OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 26th 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

Mass for Truth & Reconciliation Thursday, Sept. 30 12:00 pm St. Anthony's Church

Family Religious Formation Launch Sunday, October 3rd 9:45 am at St. Theresa's Church

> **Bike and Hike** Sunday, October 3rd

Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, October 17th

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 28th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church John McCafferty Wednesday, Sept. 29th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church Doug Hughes Thursday, Sept. 30th 12:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church All those whose lives have been touched by residential schools Friday, Oct. 1st 10:00 am – St. Anthony's Church Valarie Barry Saturday, Oct. 2nd 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church Bob Hunger Sunday, Oct. 3rd 8:45 pm - St. Patrick's Church Deceased members of the Flynn Family Sunday, Oct. 3rd 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Sunday, Oct. 3rd 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church Margaret Guimond

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory – Sep	t. 1	9, 2021
Sunday Contributions:	\$	875.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$2</u>	,146.00
Total:	\$3	,021.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5	,400.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$2	2,379.00
Capital Infrastructure:	\$	50.00
Special Collections:	\$	15.00
Other:	\$	190.00

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)	Offertory:	\$ 186,256.00	
<u>)</u>	Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 205,200.00</u>	
)	Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 18,944.00)	
)	Information inquires should be		
0)	directed to:		
0	Frank O'Donnell 472-0145		
0	(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener		
0	472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)		

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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



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Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that you do, THANK YOU!

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 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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. **Farewell Reception for Sr. Karen - Cancelled** ~ Due to changes in COVID protocols we have unfortunately had to cancel this event.



Year of St. Joseph

Consecration to St. Joseph September 30th to November 1st

Draw closer to St. Joseph, our spiritual father, over a 33-day preparation period. Group will meet a few times during the preparation. First gathering will be Friday, October 1st following the 10:00 am Mass at St. Anthony's Church.

Leader: Inez Sturgeon. To register and receive a book please contact Patty at 444-6070.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Postponed to a Later Date "Discovery of Unmarked Graves: How Do We Respond?" ~ Presentation and question and answer by Graydon Nicholas.

Mass for Truth and Reconciliation ~ To recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thursday September 30th at 12:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church. You are invited to wear an orange shirt to the Mass. Church bells will toll after Mass as a remembrance of the children who died in residential schools and their families.



Note from Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council represents the whole parish in pastoral and evangelization matters. Members discern the needs of the parish community as a whole and set parish direction by prayerful

reflection, discussion, investigation and recommend action concerning pastoral issues and programs.

Final weekend to submit your nominations for parish pastoral council positions. Forms are available at each church. Please submit your nomination by placing a ballot in the collection basket. Nominees will be contacted next week. Elections will be held if necessary.

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.



Hurry September's Deadline Fast Approaching! Our Lady of Peace Parish Bronze Rush A Winner Every Month!

\$5.00 per month will enter you in a random draw that will support parish programs and initiatives. Money raised will be split equally between the winner and the monthly designated program. Cash prize determined by the number of entries.

September's proceeds will support our Parish Outreach Program. Often we receive requests for support from individuals in the community. Money raised will be used to purchase gift cards or other goods for people needing a temporary helping hand.

To enter September'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 <u>vicky.knight@bellaliant.net</u>

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 <u>vicky.knight@bellaliant.net</u>

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



Congratulations to Shane Malley, the successful applicant of the St. Theresa's CWL Bursary. Shane is taking his Bachelor of Arts at UNB and we wish him much success.



Birthday Blessings!

Happy Birthday belated birthday to our newest Elite 90's member Alice Hamilton! Alice celebrated her 90th birthday on August 6th

Religious Formation

Launch of K to Grade 7 Family Style Faith Formation $^{\sim}$

We are excited to share with you our new Religious Formation program, Growing Up Catholic: Faith Stories! Families are requested to join us Sunday October 3rd from 9:45 to 10:45 am to learn about the program, receive a schedule, your family prayer box and other resources. To help us plan, please register your children prior to attending the lunch. Register online using the appropriate links below. For more information and to register visit:

https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religiousformation-k-to-7



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.

The Catholic Disciple Formation Series ~ Tuesday evenings beginning September 28th, Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC, will be offering an 11-week video series on Fr. Bob Bedard's book *The Catholic Disciple*. Sessions will begin at 7:30 pm following the weekly Diocesan rosary. In person sessions will be offered in Fredericton at Our Lady of Fatima Parish and Saint John at Immaculate Conception Parish, with the option to join remotely via Zoom (https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83064871436, Passcode: disciple). For more information see the Diocese of Saint John's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/DioceseofSaintJohn or email nmazerolle@dioceseofsaintjohn.org.

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am	
Screeners/Ushers	Bonnie Bowlen Vicky Knight	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford, Elaine Read, Tracy Horsley,	
		A J Horsley, Darren Richard	
Lector	Michelle Gabe	Barry Miller	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2ND AND 3RD

Our Sacred Stories A Christian Vision for the 21st Century

As Christians, we have a long history – 2000 years. Those who have given us our Gospels, like the writer of Mark's Gospel attempted to pass on the faith memories of our earliest ancestors. Writing at least a generation after the crucifixion, the writers depended on the memories of the Christian communities in which they lived, in the first century. They aimed to describe the significance of Jesus, his message and his mission in the light of their own world.

Their communities were small, they were a minority and their community of faith was not fully defined. It was evolving as it spread. The message and the mission of Jesus was intended to reach outward, to touch the world in which it was planted. Such evolution was sometimes seen as a threat. We see this in Mark's Gospel. The disciple, John was alarmed that someone other than them was casting out demons in Jesus's name. Jesus's response is significant: "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us." (Mk.9:38-40) Jesus sees no threat here.

There are times when we as a community, view our world as a threat. We see the "secular" as hostile to church and to things spiritual. We may even think we must do battle with the world and the secular. Perhaps it would be better to express the view that Jesus did in Mark's story.

A few years ago Timothy Radcliffe, the former general superior of the Dominican Order wrote an article entitled "The Shape of the Church to Come." The article discusses the manner in which our Christian church addresses the reality of living in a world that is secular, a world where faith, religion, church and Christian life might seem unimportant. This is not a threatening world for Radcliffe.

Fr. Radcliffe sees our world as the ground on which we work - where we sow the seeds of the Good News. For him, living in a secular society in the 21st century challenges us to see and proclaim the Gospel in a new light. He holds that our sharing of the Good News has much to offer to our secular society, not to correct it, but to build upon it. Radcliffe offers advice on a Christian vision for us.

[As church and society] we need a moral vision that neither locks us in a ghetto nor assimilates us to society.... We need a moral vision that engages us as people of the 21st century and leads to our flourishing. Many Catholics understand morality in a way that reflects an Enlightenment (i.e. 18th century) culture of control, obligation and prohibition. To be a Catholic is to accept the rules, starting with the Ten Commandments.... Commandments have always, obviously, had a role in Catholic morality, but with the Enlightenment they became central, rather than being part of our formation as people who seek our happiness in God....

The renewal of virtue ethics, especially in North America, promises a way beyond a voluntaristic morality. It is not so much about acts as about becoming the sort of person who finds happiness in God. By practicing the cardinal virtues of prudence, courage, temperance and justice, we can become pilgrims on the way to holiness. With the theological virtues of faith, hope and love, we are given a foretaste of the end of the journey. A morality founded on virtues [rather than commandments] is about the transformation of our desires rather than their control. (America 13 April 2009)

The Good News is - God has come among us, is with us, all of us. Revealed in virtues and love.