

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, October 3, 2021 - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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

1 William St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bike and Hike

Sunday, October 3rd

Touched by Cancer Mass

Friday, October 15th 7:00 pm St. Anthony's Church

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, October 17th 3:00 pm St. Anthony's Church

Family Religious Formation

Sunday, October 24th 9:45 am St. Theresa's Church
Hall

Parish Fall Take-Out Supper

Sunday, October 24th

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**** Due to Fr. Maria's Diocesan commitments next week
there will be no weekday
Masses at St. Anthony's Church ****

Tuesday, October 5th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Elaine Ryan

Thursday, October 7th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Gerald Clements

Saturday, October 9th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
Alice Giovannetti

Sunday, October 10th 8:45 pm - St. Patrick's Church
Deceased members of the Hawkes Family

Sunday, October 10th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church
Fr. Paul LeBlanc

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory – Sept. 26, 2021

Sunday Contributions:	\$2,171.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$2,146.00</u>
Total:	\$4,317.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,400.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$1,083.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 50.00
Special Collections:	\$ 267.00
Other:	\$ 370.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 190,573.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 210,600.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 20,027.00)
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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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID Protocol Update

Effective this weekend the Province of New Brunswick is requiring all places of worship in New Brunswick to put the following COVID-19 measures in place. Please note that you will not be asked to show proof of vaccination to attend Mass.

- Masks are required at all times in church buildings.
- Each of our churches will operate at 50% or less capacity.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing between different households. The only exception to the 2m between households are for those who have arrived together in the same vehicle.
- No congregational singing. A cantor is permitted during Mass.
- No physical sign of peace is to be exchanged during Mass.
- Record names of all attendees and contact information by row or have a consistent assigned seating plan for contact tracing.
- Parishioners will be screened at the door for COVID-19 symptoms and asked if you have been instructed to self-isolate.

Other activities using parish facilities, including Parish Nursing activities, meetings, presentations, workshops and Religious Formation for children, youth and adults will require proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption to attend for people over 12 years of age.

We encourage parishioners to continue to monitor their health before attending Mass and choose to attend/not attend accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we navigate these new restrictions is very much appreciated.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 11:30 at St. Theresa's Church *
Fridays 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church *
Wednesdays 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

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

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office for assistance.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Website Resources ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish website has been updated to include a page entitled "Truth and Reconciliation" with resources, articles and prayers for all ages. Resources will be added as they become available.



Wondering what is happening in the parish? ~ Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of

our parish churches and online at www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Family Religious Formation ~ Sunday, October 24th from 9:45 to 10:45 am at St. Theresa's Church Hall.

To register for Our Lady of Peace Religious Formation programs please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Sacrament of Confirmation ~ the Sacrament of Confirmation for youth completing Confirmation Preparation will be celebrated on Sunday, October 17th at 3:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church. Due to current COVID restrictions the Mass will be limited to Confirmation Candidates, their families and invited guests only. Please keep these youth in your prayers.



September's Bronze Rush Winner is Les Clements!

This month 100 people played Bronze Rush with a cash prize of \$250.00.

Congratulations to Les! Next Bronze Rush will be drawn on Friday, October 29th.

To enter October's "Bronze Rush" contact Irene at the parish office (444-6010). Draw will be made on September 30th.

PARISH NURSING

Note from Vicky Knight, Parish Nurse

Fall Registration for Activities. If you're interested in joining any programs - activities for the FALL- please let us know ASAP as instructors need to plan and spots are filling up! Please give me a call at 454-8538 or send me an e-mail at vicky.knight@bellaliant.net

NEWSLETTER Fall 2021 Parish Nursing. We've all faced immense hardships as a result of the pandemic. If you're willing, share your story by sending me an e-mail of any significant moment or event and how you coped or celebrate (approx. 250 words). Our stories resonate with one another and let us know that we are a community. We are all in this together vicky.knight@bellaliant.net

As of Wednesday, September 22nd those wanting to take part in Parish Nursing activities must be prepared to show proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption.

