

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, May 31st - The Feast of Pentecost

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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

Online Mass

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Via Facebook and posted on website

Drive Thru Reconciliation

Sunday from 8:45 to 10:00 am

St. Patrick's Church

Online Alpha Course

Thursdays, June 11th to July 30th

7:00 to 8:15 pm



Drive Thru Reconciliation ~ This Sunday, May 31st from 8:45 to 10:00 am, Fr. Martin will be available for Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church. Please drive into the parking lot and Fr. Martin will approach your car and keep an acceptable distance.

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory – May 24, 2020

Sunday Contributions:	\$2,045.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,888.00</u>
Total:	\$3,933.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,860.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$1,927.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 190.00
Special Collections:	\$ 170.00
Other:	\$ 445.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$104,380.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$123,060.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 18,680.00)
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener	
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)	

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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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

MESSAGE FROM FR. MARTIN

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure all of you are eagerly waiting for the reopening of our churches. At the same time, we are surprised to know the updates and news about COVID-1. With the latest information we have received today about the COVID-19 outbreak in the Campbellton Region of the province, Premier Higgs has made the difficult decision to delay the next phase of reopening for the province.

Therefore, the three churches of Our Lady of Peace Parish will not be able to open for Mass this coming weekend as planned and we will wait for further announcements from the province. We will notify parishioners in advance when we will be able to reopen our parish churches.

Please watch for parish updates on the website, social media and the bulletin that is emailed each Friday. Please feel free to contact the parish office or any of us for help or clarification.

I know it's not easy to accept this type of changes of communication, but it's the fact that our parish serves for the betterment of everyone.

Please join us for online Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday with Holy Communion after in our church parking lots. Let's pray for one another.

May God bless you and keep you very safe from all fear and illness.

Blessings,



Fr. Martin Arputham

RELIGIOUS FORMATION UPDATE

Online K to Grade 8 Religious Formation ~ Online religious formation class for Kindergarten to Grade 8 this Sunday, May 31st at 11:00 am. Registered families were emailed an access code to join.

Diocesan Wide Zoom Youth Group "S'mores and More!" ~ Bring your favourite snack and join us for a virtual campfire on Friday, June 5th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Invite a friend! Please rsvp for a link to connect to the session fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

ONLINE MASS

WITH DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

This weekend Our Lady of Peace Parish will be offering online Mass Saturday at 4:00 pm and distribution of Communion from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in all church sites parking lots.

We encourage our parishioners to watch Mass at home online at 4:00 pm and then make their way to one of the church sites if they wish to receive Communion. For safety and organization please watch for these volunteers and follow their directions. Directions for each church are below.

In order to maintain reverence for the reception of Holy Communion, a short Rite will be celebrated at each vehicle. Fr. Martin and volunteers have been instructed to take every precaution with hand sanitizing and ensuring, as best they can, the safety for all involved.

St. Anthony's Church: Please enter the main parking lot using only the Union St. entrance and proceed around the back of the church. Communion will be distributed from two points:

- The drive way that exits onto Clarke St.
- The drive way beside the Rectory that exits onto Union St.

St. Theresa's Church: Please enter the parking lot using the third entrance on William St. Communion will be distributed from two points near the entrance to the church hall and exit using the first entry way.

St. Patrick's Church: Please enter the parking lot and Communion will be distributed by the front door.



Online Mass Times

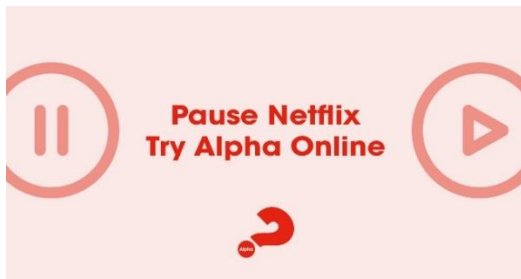
Saturday at 4:00 pm

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. Amen



Online Alpha Course~ Our Lady of Peace Parish is offering an online Alpha course beginning Thursday, June 11th from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Perfect for people looking to reconnect to their faith, those exploring faith for the first time or for those looking to have great honest conversations about their faith. Open to everyone regardless of their location and faith tradition! To register please email pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca



We are looking for volunteers to be able to meet and maintain standards that are required by the Province of New Brunswick to open the parish for Masses.

Some of our current volunteers may not be able to start attending Mass right away for various reason and we don't want them to fill pressure to do so. If you are available to volunteer it would be greatly appreciated. Training will be provided.

We can only offer Masses if we have enough volunteers to guarantee the safety of our parishioners.

