

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin

Sunday, April 17th, 2022 – Easter Sunday

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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



***Happy Easter
joyeuses Paques
Woli Apicipe!***

Saturday April 23rd

CWL Launch Mother's Day Basket

Sunday April 24th

Family Faith Formation at 9:45 am St. Theresa's

Mass Times & Intentions

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Saturday April 23rd 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
Fr. Joe LeBlanc

Sunday April 24th 8:45 am St. Patrick's
Jorden Brewer

Sunday April 24th 11:00 am St. Theresa's
Mass for the People

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Apr 10th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$4,220.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,978.00</u>
Total:	\$6,198.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 1,198.00
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 782.00
Special Collections:	\$ 165.00
Other:	\$ 800.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 70,614.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 75,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 4,386.00)

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!***

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

Wondering what is happening in the parish? Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online.



www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Parish Announcements For Everyone's Safety and Protection

Now that COVID restrictions have ended we would like to acknowledge that parishioners will have different comfort levels and we ask for everyone's patience and kindness as parishioners assess their own level of risk and comfort.

Although no longer mandated, we encourage the continued use of masks in our church buildings for your protection and the protection of our vulnerable parishioners, those too young to be vaccinated and those with underlying health conditions. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available and you are asked to use it as you enter the church and before receiving communion.

Please continue to monitor your health and make the decision to attend/not attend Mass accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we return to pre-COVID restrictions is very much appreciated.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church *

Thursdays 11:30 at St. Theresa's Church *

Fridays 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church *

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

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Now that COVID restrictions are lifted we would like to begin to use Eucharistic Ministers at Mass. If you were a Eucharistic Minister prior to COVID and would like to continue this ministry or if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the parish office and leave your name and your preferred Mass/Church. We would like to have Eucharistic Ministers in place for Easter.

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**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation commencing in **March, 2022**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax. 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 linton21@outlook.com.

Easter Message from Our Pastor

Each year the Catholic Church begins the Easter Season with liturgical celebrations of special joy and importance. On Easter Sunday each year we bring closure to the great Paschal Triduum, the "Three Days" that begin on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and includes the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and the great Easter Vigil on the night of Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday also begins the Easter Octave ("Eight Days") that concludes with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter). On these joyful days when the Church throughout the world celebrates the "Paschal Mystery" of our Lord Jesus Christ, this parish community, its priest and its staff offer to all of you our sincere wishes—and, on your behalf, our fervent prayers for a truly blessed Easter. I want to thank you for your generous gifts, love and prayers during this Easter and all the time. I need more of your prayers as I go for my vacation to India. I will be away for five weeks and during these weeks Fr. John Jennings will replace me and look after all of your pastoral needs. May the risen Christ bless you and give you hope for the days to come.

Easter Prayer

Lord Jesus, you know our fears when we fail you, and yet you never stop loving us. Just as you didn't let Peter's denial define his relationship with you, help us to come to you again and again so we can follow you more fully. Amen.

Happy Easter,

Fr. Maria Arokiam.



Pastoral Council Notes

Support for Ukraine

Pastoral Council is currently looking at different opportunities for our parish to help the people of Ukraine. Please join pastoral council in prayer for Ukraine.

Prayer For Ukraine

Loving God,

*We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,*

that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,

*for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide
their choices.*

We pray for the world

that in this moment of crisis,

*we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.*

May we walk in your ways

so that peace and justice

*become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.*

Amen.

If you would like to make a personal donation to support Ukraine we suggest the following websites as trustworthy.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress & Canada Ukraine

Foundation: <https://www.cufoundation.ca>

Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.ca>

Remember

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing

olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com

Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Development and Peace has initiated an Emergency Appeal to assist the crises in Ukraine. Parishioners who wish to assist financially can go on the D&P webpage, devp.org, or call Toll Free : 1-888-664-3387. There is also detailed information available at the following location:

<https://www.devp.org/en/blog/our-ukraine-emergence-fundraising-qa/>

. The people of Ukraine certainly need our assistance; and D&P sincerely Thank You for any assistance you can provide. For further information and/or clarification, please call Allison Wrynn at 506-470-9390.

Parish Nursing Ministry

A huge Thank you for the response to our Spring Puzzle Mania. Puzzles will be made available next weekend in each church for you to sign out put together and if you are able to take a picture of your finished puzzle and email it to the Parish Office we will start a collage of pictures.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

There will be a **“Special Hour of Mercy”** at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Marysville, on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th, beginning at 3 pm.**

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.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council 8654 invite Brother Knights and interested Parishioners to attend a Special Presentation on Life Insurance Benefits and other Insurance Benefits. This presentation will be conducted by our Insurance Agent, Brother Ian Maddock and take place on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 7 PM at the Knights Of Columbus Hall on Regent Street.

I especially invite all Brother Knights to partake in this very special and informative presentation!

Allison Wrynn, Grand Knight

Ministry Schedule April 23rd & 24th

	St. Anthony's -	St. Theresa's
Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen & Vicky Knight	Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford, Allison Wrynn, Marilyn Brennan Darren Richard
Lector	Michelle Gabe	Pam Shields

Our Sacred Stories.Easter:

What's It All About?

Every year brings its own challenges and setbacks, both personal and global. We may have lost a friend or loved one or perhaps we have had to face health issues or job losses or changes. Globally, this has been a rough year for our world. We face many challenges. Two of the greatest include, the continuing threat posed to many by the covid-19 virus and the war that is taking place in Ukraine. In Canada, we can add the wounded relationship of our church and our indigenous peoples.

The weight of these challenges brings disappointment, discouragement and even despair – a loss of hope. In our faith tradition, these might be referred to as the crosses we carry. Such crosses are the negatives of our lives. How do we move beyond them? Do they define us? Is that what life is really all about? If not, then how do we respond to these crosses?

Easter offers hope. It presents a path for moving beyond. In the Gospels we are presented with the disciples of Jesus as they faced the crucifixion and death of their beloved Jesus. They were confused, discouraged and filled with despairing fear. Then, Easter. In the midst of their despair they discovered the resurrection. In Luke's story (Lk.24:1-12), several of the women disciples go to the tomb and it is empty. The terrified women find themselves in a question: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Easter offers a door to hope. But it also presents us with another challenge.

Carlo Carretto (1910-1988) was born in Italy. At the age of 44 he joined the Little Brothers of Jesus, a monastic community in Algeria. Living with this community in the Sahara desert, he became a contemplative spiritual writer. It was a life of prayer, but also one of service to the people in the area around the community. At the core of his spirituality was the realization that holiness rests in the ordinary, everyday existence of every one of us. God touches us in the person of Jesus and journeys with us as the risen one.

Commenting on the meaning of Jesus's resurrection, theological writer and speaker Megan McKenna turned to Carretto's words:

When the world seems a defeat for God and you are sick with the disorder, the violence, the terror, the war on the streets; when the earth seems to be chaos, say to yourself, "Jesus died and rose again on purpose to save and his salvation is already with us...."

Every peace treaty is an act of faith in the resurrection.

Every agreed commitment is an act of faith in the resurrection.

When you forgive your enemy

When you feed the hungry

When you defend the weak

you believe in the resurrection.

When you have the courage to marry

When you welcome the newly-born child

When you build your home

you believe in the resurrection. (Carol Carretto. "Blessed Are You Who Believed)

The resurrection takes on full meaning, when we are able to take it out into our world, Just as Jesus did. Easter's meaning rests in the healing, reconciling, caring and liberating of the world in which we find ourselves. Easter brings life and light. Easter is about hope and how we bring it to one another.

John Jennings

Easter Sunday