Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, May 9, 2021 - 6th Sunday of Easter

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St. Anthony's Church 603 Union St. Fredericton, NB Mass Time Saturdays at 4:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursdays Alpha Course Online

Sunday, May 16th Return of Online Mass



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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 11th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church No Intention Wednesday, May 12th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church Mary Wrynn Thursday, May 13th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church No Intention Friday, May 14th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church **Sherwood Billings** Saturday, May 15th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church John Donald Farrell Sunday, May 16th 8:45 pm - St. Patrick's Church Joanne Colford Sunday, May 16th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church Marie Shields

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory – I	May 2, 202
Sunday Contributions:	\$2,941.
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$2,044.</u>
Total:	\$4,985.
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5 <i>,</i> 400.
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 415.
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 740
Special Collections:	\$ 10.
Other:	\$ 144

lay 2, 2021	Year-to-Date		
\$2,941.00	Offertory:	\$	86,024.00
<u>\$2,044.00</u>	Budget Needs:	\$	97,200.00
\$4,985.00	Excess (Shortfall):	(\$	11,176.00)
\$5 <i>,</i> 400.00	Information inquires should be		
(\$ 415.00)	directe	d to:	:
\$ 740.00	Frank O'Donnell 472-0145		
\$ 10.00	(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener		
\$ 144.00	472-9364 (glf@	nbn	et.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!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Good News! Online Mass will return Sunday, May 16th

After a short two week break Our Lady of Peace Parish Online Mass will return on Sunday, May 16th with a team of new volunteers ready to take on this ministry for our community. During this two week break Fr. Maria will still continue to distribute Communion to those who can not attend Mass in person.

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 Sundays at:

St. Theresa's Church after the 11:00 am Mass to 12:15 pm

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

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

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.



Remember Someone with a Mass Intention Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according the rubrics of the Church for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. These special intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. If you would like to book a Mass intention to remember a loved one or for a special intention at any of our three parish churches, please contact Irene at the parish office at 444-6010.



PRAYING THE ROSARY IN MAY

During the month of May, the church has a tradition of praying the Rosary. The liturgical committee of Our Lady of Peace is committed to continuing this wonderful tradition. During the month of May the Rosary will be prayed in our parish churches at the following times:

Tuesdays after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Anthony's Wednesdays after the 12:00 pm Mass at St. Theresa's Wednesdays at 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's

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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COVID PROTOCOLS

COVID protocols and screening procedures as required by the Province of New Brunswick are still in place in our parish churches. Please continue to have patience as our screeners collect contact information and allow our ushers to seat you according to current protocols procedures.

PARISH NURSING

Online Yoga ~ Just two more sessions remain! May 10th & 17th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom. Anyone interested to join can contact Emma at <u>eecout@gmail.com</u>. Everyone welcome.

Fredericton Indoor Pool ~ If you would like to use our Parish Nursing program to access adult only swim times at the indoor pool please contact Vicky Knight at 454-8538 or by email at <u>vicky.knight@bellaliant.net</u> to book your swim time.

Knitting Class via ZOOM ~ We are looking to see if there is interest in knitting classes delivered via Zoom beginning in September. If anyone is interested please contact Vicky Knight at 454-8538 or e-mail vicky.knight@bellaliant.net

Our Lady of Peace Book Club in Collaboration with the Fredericton Library ~ will begin on Tuesday, September 14th at 11:00 am via Zoom. Open to all Our Lady of Peace parishioners from the all three churches. Maximum 14 participants and registration is first come first serve. You must register even if you have been part of book club in the past. Please call Vicky Knight-at 454-8538 or e-mail <u>vicky.knight@bellaliant.net</u>.

Do you have a love of decorating? Would you be willing to share your talents in creating inviting, welcoming and prayerful spaces at St. Theresa's Church? Please contact Rochelle Ivey (451-7221), Patty Cameron (444-6070) or Fr. Maria (444-6010).

