

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday April 16, 2023 – 2nd 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

45 Royal Road
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Upcoming Events

(REMINDERS)

Sunday April 16th St. Theresa's
Knights of Columbus
Sunday Brunch After 11:00 Mass

Sunday CWL General Meeting
In the old Rectory following the Brunch
Mother's Day Ticket Sales Launch

Sunday April 16th St. Theresa's
Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday April 23rd St. Theresa's
1st Communion 11:00 AM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday April 18th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Kay Trevors

Wednesday April 19th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Rachel Richard

Thursday April 20th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Audrey Budden

Friday April 21st 7:00 PM St. Anthony's
Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday April 22nd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Blanche & Dick Underhill

Easter Sunday April 23rd 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Mass for the People

Easter Sunday April 23rd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mary Moffatt

Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office. 444-6010

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

| Apr 9, 2023 | | Weekly | Contributions |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Offertory | \$ 5,517 | Offertory | \$ 5,517 |
| Capital Infrastructure | 235 | Budget Needs | (5,255) |
| Special Collections | 1,585 | Excess (Shortfall) | \$ 262 |
| Other | 4,984 | Year-to-Date | Contributions |
| Total | \$ 12,322 | Offertory | \$ 77,550 |
| | | Budget Needs | 76,530 |
| | | Excess (Shortfall) | \$ 1,020 |

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

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



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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

Patty Cameron 444-6018



Welcome New Members

Are you new to our Parish and would like to be registered with us? Family Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the Churches. Please feel free to fill one out and drop it in the offertory basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Confessions Fr. Maria will hear confessions at St. Anthony's Church on Saturdays at 3:30 PM before 4:00 PM Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday, April 16th at 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church. It is suggested that parishioners pray the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday. <https://www.divinemicysunday.com/novena.htm> to download the Novena



Knights of Columbus 8654

Invite everyone to the April 16th Sunday Brunch following the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Theresa's

Sit Down or take out available. Menu Includes: Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Toast, Juice, Tea & Coffee (Gluten Free Available)

Please join for our Sunday Brunch. Cost is Free Will Offering.

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.*

*** Starting April 20th*



St. Anthony's Church

This week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of

+ Irma Tucker +

Offered by Marc & Brenda

If you would like the lamp to burn for a week in memory of a loved one at one of our Parish Churches, contact the office and reserve your week. Cost per week is \$10.00

It's New... It's Fun...It's Faith-filled... It's Life-Giving... Introducing OLP Life Groups Ministry

What is a Life Group? It is a small Faith-Sharing Community that meets once a week with the goal of loving and supporting one another in growing in faith and holiness. Group members help one another discern and live out God's plan for their life. This ministry was originally piloted in our parish from 2021-2022 and is now in the planning stages to expand and welcome more members. All adults in OLP parish are welcome! In the next few weeks you will hear from a few of the "pilot" participants in Life Groups about their experiences and about your invitation to join. For more information, please contact Tracy Horsley at horsleysix@gmail.com.

That's a Wrap! ~ Throughout Lent a group youth and adults gathered on Tuesday evenings to watch and discuss season one of "The Chosen". If you were not able to join us you can watch "The Chosen" season one on FORMED.ORG. Interested in season two? Watch the bulletin for our next session.

Prayers for our Children and Youth Preparing for 1st Eucharist and Confirmation ~ Please continue to pray for the children and youth in our parish as they complete their final Sacrament Preparations. 1st Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23rd at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa's and Confirmation on Sunday, June 4th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's.

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. The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2023**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns.

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 lintons21@outlook.com.

CWL News



April 15th is the launch for the ticket sales on the Mothers Day Draw. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Draw consists of a beautiful Quilt quilted by St. Anthony's Quilting Group and donated to St. Theresa's CWL. Secondary draw as well for a Mother's Day Basket. Tickets will be sold at our Parish Churches on weekend masses and also tickets can be purchase from CWL members and also available at the Parish Office. Draw will be held May 14th. All proceeds to go Community Outreach.

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.

National CWL Bursary

The deadline for this bursary is May 15, 2023. Qualified recipients may receive up to \$1,000.00 per year and up to \$4,000.00 for a lifetime. Application forms can be downloaded from www.cwl.ca Go to this site to review criteria and guidelines.



