

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin

Sunday, March 27th, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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 1:30 pm



St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

Upcoming Events

Sunday March 27th 9:45 am
Family Faith Formation

Friday April 1
Lenten Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm
St. Theresa's Church

Tuesday April 5
Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen at 7:00 pm

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For Holy Week Schedule

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, March 29th 12:00 am - St. Theresa's Church
Miguel Sueyras

Wednesday March 30th 10:00 am St. Anthony's
Connie Sueyras

Thursday, March 31st 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Patricia Gyuk

Friday April 1st 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church
Ellen Leonard

Saturday, April 2nd, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
Mass for the People

Sunday April 3rd 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church
Terri Brewer

Sunday, April 3rd 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church
James Barron

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Mar 20th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,326.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,978.00</u>
Total:	\$5,304.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 304.00
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 70.00
Special Collections:	\$ 20.00
Other:	\$ 30.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 54,506.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 5,944.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca).

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

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

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



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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.*



Catholic Women's League



On very short notice, St. Theresa's CWL answered roll call with 77 cans of meat or fish, 2 cans of beans and 2 mac & cheese for Greener Village. AWESOME !!!!!

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 for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation commencing in **March, 2022**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax. The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or linton21@outlook.com.

Development & Peace *Standing up to corporate power in Honduras*



The *People and Planet First* campaign is about helping communities stand up to corporate power.

In Honduras, as in much of the Global South, corporations often threaten and criminalize activists who speak up against their abuses.

The Lenca Indigenous leader Víctor Vásquez was imprisoned for fighting the corporate takeover of his people's ancestral territory. Development and Peace's partner, the Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), helped free him from jail. Another partner, Caritas Choluteca, trains and accompanies community leaders in advocating for policies that respect human rights and the environment. Recently, they got mayoral election candidates to undertake to declare Orocuina a mining-free zone if elected.

Read more about these people's victories in our Mini-magazine at devp.org/lent/resources.

Fellow Parishioners,

Solidarity Weekend occurs next Saturday and Sunday, Apr 2 and 3th, 2022. This is the weekend that Development and Peace asks you to donate what you can in order for our worthwhile work to continue. The last few weeks you have become acquainted with our efforts through short notices in our Bulletin. Attached to this bulletin you will find Bishop Christian Riesbeck Letter of support for this Cause; as well as a contributing envelope that you can bring back next weekend. On behalf of our entire Diocesan Committee for Development and Peace, we continue to Thank-You for your on-going generosity.

Allison Wrynn, Diocesan Chair for Development and Peace.



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>

Remember

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com
Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Development and Peace has initiated an Emergency Appeal to assist the crises in Ukraine. Parishioners who wish to assist financially can go on the D&P webpage, devp.org, or call Toll Free : 1-888-664-3387. There is also detailed information available at the following location: <https://www.devp.org/en/blog/our-ukraine-emergence-fundraising-qa/> . The people of Ukraine certainly need our assistance; and D&P sincerely Thank You for any assistance you can provide. For further information and/or clarification, please call Allison Wrynn at 506-470-9390.



Lenten Reflection Books are available at each church. *“Come to the Light”* and *“Growing in Grace”* are perfect to accompany adults on their Lenten journey and *“Abundant Mercy”* provides family devotions and activities that will open hearts to receive God’s overflowing kindness and forgiveness. Due to shipping delays and limited supplies we did not receive all our ordered books. **To ensure everyone can have a book, please choose only one of the adult books to take home. If we receive more books, we will put them out.**

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service ~ Friday, April 1st at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa’s Church.



Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen ~ Join Sr. Karen Kelly for this in person retreat on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa’s Church to reflect on your Lenten journey and prepare for Holy Week. The retreat will also be available on Facebook Live. To help us plan let us know if you would like to attend in person by calling or emailing Patty Cameron at 444-6018 or pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

Stations of the Cross ~ resources will be available at each church for individuals and families to pray the stations of the cross after each mass Tuesday at St. Theresa’s Church; Wednesday at St. Anthony’s Church and after regular weekend Mass times.