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Our Lady of Peace Parish Celebrate the Beauty of Fall! **BIKE AND HIKE**

On October 3rd Fr. Maria and Fr. John will be leaving St Theresa's parking lot at 2:00 pm sharp, to lead us on a bike ride (on the trails) to Currie Mountain, where we will hike up the mountain a short distance for a celebration of God's great gift of creation. A light snack will be available at the base of the mountain after the celebration. Those who do not wish to do the bicycle trek to the mountain are welcome to join us at the base for the hike at approx. 2:30 pm. All are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH TAKE-OUT FALL SUPPER Sunday, October 24th St. Theresa's Church

Roast beef dinner, including potatoes, gravy, vegetables, roll and apple crisp for dessert.

\$20.00 / meal

Includes at \$5.00 tax receipt

Tickets sold in advance only.

Take-out times at 4:00, 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30 pm

Tickets available at the parish office.

Due to COVID restrictions we will not be able to accept food donations for the Parish Supper. If you would like to help out with the cost of the supper you can make a cash donation by placing your donation in an envelope marked Parish Supper Donation with your name, envelope number or address clearly marked. Donations can be placed in the collection baskets at the three churches or dropped at the parish office. Donations will be added to your tax receipt for 2021.

Volunteers are needed Saturday, October 23rd for meal prep and Sunday, October 24th to cook and package meals. COVID protocols will be followed and all volunteers must be fully vaccinated and masks must be worn at all times. If you are able to help out, please contact the parish office at 444-6010 or email Les Clements at clements@nbnet.nb.ca

Together we can make this a great fundraiser for our parish!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9TH AND 10TH

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener Bonnie Bowlen Mona and Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford, Allison Wrynn, Marilyn Brennan, Ed Theriault, Betty MacNeil
Lector	Michelle Gabe	Barry Miller

Our Sacred Stories

Love as Unifying Energy

Chelsea and Alan, Mark and Maureen are two couples who entered the Sacrament of Matrimony in the last month. What an honour to be able to celebrate with them! What a joy to see them together! They are sacraments of God's dream for all creation – that we be brought together to share the life with which God has blessed us, signs of God's own life-giving love. In this light Fr. Richard Rohr has remarked: *Love... might be called the attraction of all things toward all things.... When we are truly 'in love,' we move out of our small, individual selves to unite with another, whether in companionship, simple friendship, marriage, or any other trustful relationship.* (Richard Rohr. *The Universal Christ*: New York, Convergent Books 2021)

It seems that God has poured out the energy of loving attraction from the very outset of creation and that we are made to be with one another by nature. In fact, it almost seems that gravity or attraction is the template for all creation. Our scriptures celebrate this attraction at the very outset of the story they tell in the first two chapters of the Book of Genesis. In chapter 1, there is a poetic tale of the whole creative act of God from the foundations of the earth to the advent of humanity. Our world is all of one piece. Chapter 2 offers a story focused on the human need for companionship. Humanity belongs together in love. Whether regarding all of creation or humanity itself, our scriptures assert a central theme – all of creation exists in attraction, an outreach and expression of God's love.

In the central part of Mark's Gospel the writer presents a series of instructions Jesus gave to his disciples. One of the topics was marriage and divorce. The Pharisees ask for his views in order to test him. They are seeking a debate which Jesus avoids by offering a teaching (Mark 10:2-12).

Rather than debating the details of the law in Deuteronomy, Jesus goes back to the core of God's plan for creation as shown in the accounts of Genesis. He presents marriage as a great sign of the loving relationship which is God's dream for all humanity and for all creation.

The Pharisees are focused on the issue of marriage and divorce, but the separation and brokenness that can be a part of relationships, are not limited to marriage. It is much broader and can be seen in the brokenness and separation that mark the whole of human experience. Global divisions, war, violence, inequality, suffering and injustice all reveal this tendency toward separation. The dream is not yet complete for we are not a perfect world, nor an unfailing humanity. But the call Jesus offers his disciples is to build reign of God in all aspects of creation.

Last October, 2020, Pope Francis recognized this call to loving relationships in his encyclical *Fratelli tutti* ("Brothers & Sister All). As he set out, he entitled his first chapter "Dark Clouds Over a Closed World". But at the end of this chapter and throughout the letter, he offers a message of hope. Alluding to our experience of Covid-19, he points out that *God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family.*" (54) The experience has alerted us to the fact that *our lives are interwoven.*

Jesus reveals the healing and reconciling love that is God's presence among us. He reveals it in all he says, but most especially in what he does. This is the Gospel, the Good News for us. All our relationships are sacred and necessary. They are in so many ways the source of our hope.