Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday Dec 25th 2022 - Nativity 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 1:30 pm



St. Theresa's Church 45 Royal Road Fredericton, NB Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

Upcoming Events



OFFICE

CLOSED

Merry Christmas

Joyeux Noel

Woli Nipayimiyan

The Parish Office will close at noon on the 23rd and reopen January 3rd 2023

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Jan 3rd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's Kay Trevors Wednesday Jan 4th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's Bill Donnelly Thursday Jan 5th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's Audrey Cormier Friday Jan 6th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's Adelard Williams Saturday Jan 7th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's Mass For The People Sunday Jan 8th 5:30 PM St. Theresa's Hazel Currie Sunday Jan 8th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's Kristine Sherman

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Dec 18, 2022			
Sunday Contributions:	\$	2,115.00	
Auto Debit (average):	\$	2,044.00	
Sub total	\$	4,159.00	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$	5,000.00	
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$	5 841.00	
Capital Infrastructure:	\$	50.00	
Special Collections:		40.00	
Other:	\$	3 010.00	

c 18, 2022	Year-to-Date			
\$ 2,115.00	Offertory:	\$	245,944.00	
<u>\$ 2,044.00</u>	Budget Needs:	<u>\$</u>	255,000.00	
\$ 4,159.00	Excess (Shortfall):	(\$	9,016.00)	
\$ 5,000.00	Information inquires should be			
(\$ 841.00)	directed to:			
\$ 50.00	Frank O'Donnell 472-0145			
40.00	(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg			
\$ 3 010.00	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

From the Parish Office

Your **2023** Offertory Envelopes have been ordered, being <u>shipped next week</u>. When available in your church <u>PLEASE</u> take (only) envelopes with your name; which also include parishioners using the auto-debit option.



SHIPPING ISSUES

Some will have a new envelope number, which is assigned for 2023 in our Computer program. I ask you to please include your name and address on the first few used. I thank you in advance...... Irene



Sunday Missals Missals are available at each of our Churches. Cost is \$5.00.



Church *Jrma Tucker* Offered by Marc & Brenda

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's Church **Kelly McAloon** Offered by John & Judy

Our Sanctuary Lamp has been burning in memory of parishioners loved ones for 36 weeks in the year 2022. If you would like the lamp to burn in memory of a loved one please contact the Parish office. You can schedule the lamp to burn for 7 days. Cost is \$10.00 **I KNOW MY SHEEP** Thank you to everyone who has participated in the "I Know My Sheep" census currently underway in the diocese. We're asking every family to fill out a card. If you haven't done so already, please complete one as soon as you are able. This information-gathering exercise is underway so the diocese can update records with current demographic changes and contact information. This will help ensure that the diocese can reach as many people as possible early next year in conducting a planning study for a potential capital campaign. Having updated information will also give parishes a better idea of their membership and hopefully improve communication with their parishioners. It only takes a few minutes to complete a card. These can be returned by placing them in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office or sent by mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.

The results of the filming done by Lloyd Solomone and crew as a documentary on J.C. Dumaresq, the architect of St. Anthony's Church.

Parishioners can tune and watch it on their computer at the addresses below. The part on St. Anthony's is **Watch on Vimeo**, **Episode 6**. The other five cover other parts of Fredericton and Halifax.

BUILDING ART - The Life & Times of J.C. Dumaresq

https://vimeo.com/779375161

Watch on Bell FibeTV1(subscriber link) https://tv1.bell.ca/fibetv1/shows/building-art-the-life-times-of-j-cdumaresq

Watch on Facebook (complimentary viewing) https://www.facebook.com/groups/5747792778598549

Watch on Vimeo (complimentary viewing)

Episode 1: <u>https://vimeo.com/771628807</u> Episode 2: <u>https://vimeo.com/771635935</u> Episode 3: <u>https://vimeo.com/771638406</u> Episode 4: <u>https://vimeo.com/771643989</u> Episode 5: <u>https://vimeo.com/771647247</u> Episode 6: <u>https://vimeo.com/771640872</u>



YOUTH CHOIR: Our Lady of Peace Parish Youth Choir will be practicing each Sunday following the 11:00 Mass 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM at St. Theresa's. All youth from kindergarten age and up are welcome to join at any time.

Christmas Message From Our Pastor

Merry Christmas one and all!

I wish each of you a joyous Christmas that provides you with joy, happiness and encouragement that you need in your lives. A central theme of Christmas is the reality that God literally took flesh in the person of Jesus. The implications of that are mind blowing. In Jesus we have a God who understands (from the inside!) what it means to be human — with all our joys, limitations, sorrows, and hopes. He was not elevated above being human so he fully understands our reality. I find that immensely freeing. We don't have to attempt to climb up to God or escape our humanity, but instead he has come to us and entered into our humanity. And, being with us, he leads us moment by moment towards full union with him in Heaven. As we go into 2023, may we walk with confidence that God-is-with-us, "Emmanuel" and trust that he is actively involved in every part of our lives!

Thank you, good people, for your overwhelming generosity this Christmas season. Thanks to Knights of Columbus who were able to collect mittens, gloves, scarves and winter clothes for the homeless shelter. Thanks to Parish Council who organized Christmas outreach to help both Men and Women shelters. Thanks to all the committees, altar boys and girls, all ministers in the parish and our parish staff who help each other to live Christian life in our parish and in our community.

Fr. Maria Arokiam



Thank you to all who donated their Time and Talents to beautifully decorate our churches for Christmas. Thanks also to Dat Tran for your generous offering with Christmas Flowers.

Events Happening Around our Community



Are you interested in making a real difference in the world? How about right here in your own community? Meals on wheels volunteers deliver a freshly prepared meal, a warm smile, and the reassurance that someone cares at a time in our neighbors' lives when they need it the most. Our clients include individuals who are elderly, disabled, or recovering from illness or surgery – people

who otherwise would not be able to access the nutrition they need to live healthy, independent lives. For a small investment of your time, as often or as infrequently as you like, you can help make their lives a little easier. We deliver seven days a week, 365 days a year, so any time you can give – during the week or on the weekend will be gratefully received. The demand for our service is growing and so is the need for volunteers. We need drivers who can take on a regular route once a week, and we also need substitute drivers to fill in on an occasional basis. From start to finish, an hour and a half is about all the time it takes.

Won't you please consider helping out? For more info, call 458-9482, or check out our web page: <u>http://frederictonmealsonwheels.ca</u>



A huge thank you to all in our parish who gave generously to our Christmas Outreach initiatives.

With your help we were able to meet our goal of filling the Holiday Wish Lists of gifts for residents of Grace House and St. John House in Fredericton and make a generous donation of Christmas day food to Just Friends Food Bank in Stanley.



Blessings to all over the Christmas Season.



Share the Warmth Campaign Wrap Up

All the donations have been counted and sorted. This year we received 744 items of clothing including: 300 pairs of socks, 115 gloves/mittens and 122 hats. There were many coats, sweaters and other items donated. These will now be distributed to local clothing banks within

the Parish communities. Society, Greener Village and The Boys and Girls Club of Fredericton. The items were delivered by WGK We had a warm and special day delivering the goods collected from this year's Share the Warmth campaign! Donations were dropped off to very appreciative groups including: The John Howard Al.



