

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

## Bulletin Sunday June 25, 2023 –12<sup>th</sup> 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 June 27th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Sharon Hackett*

**Wednesday June 28th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Rick Moorley*

**Thursday June 29th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*McKillop Family*

**Friday June 30th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Louise Thibodeau*

**Saturday July 1st 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Darrell Tucker*

**Sunday July 2nd 8:45 AM St. Patrick's**  
*Mass For The People*

**Sunday July 2nd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*Kay Trevors*

### Upcoming Events

#### Summer Bronze Rush

**Good Luck to all who choose to play**  
**See Details on your Bulletin Board.**

**Starting June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Office will closed on Mondays until Fall.**  
**To accommodate Holidays for Irene.**

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Lady of Peace Feast Day**  
**See Details Below**



St Anthony's Church This week the Sanctuary Lamp

Burns in Memory of *Deceased Members of the Elite 90's Club* Offered by Irene Jewett



### OUR LADY OF PEACE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Date: July 9, 2023 Time: 11:00am

Place: 23 Centennial St. Stanley, NB (Fairgrounds)

Celebrations begin with Our Lady of Peace Feast Day Mass in the hall on the fairgrounds followed by lunch, music, bouncy castles, games and much more. Bus transportation will be provided with pick up at 10:15am and drop off 2:30pm at St. Anthony's and St. Theresa's. As we are celebrating 5 years as one parish the event is being catered by so that all members of our great community can celebrate together and take part in the activities available. Everyone is welcome!

**Please RSVP using the cards available at each church and place it in the collection basket, on the parish website or see the link on the parish facebook page.**

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

June 18, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 4,156	Offertory	\$ 4,156
Capital Infrastructure	120	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	190	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (1,099)</b>
Other	1,200	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,666</b>	Offertory	\$ 128,888
		Budget Needs	129,080
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (192)</b>

*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](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

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



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Office Numbers

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## Ministry Schedule July 1st & 2nd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	George Fernandez , Mary Fitzpatrick. Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Inkster	Betty MacNeil & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	Joe & Al Adimalor David & Samuel Gutierrez
Lector	Cathy Bowlen	K. Poffernoth
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

### Our Sacred Stories. Confidence in God: A Relationship of Trust and Never-failing Love

There are times when watching or listening to the news is a recipe for disappointment and even despair. Conflicts and threats in Ukraine, Sudan, the Middle East, South East Asia and elsewhere have an impact on the rest of the world. Wild fires in Canada and elsewhere affect areas well beyond the flames themselves. In many places, political life seems rife with populism, anger, hatred and extreme views. Addressing the challenge of climate change seem beyond our ability as a global community. The pain of refugees fleeing the threats at home to places often unwilling to welcome them leaves a scar on our world. Is this really part of God's plan for creation? Are we destined to live in constant peril and fear?

Fear can be debilitating. It can enchain us in a way that we lose our freedom and capacity to act. It freezes us. Many years ago, while cycling with a friend, he remarked that he did not like snakes and he hoped we would not see any along the way. Well, we did. My friend literally froze, could not move at all. The snake in fact was not a threat. It would not harm us. But that is not the point. Snakes were feared by my friend, harmless or not. And that is the point, fear takes away our freedom and restricts us.

The Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah found himself threatened as he sought to speak God's message to Israel (Jer.20:10-13). Even his close friends were rejecting the message he bore and in doing so, they were rejecting him. He cried out: "Terror is all around." In the midst of this "terror", however the prophet recognized that he did not stand alone. With him stood the Lord, the God whose message he was proclaiming. In the midst of his rejection and fear, Jeremiah knew he could rely on the Lord, who was a God of "steadfast love". (Ps.69)

At the core of the gospels is the story of the growing relationship between Jesus and his followers. As they journey together through Galilee, the bond between the teacher and disciples grows. They become friends. John's Gospel describes this relationship of love as it grows: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.... I do not call you servants any longer,... but I have called you friends. (Jn.15:12-15)"

This loving bond between Jesus and his disciples is what we see in Matthew's Gospel as Jesus instructs his followers in the Sermon on Mount (Matt.5-7). The bond that was built among them then led Jesus to pass his mission on to them. He called them to become apostles of the good news he had given them. It was not their private preserve. Like all good news, it deserved to be shared with others.

Good news it was. But for some whom they met it seemed a threat. So, the mission the disciples were to undertake was not an easy one, just like Jeremiah. As Jesus sends the disciples out, however, he offers them encouragement, much as Jeremiah found it.

Matthew's early Christian community faced rejection and levels of persecution and shunning by their local communities. After calling them to share his mission, Jesus urged them not be afraid. He would never leave them alone, rather he would be with them even to his Father in heaven (Matt.10:32). Matthew will have Jesus reasserting this commitment in the final words he says to them: "Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time (Matt.28:20). In John's Gospel, as Jesus enters the Passion, Jesus reassures his friends, promising the Spirit and telling them: "I will not leave you orphaned (Jn.14:18)." The relationship is unbreakable and marked by never-failing love.

John Jennings 12 Sun Ord Time

