

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin

Sunday, May 15th 2022 – 5th 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

Friday May 20th 7:00 pm St. Anthony's
Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday May 21st 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
Mass for the People
(Lay Presided)

Sunday May 22nd 8:45 am St. Patrick's
Mark Kohler

Sunday May 22nd 11:00 am St. Theresa's
Marie Shields

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory May 8th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$ 2,138.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$ 1,978.00
Total:	\$ 4,116.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 884.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 115.00
Special Collections:	\$ 25.00
Other:	\$ 505.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 90,705.00
Budget Needs:	\$ 95,000.00
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 4,295.00)
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.*

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.

Family Faith Formation Closing Brunch & Fun!

All families registered in Family Faith Formation (in person or home program) are invited to join us for brunch after Mass on Sunday, May 29th and to stay awhile and enjoy some social time and fun. Come dressed to play! Please rsvp by May 20th
pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

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



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

*Thank
you* 

Special Thank you to
parishioner Steve Linton for his volunteer work for
our Parishioners preparing and submitting their
2021 Income tax. There were 33 who took
advantage of this free service and many were
repeats from the previous year. We thank him for his
time and his talents.



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



\$ 1,169.00



CWL General Meeting

There will be a general meeting on Sunday May 15th at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall at St. Theresa's. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend. We always welcome new members.

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

Parish Nursing Ministry

Puzzle Mania Full NO MORE Puzzles needed. Puzzles are available to sign out at St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's Church. All you do is look for a puzzle or two you would like to make, sign it out on the sheet, take it home and put it together. When you are finished and are able to, take a picture of your finished puzzle and send it to the Parish office and we will make a puzzle gallery to beautify our bulletin boards.

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

Ministry Schedule May 21st & May 22nd

	St. Anthony's	St. Theresa's
Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen & Vicky Knight	Mary Fitzgerald, Martin Colford Andre Paier, Allison Wrynn, Darren Richard
Eucharistic Ministers		Janet Matheson & Mary Fitzpatrick
Alter Server		
Lector	Greg Feener	

Our Sacred Stories.Easter:

Remembering Who We Are: Disciples of Love and Mercy

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

Memory marks us. The people we've met, the things we've done, the experiences we've had, these all help us to recognize who we are and what our lives are about. The Gospels express the memories of the first disciples. First it was orally passed on among the early followers of Jesus. Then after a time, these communities of Christians began to write these memories – those that they felt marked them as disciples and Christians. John's Gospel is one of these recordings.

Throughout the Easter Season we hear from John. In particular we focus on the experiences the first disciples had of the Risen Jesus. After Jesus had given himself up to death on the Cross, he continued to be present among these followers. This presence was not a physical presence, but it was just as real and meaningful. It was also a presence that led them to make sense of all that Jesus had passed onto them. They became aware of what we have come to call the Paschal Mystery (the life, death, resurrection and continuing presence of Jesus). It led them to commit themselves to his mission.

The experience of the risen Jesus deeply changed the disciples. Fundamentally, they recognized that Jesus had sacrificed his life for them. Further, they came to see that his sacrifice went beyond them to all of humanity. Thus, they were on fire to proclaim this good news of his message and carry out his mission to the world.

The good news and message that the death and resurrection led them to see was that by laying down his life for them, Jesus revealed God's great love for all humanity. Jesus' resurrection and continued presence among them confirmed the disciples' awareness of the loving God revealed by Jesus while he walked and taught them. Now they knew firmly that God would never leave them, even in death.

What the disciples were now to do was share and proclaim what they had been given. The writer John speaks of a *new commandment* as the way in which the disciples will proclaim this good news of love. In another place, in a letter to fellow Christians, it is even more clearly proclaimed that God's love given to us leads to our loving one another:

This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sin away.... We are to love, then, because he loved us first. (1 John 4:10, 19)

If we were looking for an expression of what this love of God looks like, we need look no further than Matthew's Gospel chapters 5-7 and Luke chapters 6-8. The beatitudes or blessings of these Gospels and the actions connected to them present a kind of epitome or summary of how we are to show God's love. It is a love that brings life to us and to our world. This was the mission of Jesus. Now it is our mission, for we are his disciples.

John Jennings
5th Sunday of Easter