

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday July 21, 2024 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday July 23rd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Antonius (Tony) Veerkamp

Wednesday July 24th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Lorraine Floyd

Thursday July 25th 11:00 PM St. Theresa's

Ron Conley

Friday July 26th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Agnes & Janos Toth

Saturday July 27th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Agnes LeBlanc

Sunday July 28th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's

Mass for the People

Sunday July 28th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Deceased Members of the MacNeil Family

Upcoming Events

Parish Office will be closed on Mondays starting
June 3rd until Sept 17th



**This Week the Sanctuary
Lamp burns in Memory of**

+ David Walsh +

Offered by John & Elizabeth
Walsh

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

July 14, 2024		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	4,403	Offertory	\$ 4,403
Capital Infrastructure	20	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Diocesan Collections		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (852)
Other	50	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$ 4,473	Offertory	\$ 147,293
		Budget Needs	(147,140)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 153

*Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time,
talent and treasure. For all 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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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

Patty Cameron 444-6018

Ministry Schedule July 27th & July 28th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Greg Feener	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson, Tom & Nate VanLeeuwen
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Forsythe	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	Miranda, David & Samuel Alfaro, Lucas Daigle
Lector	Mary Anne vanOostwaard	Reg Hayes & Leonce Savoie
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

Our Lady of Peace Parish Adoration Schedule

Thursdays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church before 12:00 pm Mass *

Fridays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church before 10:00 am *

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) * If Mass is cancelled so is Adoration.

Sacrament Preparation (1st Eucharist) ~ Preparation for 1st Eucharist takes place as part of the parish's Faith Formation Program starting in September. Children in grades 2 and up are eligible to take part in 1st Eucharist preparation. Please watch the bulletin over the summer and early fall for information on how to register or contact Patty Cameron, Director of Faith Formation at 444-6018 for more information.

Confirmation Preparation ~ Youth entering grade 8 the fall of 2024 (or older if not already Confirmed) are invited to join us in September to begin their journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please watch the bulletin over the summer on how to register or contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca for more information.

SUMMIT NIGHT – The Fredericton Catholic Young Adults are hosting “Summit Night – Re-discovering your identity in Christ”. Join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as we learn how adversity does not mean that God has abandoned us. Guest speaker is Nathan Van Putten. This event takes place July 26, 2024, from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at **St. Theresa's Church**

YOUTH RALLY Save the Date! – “Take Up His Calling”, a Diocesan Youth Rally for high school youth will take place at the Villa Madonna Retreat House on Sunday, August 18th, from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Join us for an afternoon of sports, activities, faith, fellowship, worship and prayer. Interested in attending? Contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018. There will be a bus from Fredericton going to Saint John for the day, cost \$15.00 / youth. Be sure to book your seat early!

Donations Needed. Can You Help? ~ The John Howard Society is in need of supplies to assist their Street Outreach Teams who work with individuals sleeping rough in our city. They are looking for the following donations:

Bottled Water	Deodorant	Stir Sticks
Gatorade	Laundry Detergent	Disposable Coffee Cups
Individually Packaged Snacks	Reusable Water Bottles	Shampoo/Conditioner
Sunscreen	Backpacks	Body Wash
Rain Ponchos	Coffee/Tea	

Donations can be dropped off at our parish churches on the weekend of July 20/21.

Together we can make a difference in our community.

Special Capital Fund Collection Appeal Envelopes are available to the back of the Churches for those who wish to donate to this fund. All donations will be included in your 2024 Tax Receipt. We thank you for your continued support.

St. Theresa's Music Ministry

On July 28th Carol Linda Miller will be retiring as our music director at St. Theresa's Church. Following the 11:00am Mass on July 28th please join us in the church hall for a reception to celebrate Carol Linda and thank her for the many years that she has faithfully served St. Theresa's as the leader of the music ministry. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with the direction and planning for the music ministry at St. Theresa's church please contact Rochelle Ivey at olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com or (506) 451-7221.

Our Lady of Peace Feast Day - Thank you!

Our Lady of Peace Parish Feast Day celebrations were a huge success! Pastoral council members would like to thank everyone in the parish for making this parish community event happen. With so many people sharing their individual gifts and talents it is impossible to thank everyone individually. This coming together of our three churches with people of all ages and nationalities to celebrate our faith and all that God has blessed us with is a true testament to our parish being a vibrant community. A special thank you to those who donated items to our bake and craft sale, with your donations we were able to raise \$530.00 to donate to John Howard Society. With the many and varied dessert donations we will all have to go on a diet for the rest of the summer! The Variety show was a huge hit with talents showcasing a wide range of music, songs, comedy, dance and even some friendly competition among the audience.