Please feel free to use the booklets and return them when done.

Parish Nursing Ministry

Congratulations to **Marjorie Hughes** winner of the Beautiful “Stars on Stars Quilt”. Secondary Draw for the St. Patrick’s Basket won by **Leonce Chiasson**. Total amount raised for Parish Nursing programs an amazing **\$1,002.00** . Thank you to all who purchased tickets and to everyone who helped in selling tickets. Also a huge thank you St. Anthony’s Quilting Group for their quilt donation.

Do any of you have puzzles you have put together and taken apart and stored?? Well we are having a **SPRING PUZZLE MANIA** and are looking for donations of puzzles. A box will be put in each church for your donations of puzzles. Once the boxes have enough puzzles the sign up sheets will be available for you to sign out a puzzle from the puzzle library

Our Lady of Peace Church Buildings

Note: Please ensure that Church buildings are LOCKED if you’re the last one leaving the premises.

Ministry Schedule Week of April 02nd & 03rd

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford, Tracy Horsley, Darren Richard
Lector	Ken Harris	Barry Miller

Schedule for the Triduum

Holy Thursday April 14th 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's
Good Friday April 15th 12:00 noon St. Patrick's and 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's
Easter Vigil Saturday April 16th 9:00 pm at St. Anthony's
Easter Sunday April 17th 8:45 am at St. Patrick's and 11:00 am at St. Theresa's

Our Sacred Stories

Two Sons and a Parent: Our Challenge

This 4th Sunday of Lent we hear one of the most beautiful and moving of Jesus' parables. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) It is a story that touches the heart of every person. It expresses something that is part of the human experience. All our relationships are marked in some way by this story – a story of disappointment with self, of self-righteous resentment and of abundant, healing, unconditional love.

The parable of the "Prodigal Son", sometimes called the parable of the "Prodigal Parent" is one in which we find ourselves identified. Luke tells it as Jesus' response to the scribes and the Pharisees who were criticizing him for his willingness to reach out with openness to all, even those who were seen as most undeserving. "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." For Luke and his community in early Christianity the story focused on the religious elites of their day. For us, perhaps it has an even fuller meaning – both personal and communal as church.

The story of the "Prodigal Son" has three characters, the younger son, the older son and the father. Each of these persons is us. Each of them presents some aspect of our own personal experience and each of them presents to us both a challenge and a consolation. As well each of the persons expresses something very close to our communal or our church experience, with its challenges and consolations. The younger son is us. The older son is us. The loving parent is us.

The younger son, after receiving all of his inheritance from his loving parent, leaves home and squanders what he has received. He wants to return home but he is obsessed by guilt and cannot allow himself to return forgiven. His failures and sin pose a barrier to his home-coming. He is unable to see that his father loves him. The challenge he has is that he cannot "let go" of his past, his sin. It blocks his capacity for full reconciliation and joy. To "let go" of sin and failure means we can remember, without identifying with it. This allows for compassion and joy to be experienced. This son had a struggle.

The older son faced a different challenge. So intent was he on doing the "right thing" that he had come to behave more as a slave of his loving parent than as a son. He kept all the rules, he worked for the father and spent his energies in what he saw as the father's commands. But he was filled with resentment and this boiled over when the father welcomed home the younger son. This older son could not see the relationship of love that bound the father to both his sons. He could not see that his father's love was an unconditional gift, not an earned or merited love. His resentment blocked all hope of compassion and joy for him. The older son had a struggle.

The father in this story faced the challenge of freely giving love and compassion in a setting where it was deeply needed. For him compassion and joy was overflowing, but he faced one son who seem incapable or accepting this gift and another son who could not understand it. The father had a struggle.

Jesus' parable is truly the story of us all – as persons and as church. It is a challenge, but challenge we must face, personally and as church. We have a struggle, but Lent offers us an opportunity to transform.

John Jennings

4th Sunday of Lent