This week Our Lady of Peace Parish Sanctuary Lamps are lit for: St. Theresa's Church Sherwood Billings

Yard Sale and Bake Sale ~ Gibson Memorial United Church (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 5th form 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Rain or Shine and COVID protocols will be followed.



To all our Mothers and others who show us a Mother's love.

There are times when only a mother's love Can understand our tears. Can soothe our disappoints And calm all of our fears. There are times when only a mother's love Can share the joy we feel When something we've dreamed about Ouite suddenly is real. There are times when only a mother's faith Can help us on life's way And inspire in us the confidence We need from day to day. For a mother's heart and a mother's faith And a mother's steadfast love Were fashioned by the angels And sent from God above. ~ Author Unknown

Our Lady of Peace Parish **50/50** FUNDRAISER THREE \$500 WINNERS!

The parish is having a fundraiser to support the building funds for each our parish churches. Three 50/50 Boards will be drawn over the next 4 to 5 weeks. Each board will have a \$500 winner! There are 100 squares per board at a cost of \$10 per square. To buy your square please call Irene at 444-6010. (NB Lotter Permit #362206)

Lots of squares still AVAILABLE! The amount of money raised for our parish building funds will depend on filling the three boards.

1 Board Filled

- 1 \$500 winner and \$166 to each building fund **2 Boards Filled**
- 2 x \$500 winners and \$333 to each building fund **3 Boards Filled**
- 3 x \$500 winners and \$500 to each building fund

Help Us Meet Our Goal to Fill 3 Boards!

Screeners/Ushers	John Waish Wena Spires	Mary Billings Betty Flanagan
Lector	John Walsh	Margot Parker
	St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am	St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm
Screeners/Ushers	Sue Inkster Ken Harris	Janet Matheson
Lector	Ken Harris	Dennis Kelly
	St. Anthony's – Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick
	Vicky Knight	Martin Colford Allison Wrynn Ed Theriault
		Betty MacNeil
Lector	Greg Forsythe	Darren Richard

Our Sacred Stories God's Plan of Love for All Humanity

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you: abide in my love.... This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (John 15:9, 12)

A short time ago, I was hiking in the woods with some friends. Along the path, we came upon a pond. As we stood and chatted in the peacefulness of this scene in the woods, we quietly tossed a few stones into the center of a pond. Chatting away, we noticed the splash as the rock hit the water. More interesting was what happened to the whole pond. As the rock broke the surface of the water, ripples spread outward from this center and ultimately reached even to the far shoreline.

This Sunday (6th Sunday of Easter) the Gospel shows Jesus leading us to see the loving relationship that is created between God as our loving parent and ourselves. This love of God, in fact brings a whole series of loving relationships into our world. As complex as Christian faith can seem to be, it is in fact founded on a simple revelation: God loves us, all of us. God reveals this love in Jesus himself and from Jesus this revelation is to reach out through us to all. Like the rock thrown into the pond, Jesus breaks through the surface creating ripples of our God's love that reach to the far and distant shores of our world.

This is the chain of loving relationships that appears in John's Gospel today (John 15:9-17). Jesus received and accepted the Father's love. He loved his disciples with this same love. As disciples we are to love one another as Jesus has loved us. And we are to share the ripples of this love to the ends of the earth.

Again and again, the Book of the Acts, show us the earliest Christian communities revealing the outward ripples of this loving relationship. The Spirit of the living God is given freely. It knows no bounds and shows no partiality (Acts 10:25-48). God's love is a gift, not earned or merited, not limited or measured, but boundless, open and free for all – a true gift and blessing.

As it happens, this weekend we observe Mother's Day. What a reflection of God's love touches us in our mother's love, in the love of every mother. Such love is more than a simple word. It is, in fact something we can only know by experiencing it. We learn to love by witnessing love in living examples that surround us through life. Our mothers and fathers proclaim the reality of love for us from the very beginning of our lives. Our discipleship, more than anything else is sharing this as Jesus has shown us with the expression of open, caring, compassionate love for all the peoples of the earth.