Birthday Blessings

To 90's Elite Member
Luella Hickey

Happy 89th Birthday
to Jeannette Cogswell



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOUR RETURN TO MASS

As we look forward to reopening our parish, our churches will not only look different, the Mass will be different. Here is a bit of what to expect when you return to Mass:

- A maximum of people allowed at St. Anthony's and St. Theresa's. Approximately 20 - 25 at St. Patrick's.
- Until something better can be arranged, next weekend will be "first come, first served" at all churches and doors will open approximately 20 minutes before Mass.
- You will be required to wear a face mask as you approach the church and keep in on during Mass, except as you receive Communion.
- Volunteers will greet you at the Church entrance and ask you screening questions. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions you will not be permitted to enter the Church.
- Upon entry hands sanitizing stations will be available for you to sanitize your hands.
- Volunteers will direct you to an available seat. Not all pews will be used. And parishioners will be seated to fill the front pews first. Once seated please remain in your seat and maintain 6 feet distance between others in the pew outside of your family.
- There will be no singing, offertory, collection or sign of peace during Mass. Collection baskets will be available as you exit the church.
- Communion will be distributed by Fr. Martin only at the end of Mass. Volunteers will direct you during this time.
- After Communion you are asked to leave the church immediately by one of indicated exits.
- We ask that before and after Mass you do not gather and socialize in the church parking lots.
- After each Mass the churches will be cleaned.

Will this be perfect over the first few weeks? No. We ask for your patience as protocols develop and volunteers learn new roles.

The Spirit of God's Dream for All

After two months of separation and isolation, finally came a taste of liberation. It is not total, nor is it completely free. There remain many restrictions. However, the barriers constructed to help address the threat of the spreading pandemic are finally coming down. Communities, from families to church are beginning to come together again. There are limits, but we are moving from separation and restrictions to a sense that we are together and free again. It is a taste of liberation.

What we have experienced over the past months is in some ways what our world expresses globally. We are often defined by our borders, that is by what separates us – Canada, US, China, Europe. So often we wrap ourselves in our borders, our differences, our self-interest. Protecting ourselves is most significant. With what result? Often it creates separation, isolation, hostility, negative rivalry and even conflict, among countries, communities and regions. We are bound by borders.

This is not God's plan, God's dream for us. Humanity is one and has been created as one. God's dream is that we come back to unity as one human community. Such a community overcomes our separation, our borders and our divisions. It brings compassion and healing for all, mutual concern and care, a sense that we are indeed one world. It offers reconciliation and peace. It is a taste of liberation.

Pentecost is about the creation of this world, marked by liberation and peace. We see this, in the reading we encounter for this time. These readings focus on the way the Spirit came into the life of the disciples and into the lives of our ancestors in the faith, those earliest communities. The readings present us with clear and eloquent images of the impact of Spirit.

We discover that the Spirit is given broadly, not to a few. It comes to all and marks all. In the Book of the Act (2:1-11) we hear that the Spirit descended on all the disciples and all were filled. More than this, not only did they all speak with the Spirit, but all who heard them heard and understood. Language was no longer a barrier among the many. Pentecost is a reversal of the Old Testament story of Babel when humanity in self-importance and pride sought to build a tower "with its top in the heavens" (Gen.11:1-9). The result was the confusion and separation that came from differences in language. The Spirit overcomes our separateness and division, for we are one human family.

In the First Letter to the Corinthian Community, the writer seems to have grasped this. For the letter proclaims that there are indeed many gifts and many services in the community. But this variety is actually in all of the community, for all of them are gifts and service of the Spirit "for the common good" of all (1 Cor.12:3-7). Despite our differences we are, one humanity.

John describes the disciples on the evening when they became aware that Jesus had risen (John 20:19-23). In fear, they had locked themselves in the house. Separation was their response to their fears. Jesus then came upon them and he greeted them in a significant way: "Peace be with you." The great gift of the Spirit of Jesus among them was to be peace. Fear causes us to flee, to imprison ourselves to be safe. That is not what the Spirit brings, it brings healing and unity.

With the gift of the Spirit, the disciples were to become healers and reconcilers. We might be tempted to read the word "sin" too narrowly as our individual failings. In the Spirit it is much more. "Sin" refers to all that separates and divides humanity. It is seen when our pride and self-importance lead us to think we dominate and control our world.

The Spirit creates a world that is God's dream, world of our true hopes. This is really our common dream. A world of liberation and peace for all. May we be one world, one humanity, living and caring for all creation as God cares for us.

John Jennings