OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, October 11th - 28th 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

Touched by Cancer Mass Friday, October 16th at 7:00 pm St. Anthony's Church

Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 pm St. Theresa's Church

Parish Fall Supper (Take Out) Sunday, November 1st St. Theresa's Church

Mass of Remembrance Friday, November 6th at 7:00 pm St. Theresa's Church

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 13th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church Brian Higgins

Wednesday, October 14th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church Thu Tam Tran

Thursday, October 15th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church Bob Hunger

Friday, October 16th 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday, October 17th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church Gordon Sturgeon

Sunday, October 18th 8:45 am - St. Patrick's Church For grieving families & friends of all who've died recently Sunday, October 18th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church Mary Catherine Savoie

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory - October 4, 2020 Sunday Contributions: \$3,741.00 Auto Debit (average): \$2,029.00 Total: \$5,770.00 Weekly Budget Needs: \$5,860.00 Excess (Shortfall) (\$ 90.00) Capital Infrastructure: \$ 685.00 Special Collections: \$ 170.00 \$ 210.00 Other:

Year-to-DateOffertory:\$205,214.00Budget Needs:\$234,400.00Excess (Shortfall):(\$ 29,186.00)Information inquires should be
directed to: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

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Online Mass Times Sunday at 11:00 am Facebook Live

Recording of Mass will be posted on our website for those who can't access Facebook.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Ame*n

Distribution of Communion in Church Parking Lots

To provide Communion to those parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person we will have distribution of Holy Communion this Sunday at:

St. Theresa's Church after Mass to 12:15 pm

We encourage our parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person to watch Mass at home online at 11:00 am and then make their way to one of the church sites if they wish to receive Communion.



OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH Reconciliation Times

Fr. Maria is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the following times:

Saturdays at 3:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church Sundays at 8:30 am at St. Patrick's Church Sundays at 10:20 am at St. Theresa's Church

Or you may call the office to make an appointment.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 9:30 at St. Anthony's Church Fridays 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church Wednesdays 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church **Touched By Cancer Mass** ~ St. Anthony's Church will resume holding the monthly Touched By Cancer Mass commencing October 16th. Mass is at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. Pandemic protocols will be followed and masks are required to worn.



You are required to wear a mask at all times when you are in our Church buildings. Masks must remain on during Mass.

Please be conscience of the 2 meter (6 foot) distance at all times, including when you enter the church, line up for Communion and leave the buildings.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!

Religious Formation Update

Sessions will begin Sunday, October 25th with a Mass at 4:00 pm (Registered Families Only)

Online registration for Kindergarten to Grade 8 Religious Formation and Confirmation Preparation (Grade 9) is now open!

Format for this year will be 3 online sessions from 9:30 to 10:30 am and the 4th session will be an in person dedicated Family Mass at 4:00 pm. Program materials will be distributed at the Mass.

Families from ALL three churches are invited to register and join! Please note that to receive 1st Eucharist and Confirmation children and youth must be registered and attending sessions beginning in the fall. Feel free to pass this information on to any families that may be interested.

> To register go to www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca



November is a Month for Remembrance During the month of November, as Catholics we have a long-standing tradition of praying and remembering

those who have gone before us in faith. A Mass of Remembrance for Our Lady Peace Parish will take place at St. Theresa's Church on Friday, November 6th at 7:00 pm. If you know of someone who has died within the last year and would like them remembered on November 6th, please let us know by Monday, October 26th. Please call Sharon Cormier 472-9813 or Merla Spires 450-8119.



PARISH TAKE-OUT FALL SUPPER Sunday, November 1st St. Theresa's Church

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

\$15.00 / meal Or \$25.00 plus \$10.00 tax receipt \$50.00 plus \$35.00 tax receipt Tickets sold in advance only. Take-out times at 4:00, 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30 pm

Tickets available at Mass next weekend or call the parish office.

Proceeds of the supper to cover Our Lady of Peace Parish weekly contribution shortfall.

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 2020.

Volunteers are need Friday, October 30th to prepared apple crisps, Saturday, October 31st to prep vegetables and Sunday, November 1st to cook and package meals. COVID protocols will be followed and masks must be worn at all times. If you are able to help out please contact Patty Cameron at <u>pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca</u> or call 444-6070.

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

PARISH NURSING UPDATE

Online Yoga ~ No online yoga this Monday, October 12th. Class will resume Monday, October 19th at 3:00 pm. If anyone is interested to join please email to Emma Couturier at <u>eecout@gmail.com</u>.

