

# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## BULLETIN

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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**

1 William St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Online Mass

Sunday at 11:00 via Facebook Live

#### Online Alpha

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm

#### Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit

Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**

Mary Brennan

**Wednesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church**

Raymond Cripps

**Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church**

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**Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church**

Marguerite McGraw

**Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**

Ann & Murray Jewett

**Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am - St. Patrick's Church**

Members of the Congregation of Notre Dame who served  
in St. Patrick's Church & it's mission churches

**Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church**

Hazel Munn

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

#### Weekly Offertory - September 6, 2020

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,492.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$2,029.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,521.00</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,860.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$ 340.00)</b>
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 455.00
Special Collections:	\$ 55.00
Other:	\$ 655.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$183,779.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$210,960.00</u>
<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$ 27,181.00)</b>
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](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

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



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

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Welcome to the Table

This weekend we journey with a number of young members of our community who are taking significant steps in their faith journey. We welcome them among us and celebrate that they are joining us around the Table of the Lord.

### Celebrating 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist

Ezekiel Costain	Lucas Daigle
Jaslynn Etheridge	Madilyn Green
Liam Griffiths	Christopher Lyons
Cohen Neal	Charlotte Norrad
Evan Parsons	Bella Paul
Jaxx Paul	Maxim Robinson
Jax Rodrigo	Reese Wilson

We hold them and their families  
in our prayer and our hearts.



You are asked to wear a mask as you approach the church buildings. **Only when Mass has started you may remove your mask while you are seated.**

**Thank you for your continued cooperation!**



### Have you heard about Alpha?

When Bishop Christian visited us last month he talked about the Alpha program and how it can help revitalize parishes. Alpha is perfect for parents, people who have been away from the church, people who are exploring their faith and perfect for those wanting to renew or grow their relationship with Jesus. During the sessions we will be looking at some of the big questions in life – *Is there more to life than this? Why is there suffering? Why have faith?*

Alpha is an ecumenical program, so everyone is welcome! It is a safe place to express your thoughts and ask questions. **Our next course will start Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> online from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.**

**Will you join us? and who will you invite?**

To register please email:

[pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)



## Online Mass Times

Sunday at 11:00 am

Facebook Live

*Recording of Mass will be posted on our website for those who can't access Facebook.*

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen*

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN CHURCH PARKING LOTS

To provide Communion to those parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person we will have distribution of Holy Communion this Sunday at:

**St. Theresa's Church after Mass to 12:15 pm**

We encourage our parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person to watch Mass at home online at 11:00 am and then make their way to one of the church sites if they wish to receive Communion.



### OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH Reconciliation Times

Fr. Maria is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the following times:

Saturdays at 3:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church

Sundays at 8:30 am at St. Patrick's Church

Sundays at 10:20 am at St. Theresa's Church

Or you may call the office to make an appointment.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 9:30 at St. Anthony's Church

Fridays 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church

Wednesdays 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

**The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit** ~ Beginning Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. This faith formation study focusing on the Holy Spirit in our lives will meet online bi-weekly.

To register please email:

[pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

### 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](mailto: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.

**If you have any questions, please contact the parish office for assistance.**

**This week Our Lady of Peace Parish Sanctuary Lamps are lit for:**  
St. Anthony’s Church  
Joseph & Pauline Vandebroek



### Birthday Blessings!

A Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Sr. Charlotte Lockhart celebrating her big day on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Birthday wishes also go out to Sr. Rita Chisholm.

Both Sr. Charlotte and Sr. Rita lived and served at St. Patrick’s Church in Stanley for several years.

### PARISH NURSING UPDATE

If you would like to return the activities at the Fredericton Indoor Pool you may continue to sign your name at the front desk to access the Parish Nursing Program.

**Online registration for Kindergarten to Grade 8 Religious Formation and Confirmation Preparation (Grade 9) is now open!**

After receiving parent feedback, the parish has decided to proceed with a combination online/in person program this fall. Details can be found on our website.

**Families from ALL three churches are invited to register and join!** Please note that to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist and Confirmation children and youth must be registered and attending sessions beginning in the fall. Feel free to pass this information on to any families that may be interested.

