

# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## BULLETIN Sunday May 21, 2023 –Ascension of the Lord

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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

45 Royal Road  
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The Parish Office will be closed on  
Monday May 22

Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> St. Dunstan's Church  
The Great Mission 7 PM – 9 PM  
Fredericton Regional Pentecost Mission  
Led by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 PM St. Theresa's  
Marie Shields

Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM St. Anthony's  
Paul Thibodeau

Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM St. Theresa's  
Samantha Bath

Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM St. Anthony's  
Winnie Smith

Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm St. Anthony's  
Arnold Gordon Polches

Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM St. Patrick's  
Mass for the People

Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM St. Theresa's  
Wayne Carr

Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office. 444-6010

### OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

| May 14, 2023           |                 | Weekly              | Contributions        |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Offertory              | \$ 4,674        | Offertory           | \$ 4,674             |
| Capital Infrastructure | 125             | Budget Needs        | (5,255)              |
| Special Collections    | 60              | Excess (Shortfall)  | <b>\$ ( 581)</b>     |
| Other                  | -               | <b>Year-to-Date</b> | <b>Contributions</b> |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$ 4,859</b> | Offertory           | \$ 103,298           |
|                        |                 | Budget Needs        | 102,805              |
|                        |                 | Excess (Shortfall)  | <b>\$ 493</b>        |

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

### WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

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news and weather cancelations!



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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

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**Confessions** Fr. Maria will hear confessions one half hour before each weekend Mass at all our Parish Churches.

*This week the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of ...*

St. Theresa's Church  
This week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of *Eileen & Jack LaPointe*

Offered by Family

St. Anthony's Church  
The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Patti Paradis Larsen

Offered Marc & Brenda



**SAVE THE DATE:  
JULY 9, 2023**

Plans are underway for Our Lady of Peace Feast Day. This being the fifth anniversary of our three churches becoming one parish we are planning a celebration everyone can enjoy! So, mark your calendar's and free up your schedule for July 9<sup>th</sup> and plan to join in on the celebrations!

**Eucharistic Adoration**



Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before the Lord. You can just sit quietly and say nothing, just keep Him company like you would a dear friend.

Friday 9:30 AM - St. Anthony's Church \*  
Thursday 11:30 AM – St. Theresa's Church plus \*  
Third Thursday of each month 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
First Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM - St. Patrick's Church

*\* If a Friday Mass is not scheduled or cancelled, Adoration is also cancelled.*



**Our Lady of Peace Shawl Ministry** have been very busy and have completed beautiful Prayer Shawls. The Shawls have been blessed and are available at the Parish Office. If you have a family member or a friend who you know would

be comforted with a Prayer Shawl please drop by the office and pick out one.

**Are you new to Our Lady of Peace Parish?** We welcome you. We invite you to register with the Parish, to do so there are registration forms at each of the churches. Please fill one out and drop it in the offertory basket or drop it by the Parish Office.



All parishioners are invited to celebrate and support the 12 young men and women of our parish as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church.

**Family Faith Formation Closing Celebration**

Join us for a fun family activity and lunch to close our Faith Formation year on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass.



**Steubenville Atlantic Conference** ~ We are pleased to announce that we have several youth registered to attend the Steubenville Atlantic Conference in July! Please watch the bulletin in the next couple of weeks to find out how you can support these youth. They will be holding a fundraising event to cover conference fees on the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Donation jars will also be set up at each church location that week if you would like to financially support the group.

**Is Now the Time?** Have you ever considered “pitching in” and helping to provide engaging young families in our parish with quality programs and activities? The Faith Formation team is looking for volunteers of all ages to help bring our Catholic faith alive in our parish. Are you available once a month to help lead Family Faith Formation? Are you able to help a few times a year for Sacrament workshops and retreats? How about seasonally, in Advent and Lent, to help with family and parish events? Maybe you are being called to help prepare youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation? As we all know, many hands make light work. So why not consider being part of helping our parish grow by serving our young families, children and youth. There are many opportunities and training and resources are always provided. For more information please contact Patty Cameron, Director of Faith Formation, at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) or (506) 444-6018.

### **CWL News**



**Congratulations** to the winners of the CWL Mothers Day Fundraiser.

The quilt donated by St. Anthony’s Quilters was won by Cathy Murray and the second draw for the Mothers Day Basket with items donated by the CWL was won by Annie MacLean. Special thank to all who supported our Council’s Community Outreach by purchasing tickets in the amount of **\$1,372.25**. Thank you as well to Irene Jewett for her assistance with posters, tickets and promoting the sale of the tickets.

### **St. Theresa’s CWL Bursary**

Attention all Grade Twelve Students, St. Theresa’s CWL will be awarding \$1000.00 Bursary towards your post secondary education. The qualified recipient will be announced at the beginning of June. Application forms are available for pick up at all there of our Parish Churches. Deadline is May 31, 2023.