Flu Shots ~ Local pharmacies now have the flu shot available. Remember to make an appointment to get yours!

St. Theresa's CWL Bursary ~ This year's recipient of St. Theresa's CWL Bursary is Amanda Horsley. Amanda is pursuing her Business Administration degree at UNB. Congratulations and best wishes Amanda!

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.

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Pray Shawl Ministry ~ will meet on Tuesday, October 13th in the quiet room at St. Anthony's Church from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Use of Parish Facilities ~ Due to COVID-19 protocols requiring the sanitization of rooms following each use, meeting rooms and hall spaces at each church must be booked in advance of use by contacting Irene Jewett at 444-6010 or

parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca. Please note, persons booking any space are responsible for following all pertinent COVID-19 protocols including screening, 6'(2m) distancing regulations and contact tracing.

St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 10:00 am St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 12:00 pm Screeners/Ushers John & Elizabeth Walsh Merla Spires Mary Billings Lector **Merla Spires Barry Miller** St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm Screeners/Ushers Sue Inkster Ken Harris No Mass Lector Sue Inkster St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am St. Anthony's – Saturday at 4:00 pm Screeners/Ushers Mary Feener Mona & Ray McCarthy Martin Colford Michele McCann Janet Matheson **Greg Feener Betty MacNeil** Lector

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13TH TO OCTOBER 18TH

Our Sacred Stories: God & Us Gathering Around the Table

Thanksgiving! The leaves are changing. The air is growing colder and crisper. The sun sets earlier. It seems like we are finally saying goodbye to our summer. It is a difficult goodbye. Yet it is also a moment to celebrate. In an earlier, more agriculture-centred age, this was the time to offer thanks to God for all the gifts of the earth. We may not be so centred now, but we continue to rely on those who produce our food. Thus, we thank them for their efforts. We continue to thank God for nurturing the soil which produces the harvest.

At the centre of Thanksgiving is a meal. We dine with family and friends. We express our gratitude to God and to others in a gathering around the table. Many of our human celebrations centre on a meal. Dining seems to be a common gathering point for us as human beings. From birthdays to Christmas to a simple visit of friends, our human tendency seems to be to gather for a meal. Around the table we become relaxed, we come to know one another better. Foods are part of our culture and to share our food with others is to share something of ourselves with others. Perhaps that is why in formal and informal gatherings there is invariably a meal in which the participants sit down at the same table.

The Old Testament prophet, Isaiah uses the image of a rich and abundant banquet to describe the fullness of God's goodness poured out for all the peoples of the earth (Isaiah 25:6-10). Looking to the age of the messiah, the prophet uses a meal, shared by all peoples, as the great sign and symbol that the messiah has come. The reign of God is among us, and all creation is blessed by the presence of God.

Matthew's Gospel uses the same image for the same reign of God, with twist. He shares one of Jesus' stories, a parable of the Kingdom about a wedding feast, another banquet (Matt.22:1-10). The parable focuses on the invitation to a meal. The key here is that when the first invited guests refused the invitation, the doors of the banquet were thrown wide open. Servants were sent "into the streets and gathered all whom they found." Both Isaiah and Matthew proclaim the fullness of God's goodness for all creation. The table is large and the table is full.

This image is repeated, with the same message every time we gather around our Table for Eucharist. Theologian Eugene LaVerdiere focuses on the Eucharist as it is presented in the Gospel of Luke. The title of his book is *Dining in the Kingdom of God*. We may seldom think in this way, but that is in fact what we do when we gather around our Eucharistic table. We dine in the Kingdom of God. And we dine with a meal of thanksgiving.

Eucharist, literally, means *thanksgiving*. Whether it is around this Table of Eucharist or at the tables at which we gather with family and friends, we proclaim our gratitude – to God and to one another for the presence of goodness with which we are blessed in God and in one another. St. Paul, writing to the Philippians gives us a wonderful prayer to acknowledge both God and one another in this way – seeing both our lacks and our gifts. (Phil.4:12-14, 19-20).

Even now, in the midst of a pandemic, our Eucharist remains a celebration of God's goodness and the openness of God's reign to all. We may find ourselves with some limits in how we gather around The Table, but The Table must still be a celebration of God's openness to all peoples. Somehow, with all our current limitations, we must express a welcome to all, for we are "dining in the Kingdom of God."

John Jennings