

# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## BULLETIN

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### 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.

### LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

On Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Bishop Riesbeck issued a letter to all the Diocesan faithful regarding the reopening of churches throughout the Diocese of Saint John. This letter can be found attached to emails distributing the bulletin or on our parish website.

### THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST & PARISH REOPENING

With the Government of New Brunswick's announcement on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, that we are moving into the "yellow phase", churches will be permitted to have public gatherings of a maximum of 50 people, with physical distancing beginning May 29<sup>th</sup>.

A Recovery Team comprised of members of the three churches is working hard to prepare our parish churches to be able to open next weekend, May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, to welcome parishioner back to Mass.

#### **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church

#### **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:45 am at St. Patrick's Church

#### **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

11:00 am at St. Theresa's Church

Facebook Live during this Mass.

**People because of age, health issues and other vulnerable conditions may not be fully able to take advantage of attending Mass at this time. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect for those unable to attend.**

## 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 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.

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**Online Rosary** ~ Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. During the month of May, we will be offering parishioners a chance to pray the Rosary online with others in our community. Join us on Facebook Live as Fr. Martin and Knights of Columbus Council #8654 lead us in the Rosary.

## OUR LADY OF PEACE NEW MASS TIMES BEGINNING SATURDAY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

Tuesdays 10:00 am at St. Anthony's Church  
Wednesdays 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church  
Thursdays 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church  
Fridays 12:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church  
Saturdays 4:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church  
Sundays 8:45 am at St. Patrick's Church  
Sundays 11:00 am at St. Theresa's Church  
and Facebook Live

This schedule has been set to allow parishioners many options to attend Mass throughout the week. Fr. Martin encourages people that are able to attend Mass during the week to do so and that those people not attend Mass on the weekend. Mass times and frequency will be adjusted if needed.



To be able to maintain standards that are required to open the parish for Masses beginning next week we are in need of volunteers. At this time, we will only be using one

Lector per Mass, no Altar Servers, music ministry or Eucharistic Ministers. If you are part of these ministries we would like to ask you to volunteer during Mass in another way.

As we don't know how long we will need to continue in this way we don't want to burn out our current volunteers. In addition, 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 feel pressure to do so. If you are available to volunteer it would be greatly appreciated. Training will be provided.

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

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### Free Tax Clinic Book Your Contact Free Appointment

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, **without personal contact**, for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation.

Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact Steve Linton for further information at 506-261-7600 or [lintons@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:lintons@nbnet.nb.ca)

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION UPDATE

**Online K to Grade 8 Religious Formation** ~ Online religious formation class for Kindergarten to Grade 8 this Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Registered families were emailed an access code to join.



**Online Mass Times**  
Saturday May, 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm  
Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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. *Amen*

Our parish website and Facebook page are updated often as new information or resources become available.

**Website** - [www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

**Facebook** - @Ourladyofpeaceparishfredericton

**Email** - We will be emailing the bulletin and any other updates as needed. If you would like to be included on our email list please subscribe through our website.

## PARISH GIVING

The Finance Committee has been working hard looking for solutions to get us through the COVID-19 crisis. We may have had to temporarily close our church doors the reality is that we still have expenses to pay. As good stewards of the parish they have been reviewing expenditures to see us through this time without forgetting the mission of the church.

People have been contacting the office asking how they can still support the parish. Here are three ways for you to still make your donations to Our Lady of Peace Parish:

- 1) Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office (603 Union St.). You will find a mail slot in the back door of the Pastoral Center. Please **DO NOT** leave envelopes in the mailbox at the front door.
- 2) Sign up for our Auto Debit program. Registration forms can be downloaded from our parish website.
- 3) E-Transfers. This 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 one of the two options:
  - "What is this donation for?" and the answer "OurLadyofPeace"
  - "My name is (add the name that your envelope is registered to), what is my envelope number?" and the answer "(add your envelope number)"

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

### OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Weekly Offertory Weekend of May 17, 2020		Year-to-Date	
Contributions:	\$ 2,945.00	Offertory:	\$100,447.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$ 1,888.00</u>	Budget Needs:	<u>\$117,200.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,833.00</b>	<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$16,753.00)</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 5,860.00	Information inquires should be directed to: Frank O'Donnell 472-0145 (mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener 472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)	
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$ 1,027.00)</b>		
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 110.00		
Special Collections:	\$ 100.00		
Other:	\$ 139.00		
<i>Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. <b>For all that you do, THANK YOU!</b></i>			