To register go to

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

**Early registration will help us prepare materials and volunteers.**

# FORMED

**FORMED is our gift to you**

**Registering for FORMED is EASY!**

- Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
- Select our parish by Our Lady of Peace Parish or entering our Postal Code – E3A 3N5
- Register with your name and email address
- Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED

**Fr. Maria’s Pick of the Week!**

“*Could You Not Watch with Me One Hour?*” a book to download on your portable device to accompany you during Adoration. A journey of faith, in 52 stages - as many as the weeks in a year. The book starts by showing how the Word of God is made present in the Eucharist, and then invites us to mature in faith and be transformed by a greater communion with Christ.

**Have you tried FORMED yet? It is our GIFT to YOU! Let us know what you have enjoyed on FORMED!**

**Farmers’ Market** ~ vegetables, pickles, baked goods & crafts at St. Francis of Assisi Hall, Lincoln, Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 7:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
<b>Screeners/Ushers</b>	Denyse Smart Elizabeth Walsh Marilyn Brennan	Patty Cameron
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Boies	Betty Flanagan
St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am		St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm
<b>Screeners/Ushers</b>	Merla Spires Ken Harris Sue Inkster	Mary Billings
<b>Lector</b>	Merla Spires	Dennis Kelly
St. Anthony's – Saturday at 4:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am
<b>Screeners/Ushers</b>	Mary Feener Mona and Ray McCarthy	Barry Miller Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford
<b>Lector</b>	Kelly Bowlen	Joan Savoie

## The Cross: Symbol of Love & Hope

One of the great symbols that we have in most of our churches and in many other spaces including our homes is the crucifix. This is an image that has the suffering Christ on the Cross. It represents the great sacrifice that Jesus made and the pain of that sacrifice. It says a lot about what he did for us. But it does not say it all. More importantly it may blind us to an even more important aspect of Jesus and of what he reveals about our God.

The crucifix only became a significant symbol for Christians quite late in Christian history. The early Christians and for more than the first 1000 years of our history had a different cross as symbol of their faith. It was a glorious cross, representing the resurrection and Jesus' victory over even death. Often it had no figure on it, frequently it was richly decorated and a stunning sign of the wonder of what God has shown through the risen Christ. This symbol expresses the full story of our salvation. That is, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is what we mean by the Paschal Mystery.

The Gospels present Jesus as the model of the unconditional, total love of God for us. In Jesus words and actions, we repeatedly witness this love in real terms. Matthew reveals this (Matt 18:21-35). Peter asks how many times he should forgive a sister or a brother. Would 7 be enough? (In biblical language the number 7 was used to mean totality or completeness.)

Jesus' response is astounding. "Not seven time, but I tell you seventy-seven times." We must forgive and reconcile without limit. Our God loves us with out limit, the model given us by Jesus is a love that is unceasing and as his disciples, that is our mission. In the name of the unceasing love we receive, we are to express it to others, all others. We are to be the face of God's love and mercy to our world.

But do we really believe this? Is this really how we see the God of our Christian faith. So often we still think and speak of a God who is primarily a judge, one who stands ever ready to measure and close the gates of heaven to us. To accept that all of us, every single human being is held in the palm of God's hand and that God will never let go of us, seems so difficult for us.

What our faith is really all about is expressed in two core beliefs, the Incarnation – that in Jesus, God has come and lives among us and the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection – where Jesus expresses how our God is saving and life-giving. Together, these express the constant reconciling love of God for us.

It may be difficult for us to understand this. It may be hard to accept it into our hearts and lives. It may be a struggle to let go of some of our ingrained images of God. But what the whole life and message of Jesus proclaimed is that God loves all of us unconditionally.

Perhaps we have to take this more seriously. God loves us with our goodness and our badness. God loves us as saints and God loves us as sinners. God loves us long before we commit any sin, and loves us long after we have sinned.

The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich once described heaven like a banquet to which God has invited everyone. God is there in their midst, welcoming everyone, meeting and speaking with everyone and smiling at and with everyone. This is the God of unconditional love – no judging, no condemning. And if there is a big book with many names, it is not the book of judgement. It is the invitation list and it is infinite in its length, for it includes all.

- Do I really believe that God loves me unconditionally? And always?
- Am I able to live a faith that sees everyone as the beloved of God