and
Regular Games at 7:30 pm**

PARISH NURSING MINISTRY**Activity Schedule****All Parish Nursing Programs have been cancelled until further notice.**

For reliable, local, accurate and up-to-date information on the corona virus, please visit www.gnb.ca/coronavirus



Grief and Loss Workshop
Wednesday, May 20th
Watch bulletin for more details.

Aquacise - At the Fredericton Indoor Pool.

Aquatic Exercise Schedule**Aquatic Stretching**

Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 12:15 pm

Aquacise

Monday/Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday/Thursday 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Fitness Swimmer

Tuesday/Thursday 8:30 to 9:30 pm



Our Lady of Peace Parish Nursing Ministry has arranged for parishioners to participate in the Aquatic Stretching, Aquacise and Senior Exercise Swim programs at the Fredericton Indoor Pool free of charge. Sign in at the front desk

Sacristan		
Hospitality		
Altar Servers		
Lectors		
Eucharistic Ministers		
Gift Bearers		

Living Faith: Where does it come from?

Fr. John Jennings

The Gospel for this 3rd Sunday of Lent comes from the Good News according to John (John 4:5-42). It is the rather long account of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. (Perhaps like all who have this name, John tends to be long-winded.) The story describes the manner in which the woman gradually comes to an awareness and a faith in who Jesus is. First, he is a Jewish man seeking water from a well. Then, through their encounter, the woman comes to see much more and it changes her and others. She sees him as a prophet, then messiah, then as the presence of God. But such faith is not just for the woman. It leads her out from being a learner or a disciple to being a witness. She takes her faith to others and they come to the same awareness and faith.

This is a story of how faith is a dynamic, growing and living experience, not a static body of doctrine. It is an experience of life that is constantly evolving and changing. The woman's experience revealed this as did the experience of the other Samaritans of the town. In addition, it reveals something of faith as the result of an encounter or rather, a series of encounters, with a person. For a Christian, faith in fact is a relationship, with a God who like parent, love us deeply and reaches out to us through Jesus.

The first encounter is the woman's meeting of Jesus at the well. This is a totally unexpected meeting. To have Jesus, a Jewish man meet and speak to a Samaritan woman would be unheard of in the society of the time. The woman realizes this. Even the disciples question it.

The woman then encounters some others from her town and shares her experience and her bewilderment with them. This encounter apparently intrigues the townspeople. Their curiosity leads them to go to meet Jesus themselves and this encounter brings them an experience of faith in Jesus that is even more than what the woman expressed. They come to faith in Jesus as the Savior of the world.

Where does such living faith come from? It comes first as a gift of God. But God seems always to work through created and human instruments. Our living faith has resulted from many encounters over the years – our parents, our children, our teachers, our priests, our friends. It grows with every experience we have. This process of growth is a story like John's Gospel, for our recognition of Jesus and how we relate to Jesus (and to God) is never constant. Like any relationship, the experiences of our lives, down through the years, will change that relationship. As children that relationship will have a child's character. As youths then as adults that relationship will change and perhaps challenge us.

Living and adult faith is not the faith of a child. It has many more questions, many more demands for us. It is like all other relationships, it is more grey, than black and white, often more challenging than comforting. Frequently, it will have more questions than answers. And such faith ultimately will lead us to reaching out in service to others.

The Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at that well turned her life upside down. It also spilled over into the people of her town. Living an adult faith has a capacity to do this. It should never be boring and it should never be static. It will call us to change every day and to see that we cannot keep it to ourselves. It is for others as much as it is for ourselves.

**Questions ~ Who has helped my faith to grow over the years?
Who have I helped by sharing my faith? How *adult* is my own faith?**