

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin

Sunday, May 22nd 2022 – 6th Sunday of Easter

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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

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

Upcoming Events

Monday May 23rd

Parish Office Closed “Victoria Day”

May 29th

Family Faith Formation “Brunch & Fun”

Mass Times & Intentions

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

**Saturday May 28th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
Connie Sueyras**

**Sunday May 29th 8:45 am St. Patrick's
Mass for the People**

**Sunday May 29th 11:00 am St. Theresa's
Sister Grace McSheffrey**

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory May 15th, 2022

Sunday Contributions: \$ 2,231.00

Auto Debit (average): \$ 1,978.00

Total: \$ 4,209.00

Weekly Budget Needs: \$ 5,000.00

Excess (Shortfall) (\$ 791.00)

Capital Infrastructure: \$ 240.00

Special Collections: \$ 240.00

Other: \$ 2,245.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory: \$ 94,915.00

Budget Needs: \$ 100,000.00

Excess (Shortfall): (\$ 5,085.00)

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

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



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

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

Wondering what is happening in the parish? Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online.



www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

**Parish Announcements
For Everyone's Safety and Protection**

Now that COVID restrictions have ended we would like to acknowledge that parishioners will have different comfort levels and we ask for everyone's patience and kindness as parishioners assess their own level of risk and comfort.

Although no longer mandated, we encourage the continued use of masks in our church buildings for your protection and the protection of our vulnerable parishioners, those too young to be vaccinated and those with underlying health conditions. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available and you are asked to use it as you enter the church and before receiving communion.

Please continue to monitor your health and make the decision to attend/not attend Mass accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we return to pre-COVID restrictions is very much appreciated.

Eucharistic Adoration

- Wednesdays 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church
- *Thursdays 11:30 at St. Theresa's Church
- *Fridays 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church *

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

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.



**Washrooms and Other Renovations
At St. Theresa's Church.**

The first round of renovations have been completed which includes two gender neutral washrooms (one fully accessible,) flooring in the main entrance and the stairs to the church hall. More repairs are scheduled to fix a major leak in the roof and level the steps and sidewalk by the old rectory.

Although there are funds available in the capital reserve fund for St. Theresa's there is not nearly enough to cover the cost of the upgrades completed or ones yet to be done. Fr. Maria and the Finance Council approved a special fund raising campaign. There are specially marked envelopes at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to contribute to these renovations. All donations would qualify for income tax purposes. This campaign will go until the end of June. We thank you for any contribution you wish to make.

Faith Formation Update

Confirmation Preparation: Are you Interested in beginning your journey to Confirmation? ~ We are looking to see how many youth entering Grade 8 and up in the fall of 2022 are interested in participating in Confirmation Preparation with the date of the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 2024 Easter Season. If there is enough interest, sessions will begin in early October. Please contact Patty Cameron at 444-6018 or pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca. Please feel free to share this information with families and youth who may be interested.

Looking for a way to become involved and get to know families in the parish? Our Lady of Peace Faith Formation Team is looking for leaders. Each month (September to May) our team leads family style faith formation sessions for parish families. Using an easy to use program you will help facilitate meaningful faith filled discussions and help families grow in faith together. Our team approach to leading sessions means that no one leader is responsible for a whole session. No experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Patty at 444-6018 or pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Parish Membership

For our Parish to have accurate records, please notify the office when there are changes in your address, phone numbers or emails. Please let us know if you are moving away and will no longer be members of our Parish Community. If you are new to our Parish please give Irene a call at the office 444-6010 so you can be registered as a Parish Member



Pastoral Council Notes

Support for Ukraine

Pastoral Council is currently looking at different opportunities for our parish to help the people of Ukraine. Please join pastoral council in prayer for Ukraine.

Prayer For Ukraine

Loving God,

**We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.**

**We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide
their choices.**

**We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.**

**May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.**

Amen.

If you would like to make a personal donation to support Ukraine we suggest the following websites as trustworthy.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress & Canada Ukraine Foundation:

<https://www.cufoundation.ca>

Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.ca>

Are you interested in hosting a refugee family from Ukraine in your home?

<https://www.ukrainetakeshelter.com> is an independent platform helping to connect Ukrainian refugees with potential hosts and housing. Please go to their website to register.

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing

olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com

*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle* 
burns in memory of ...