### **HELPING UKRANIAN FAMILIES IN FREDERICTON**

If you would like more information, would like to register to host Ukrainian’s arriving in Fredericton, or donate items please call (506) 454-8292 or visit the Multicultural Association Website <https://nbmc-cmb.ca/resources-for-ukraine/volunteers-hosts-and-donations/>

**PENTECOST MISSION:** on May 29-31, Bishop Riesbeck will preach a three-day Pentecost Mission on the theme of, "The Great Commission." Diving into Jesus' call to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." This Mission will help equip people first to KNOW Jesus, to GROW with him as his disciples and in community with one another, and finally to GO to the peripheries, spreading the Good News to all we meet and inviting people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus and his Church. Evening missions will take place from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm at St. Dunstan's Church in Fredericton. Each session will begin with Mass, with a reconciliation service offered on Tuesday and Commissioning and Healing Prayer on Wednesday. Refreshments and fellowship will follow each session

**March for Life is Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 11:15 am at the New Brunswick Legislature, 706 Queen Street, Fredericton.** Join us as we celebrate the gift of life with Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC., and guest speaker, Manon Leroux. Brunswick Street Baptist Church, 161 York Street, will hold a service of prayer and singing beginning at 9:45 am. A pro-life mass will be held at St. Dunstan's Catholic Church, 120 Regent Street, at 10:00 am. Please note: March for Life is taking place outside the New Brunswick Legislature so you may also want to bring a lawn chair and some water. **Reception to follow the March for Life at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. March for Life is hosted and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus NB State Council.**

**Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St.,** will be hosting a YARD SALE on June 3, 2023, 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

All are welcome!

# Ministry Schedule May 27th & 28th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

|                      |                     |   |
|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Hospitality          | Mona & Ray McCarthy | George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Andre Paier, Darren Richard, Ed Theriault |
| Eucharistic Minister | Theresa Donaher     | Janet Matheson & Mary Ellen Holleran  |
| Alter Servers        | Bonnie Bowlen       | David, Samuel & Miranda Gutierrez, Julie Paier  |
| Lector               | Sue Inkster         | Jeanette Cunningham   |
| Sacristan            |                     | Rochelle Ivey   |

## Our Sacred Stories - Ascension Relationship: Apart Yet Present

May is a time for graduations in colleges and universities. The target that has been ahead of us for so many years has been reached and finally our program has been completed. The grads are recognized and feted by family and friends. It is an occasion for congratulations and applause.

We face many such transitions in our lives, many of them joy-filled, like graduations, wedding, birth of a child. In all of them we face change and letting go of what used to be for the sake of something new. In some way we have to say "goodbye" to the life we had gotten used to, in order to pass to a new life, and we do so joyfully.

Such occasions however can be and often are bitter sweet times. For all the joy of coming to this milestone in our lives, we are moving away from what has long been the focus of our lives, letting go of what is so much part of us. The relationships and the routines that have been at the center of our lives will not be there. We must let go of what we have known, for something that is new to us.

Saying goodbye is never easy. Over our lifetimes we have many such goodbyes, and many are joyful like graduations or weddings or the birth of a child. They demand that we somehow let go of what has been so significant to us, for the sake of what is obviously a greater, more meaningful life.

There are however some changes, some goodbyes that are painful. The death of a loved one is particularly difficult. In some ways, it leaves a "hole in our heart" and we find ourselves facing a confusing time. What has been our normal life and contentment has been disrupted. There is a sense that we find ourselves in what some have called a "liminal" space, a kind of borderland in life. The loss or the change that is occurring places us in a very unfamiliar and uncomfortable place, saying goodbye to a relationship of deep meaning.

The Ascension was just such an experience of loss for the disciples. They found themselves in a liminal space not knowing how to respond. As the Scriptures speak of the Ascension, it may seem that Jesus is somehow leaving his disciples. But when we look more closely at the Gospel accounts it is evident that they speak of leaving and at the time staying. There is a sense of Jesus leaving and yet remaining with his disciples, in a new way.

The classic image of the ascension of Jesus is captured in the story that we find in the Acts of the Apostles. The writer of the Acts tells the story of the earliest Christian communities after the resurrection of Jesus. Acts begins the story with the account of Jesus leaving the disciples and ascending to heaven, or put another way with the return of Jesus to the Father. But it is a story of "leaving yet remaining." (Acts 1:1-11)

Acts shows the disciples in a "liminal space". The physical Jesus with whom they walked and talked is gone. They are confused and uncertain. Some even doubt. But their emerging faith in the resurrection reveals a new relationship with the Spirit of the Risen One. The Gospel writer, Matthew reveals the impact of this new relationship. (Matt.28:16-20)

The Spirit of Jesus leads the disciples to discover their role: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Filled with that Spirit, they are to share it, to proclaim as Jesus did, in word and action the Good News for all humanity, all Creation. And as they move through that "liminal space" into a new world, Jesus offers them reassurance: "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

John Jennings Feast of the Ascension