Photo Directory is underway of getting published. Due to the low turnout of participants it was put on hold until we were able to reach out to members in the 2017 directory and submit their photos. Everyone who got their photos taken will receive a free directory. Those of you who did not participate are able to purchase a directory for \$20.00, please let me know if you want a directory and it will be added to our order. Any questions please direct them to me at the Parish Office. Thank you, Irene

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"

St. Patrick's CWL

Meeting - July 31, 2024 at 6:00 pm will be held at St. Patrick's Church.

This will be the last meeting until the fall. A group picture will be taken so wear your scarf.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Pat Merrill, President

From The Office

If you are the last person leaving the church please ensure that all doors are locked. In the last couple weeks doors have been found unlocked. Also if you are planning to book any of the spaces at our churches please fill out a form "Request For Parish Premises Use" and submit it to the office. Forms are available at the office or one can be emailed to you on request. Thank you for your support with this request. Irene

Our Sacred Stories

Faith: Prayer, Relationship and Action

Several years ago, I had the pleasure of traveling with some friends in Arizona. We stayed in an area close to a desert park. Each morning, we took the opportunity to hike the trails there. I had never been in a desert before and was struck by how different and wonderful it was. It seemed to have minimal signs of life, some cactuses and scattered grasses, the occasional small mammal and a few, mostly unseen snakes. That being said, the desert was beautiful, a place for being alone in quiet, for spending time in reflection.

Our scriptures take us to deserts frequently. In the Old Testament, the story of Moses and the exodus of Israel from slavery in Egypt to liberation in the promised land is a flight through the desert. It is a journey plagued by hunger and thirst, a sense of being lost and of losing confidence. But it is also a journey in which Israel as a people discovered who they were in their relationship with God. They were a covenant people, a people brought together by the love with which God held them.

In our New Testament, the desert is where, Jesus found himself after his baptism by John in the Jordan. As the Gospel of Mark relates it, his baptism brought him the Spirit and an awareness as God's beloved. That same Spirit led Jesus out into the desert and the temptations. With the desert experience, Jesus discovered his mission and the message that he was to share: *The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent [Have a change of heart], and believe the Good News* (Mark 1:15).

Moved by the Spirit, Jesus began gather disciples around him with the message and the mission to which he was called. The Good News they received was not just for them, it was to be shared widely and Jesus sent them forth to take the message to others and to reveal the active kingdom of God by their own reaching out to others. Periodically, Jesus called these same disciples to a desert, to restore and refresh the message and reenergize their mission (Mark 6:30-34).

This was more than a time of rest. It was a time for renewal and refocusing the message for the mission. Mark points this out by indicating that as they went away, they encountered new people seeking the message. Jesus did not avoid them, but reached out with **compassion**. The mission with its message of Good News had to continue with new energy. Such calls to deserts are what we sometimes refer to as retreats, opportunities to refresh and restore by stepping back from our regular routines.

Recently, I was invited to help two communities in retreats, one in PEI and another in Newfoundland. Looking back now, I realize that while I was called to facilitate these retreats, in the process of being with these communities, they were in fact renewing and nurturing my own faith. Coming to know them better and seeing their willingness to take on the disciple's mission through their service to others, the real, living compassion they expressed, brought new life and commitment to me. For them I am most thankful.

All of us are disciples. By our baptism, we share the same call to the same message of God's love and compassion. United in the same community of faith we have the support and encouragement of one another. This is what is expressed in the Synod on Synodality that our global Church is currently experiencing. (The first session took place in Rome in October of 2023, the second will occur this year in October. In between, we are invite to discover how we can best live as Church in and for our times.)

We are many peoples, cultures and languages. We have many ways of expressing our faith and yet we serve the same God and are called express the same message of love and compassion. It is not about uniformity, but rather unity as one People of God. In some measure, with the Synod, our global Church is on a kind of retreat, aimed at restoring and renewing our fundamental call.

In his address on October 9, 2021, calling for a Synod of our Global church, Pope Francis challenged us all to see our Church in a new light and to be open to the Spirit in our community of faith. He concluded his address with a prayer to the Holy Spirit: *Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: keep us from becoming a 'museum Church', beautiful but mute, with much past and little future.... Come, Spirit of love, open our hearts to hear your voice! Come, Holy Spirit of holiness, renew the holy and faithful People of God! Come, Creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth!*

As God's People in this age, in the middle of a Synod of our Church, are we able to welcome the Spirit, and live up to the dreams of a Synodal Church? Can our own faith be renewed for the impact and influence our global, multi-cultural Church? Can we recognize in the midst of our synodal experience this year, that we have the capacity to create a Church open to all, marked by compassion, service and joy-filled hope?

John Jennings
16 Sunday of Ordinary Time