Fr. Monte Peters

Offered by Irene Jewett



Congratulations

Winner of the Mother's Day Basket

Sylvie Lebel

Second Draw for the Rhum Cake *Euclide LeBlanc*

Our Heartfelt Thanks goes out to all who supported our Fundraiser. This includes everyone who donated to the beautiful Basket, those who purchased tickets and those who sold tickets.

It was a very successful fundraiser with the total amount raised



\$ 1,217.00



CWL Bursary

Attention High School Graduates. St. Theresa's CWL is offering a \$1,000.bursary to any high school graduate continuing their education. Applications are available on the bulletin board at the back of each Church or thru the link on the parish website at Our Lady of Peace. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2022

Praying the Rosary in May

During this month of May, Mary's Month, we have occasion to Pray the Rosary together. At Saint Theresa it will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursday at noon; and at Saint Anthony's it will be offered on Fridays at 10:00 AM. Hope as many of you as possible will be able to participate in this special and traditional Communal Prayer time.

The Rosary Committee

Development and Peace/ *Share Year Round*

D & P monthly giving program allows you to make a real difference in the struggle of our partners in the Global South. By becoming a **Share Year-Round member**, you help the most marginalized people of the world take control of their lives and build a better future. Every donation you make is important and helps us achieve our goals of justice and peace in the world.

When you donate to D & P on a monthly basis, you can be assured that your donation will be used wisely. From March 2 to June 5, 2022*, those who become monthly donors (or increase their monthly donation) will have their annual contribution matched dollar for dollar. For example, a monthly donation of \$10 will be matched up to \$120, and Development and Peace will receive a total of \$240 over the course of the year. This initiative is made possible by a \$160,000 matching fund endowed by benefactors and religious communities who generously support our work.

Thank-You for considering this request,

Allison Wrynn on behalf of Development and Peace

Ministry Schedule May 28th & May 29th

	St. Anthony's	St. Theresa's
Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Mary Fitzgerald, Martin Colford Andre Paier, Janet Matheson , Darren Richard
Eucharistic Ministers		Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Alter Server	Bonnie Bowlen	
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Deborah Allen

Our Sacred Stories.Easter:

Who Are We To Be? A Church of Love and Peace

Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you.... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

One of the formative experiences of my life and priesthood was several years of involvement in weekend retreats for married couples. At the core of these retreats was the awareness that enrichment of relationships depended on constant communication within couples, from the heart. Deciding to do this as a couple honoured a principle – love is a decision.

Often we think of love as an emotion. To see love as a decision is to require an explicit commitment in any relationship. When such a principle is accepted and acted upon it has the possibility of building a relationship that is marked by peace, harmony and mutual respect. In the long term, such a relationship whether for a couple or a community or our world is what we all long for. It only becomes a reality, when we are able to make the decision to love. And this requires a commitment to the other. It is not a feeling, it is a decision.

Understanding love in this way helps us to grasp and make sense of what Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven” (Matt.5:43-45). Love that is a decision moves beyond the emotional to conscious efforts to follow the disciple’s path offered by Jesus’ call. It nurtures relationships, building peace and harmony.

As John in his Gospel, tells the story of Jesus and his disciples we discover the significance of relationships for the disciples of Jesus. Before his death and resurrection, Jesus reflects on his departure from them (John 14:23-29). As he does so, Jesus reassures them in two ways. First, his vision is that they not be troubled or fearful. He wants his disciples to be at peace, in their own hearts and with one another.

The second reassurance is his promise that the Father will not leave them alone or abandoned. God will gift them with “the Advocate”. The Spirit of God will be with them always. With this Spirit, Jesus will continue to be among them, guiding and supporting them as they carry on his message and mission.

In 2015-16 Pope Francis, moved by the Spirit, launched our church on a journey to discover the peace of heart and peace with others that is Jesus’ vision for disciples. The focus Francis took was to lead us away from commands, rules and judgement, to see ourselves as a church of mercy.

One the images he turned to was the church as a “field hospital”. Our church is to be out among the struggles and challenges of our world, responding to the physical, social, economic and moral needs of all humanity. It is to reach out in particular to the lost and the excluded, the outcasts, the suffering, the wounded and the hurting. Such openness and outreach builds the peace for which we all long. It reveals the peace that is Jesus’ blessing for all: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14:27). Living such relational faith, is the role of the disciple, building the Reign of God among all humanity.

John Jennings
6th Sunday of Easter