**Happy Birthday to
Anna O'Byrne**

Member of St. Anthony's Elite 90's Club

Fundraising Dinner

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson Street will be hosting a Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner on April 26th, 4-6 PM. Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, homemade beans and brown bread, vegetables, coleslaw and Pie. Tickets are \$15.00 adult and please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

Thank You

Special Thank You to all who were involved in the Ministries for our Parish Easter Weekend. It takes many hands and dedicated people to come together for everything to run smoothly. Thank you all for your time and talents.

Note From the Office

Reminder that all bulletin announcements must be in to the office Thursday at noon at the latest. Parishioners who use the auto debit program are asked to please stop by the office and pick up your assigned offertory envelopes. Circumstances sometimes change and by using envelopes as well as auto debit you will have an envelope for special collections if you wish to contribute.

Ministry Schedule April 22nd & 23rd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

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| Hospitality | Bonnie Bowlen | George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson, Betty Flanagan |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Ken Harris | Marg Anderson & Mary Ellen Holleran |
| Alter Servers | Merla Spires | Julia Paier, Miranda Gutierrez, Lucas Daigle, Noah VanLeeuwen |
| Lector | Sue Inkster | Pam Shields |
| Sacristan | | Rochelle Ivey |

Our Sacred Stories - Easter and the Touch of Hope

Sometimes it is hard to hope. The conflicts around the world seem endless, as one winds down another erupts. Political extremes seem increasingly sharp and any idea of compromise or mutual respect for difference appears impossible. Global warming has raised issues of human survival that are new to our horizon. Many face the specter of serious and debilitating illness. Others struggle with relationships that are wounded and limping. There is so much of our lives that is beyond our control, so much to challenge us as we look to the future. Whether globally or personally, indeed, often it is hard to hope.

Then we come to the Easter season and we hear the stories of the resurrection. We see how this risen Jesus changed the vision of his disciples. The resurrection was not just about Jesus himself. It was an earth-shaking event which changed the whole story of humanity. With the raising of Jesus there was a new creation. The vision of the disciples sees a world made new.

The Easter season lasts for 50 days, beginning with the Easter Vigil. It is significant that as we begin the season, we focus on readings from the Old Testament. Even more significant is the fact that the first reading we hear from our scriptures is drawn from the very beginning of Old Testament. The Book of Genesis in its opening chapter presents us with a poetic description of Creation (Gen.1:1-2:2), announcing: *In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the spirit of God swept over the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light, and there was light.'*

From the very beginning, God is a life-giving God. Easter is a testimony, that the spirit of God continues to be life-giving and that the great sign of this is in the person of Jesus the Christ and in his resurrection. Easter is the celebration of the continuing creative spirit of God among us.

In the gospel reading of this Sunday (John 20:19-31) the risen Jesus appears to his disciples, locked in a room, cowering in fear after the crucifixion. He greets them with "Peace be with you." In fact, this is more than a simple greeting. It is a call given to them. For immediately, Jesus tells them that his mission is now their mission and he breathes on them the Spirit. This is the Spirit of God that the creation story in the Book of Genesis points to as the origin of life. Now there will be a *new creation* and the disciples of Jesus are sent to bring it into existence down to our own day.

How are we to bring a *new creation* into existence? The Spirit the first disciples received is the Spirit of the risen Jesus and it is this same Spirit that is given to the generations of disciples even to our day. This *new creation* is to be marked by peace and by the unity of humanity. This was Jesus' mission. It is now our mission. We are called to heal the wounded, reconcile the divided and mend the broken of our world. To do so is the path to the peace that is God's dream for all creation.

Easter and the resurrection of Jesus is not the end of a story. Rather it is a beginning, a new beginning, truly the advent of a *new creation*. The mission given us is to bring this *new creation* to its completion, its fulfillment in our own time.

Sometimes it is hard to hope. But Easter allows hope to spring into our world. May the Spirit of the risen Jesus move us all to be the voice of such hope to all humanity. May we accept our mission as healers, reconcilers and peace-makers for a *new creation*, a touch of hope for our world.

John Jennings 2nd Sunday of Easter