

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, February 2nd - Presentation of the Lord

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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

February 21st

Touched by Cancer Mass

February 26th

Ash Wednesday

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 8th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's

Perry Tucker

Sunday, February 9th 8:45 am - St. Patrick's

Patrick and Mary Gallagher

Sunday, February 9th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's

Lay Service

No weekday Masses while Fr. Martin is on vacation.

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Collection Total = \$5,722.90

	St. Anthony's	St. Patrick's	St. Theresa's
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,798.00	\$ 621.40	\$ 968.00
Loose Collection	\$ 208.00	\$ 5.40	\$ 62.25
Auto Debit	\$ 668.81	\$ 25.00	\$1,215.74
Capital Infrastructure	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 60.00
Special Collections	\$	\$	\$ 20.00
Adult Faith Formation	\$ 45.00	\$	\$
Total	\$2,734.81	\$ 661.80	\$2,326.29

WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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



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Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Peace Parish
Please make cheques payable to Our Lady of Peace Parish

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fr. Martin will be away from January 13th to February 13th. May God bless you during your travels. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Fr. Shawn Daley will celebrate Mass at St. Anthony's February 1st and 8th. Fr. Elie Zouein will celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's February 2nd and 9th. Fr. Peter Stephen will celebrate Mass at St. Theresa's February 2nd and a Lay presided service will take place at St. Theresa's February 9th.

St. Theresa's Kitchen ~ Recently the kitchen at St. Theresa's was damaged by a sewer leak. The cause of the damage has been fixed and immediate clean up completed. As a result of an evaluation by our insurance company, the kitchen will undergo an extensive demolition and rebuild. Most of the work is covered by insurance, but insurance only covers damage due to the sewer leak not the cause of the leak, our deductible or any unexpected costs. Donations to the St. Theresa's Building Fund for the next couple of months will be used to cover these extra costs. Extra envelopes for the Building Fund are available at the back of the church. Any help that you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Winter is Here! ~ If you are wondering if Mass or a parish event is cancelled please watch our website or Facebook page. For parishioners in Stanley, in case of cancellation of Mass or other St. Patrick's activities, we try to notify everyone as early as possible by phone or email. Please share your contact information with us by signing the sheet at the entrance of St. Patrick's.

Walking Toward Eternity ~ The next meeting will take place Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 pm in the old rectory meeting rooms at St. Theresa's.

St. Patrick's Cleaning Schedule ~ Our church, hall, and kitchen are cleaned and tidied by volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please feel free to pick the week your family would like to take your turn to help. The usual weekly cleaning involves dusting, cleaning the floor (sweeping and/or vacuuming, sometimes mopping when necessary), tidying the pews.

Just Friends Food Bank (Stanley) ~ basket for donations is located at the entrance of St. Patrick's Church.



Parish Senior Taxi Service ~ If you or someone you know is having trouble getting to and from Mass (St. Anthony's or St. Theresa's) or any Parish activities please take advantage of our Senior Taxi Service. Just call Loyal Taxi at 455-6789. They will pick you up and deliver you to the church. Just sign a chit. **Please feel free to use this service if you drive and are not comfortable driving night to parish activities.**



***Warm Hands,
Warm Hearts!***

The Knights of Columbus Council 8654 in conjunction with Our Lady of Peace Parish wants to collect again for those in our communities. This year we are asking for hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. Please help families in need by donating new or your gently used items. All donations will be distributed to local food banks, shelters and schools.

This is the final weekend for our campaign. Thanks to everyone who contributed. The Knights will be counting and sorting the donations next week. A final report will be published in the bulletin next weekend.

Diocesan Development & Peace SHARE LENT WORKSHOP "FOR OUR COMMON HOME"

Saturday, February 15th at 9:30 am at Msgr. Boyd Family Center. In response to Pope Francis' concern for the Amazon and its peoples, we are invited to heed the cry of the poor and of the Earth through the testimonies of Indigenous and traditional communities, struggling to protect the Amazon forest from shameless plunder. How we live here, makes an impact there. Learn what you can do to take actions. Lunch provided. **RSVP by February 3rd** chris.er.mcaloon@gmail.com Call/Text: Chris: 506-474-2342. Everyone is welcome!



Birthday Blessings
to 90's Elite Member
Marie Smith

RELIGIOUS FORMATION UPDATE

Kindergarten to Grade 8 ~ Sunday from 10:00 am to 10:50 at St. Theresa's.

Confirmation Preparation ~ Will meet Sunday, February 2nd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Theresa's.

FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Musicians Against Homelessness ~ Sunday, February 2nd at 1:00 pm at the Fredericton Capital Exhibit Center. Three Great Bands! T&T Classic Country, Irene's Big Hearts & Helping Hands, and 30 Years After: The Band. **All proceeds to support Fredericton Homeless Shelters.** Admission \$10.00

World Day of Prayer Bible Study ~ The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council is having a World Day of Prayer Bible Study on Monday, February 3rd at 10:00 am at Christ Church Parish Church. Guest speaker - Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove. All women welcome to attend.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Community Breakfast ~ 170 Regent Street, on Sunday, February 9th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cost: Adults \$ 7.00, children \$ 3.00, families \$ 20.00. Everyone welcome.

Volunteer Drivers Needed ~ Community Bus Outreach Program. The program allows seniors in Stanley and surrounding areas receive accessible transportation to Fredericton. Must be willing to obtain a Class 4 licence (or better). Contact Jenna Whitlock rd@nachwaakvilla.ca or 367-7739.

Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage ~ October 27 to November 6, 2020 travel with Marlita Chase through Maritime Travel to Italy. Round Trip Air from Fredericton, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers. Double \$4829, Single \$5529, Triple \$4799. For more information, contact Tracy McCully at Maritime Travel (506) 458-8969 or email tmccully@maritimetravel.ca.

Fire Prevention Presentation ~ Stanley volunteer Fire Department is offering a fire prevention presentation at Amy's Pantry, Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm. Come out and get some information on home escape plans, wood stove safety and other life and property saving tips.

*This week Our Lady of Peace Parish
Sanctuary Lamps are lit for:
St. Anthony's
John Paul Richard*

St. Anthony's Bingo – February 4th Prizes!

Sputnick \$1,456.00 + Jackpot \$1,100.00 +
Lucky Seven \$525.00 + Letter H \$767.00 +
Loonie \$179.00 +

**Wednesdays - Early Bird at 6:30 pm and
Regular Games at 7:30 pm**

PARISH NURSING MINISTRY Activity Schedule

Yoga - Mondays at 1:30 pm at St. Anthony's.

Zumba Gold - Fridays at 10:00 am at St. Theresa's.

Knitting - Our knitters are on a break! Watch bulletin for the next gathering.

Quilting - Wednesdays at 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's

Book Clubs - Monday, February 10th at 7:00 pm St. Theresa's and Tuesday, February 11th at 11:00 am at St. Anthony's.

Painting - Tuesdays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Hall. Bring your supplies and paint in a relaxed and fun environment.

Aquacise - At the Fredericton Indoor Pool.

Aquatic Exercise Schedule

Aquatic Stretching

Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 12:15 pm

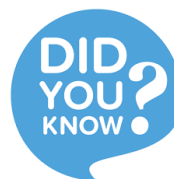
Aquacise

Monday/Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday/Thursday 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Fitness Swimmer

Tuesday/Thursday 8:30 to 9:30 pm



Our Lady of Peace Parish Nursing Ministry has arranged for parishioners to participate in the Aquatic Stretching, Aquacise and Senior Exercise Swim programs at the Fredericton Indoor Pool free of charge. Sign in at the front desk.



Valentine Basket Raffle

Tickets on sale starting next week!
Proceeds to support Parish Nursing programs.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF FEB. 8TH & 9TH

St. Anthony's - Saturday @ 4:00 pm

St. Theresa's - Sunday @ 11:00 am

Sacristan			Mary Fitzpatrick	
Hospitality	Elaine Arnold	Vicky Knight	Mary Taylor	
Altar Servers	Marilyn Brennan		Yan Rodrigo	Azi Rodrigo
Lectors	Allison Wrynn	Sue Inkster	Joan Savoie	Jeannette Cunningham
Eucharistic Ministers	Merla Spires	Eva Richard	Ellen Dunphy	Bette Miles
Gift Bearers	Elaine Arnold	Vicky Knight		

Every Child: God's Gift

Walking down the corridor of the hospital maternity ward, from one room out bounces a new Dad. In an excited voice he announces: "Oh thanks for coming, come and see what we have made." What a wonderful event for this couple to welcome a newborn child into their relationship. It is an experience with many challenges but a host of blessings. This child will change their lives and affect all that they do. This child is a gift to them,....and to us.

This is the focus of this Sunday. It is the Feast of the Presentation. The story in Luke's Gospel (Luke 2:22-40) offers the account of Mary and Joseph bringing the child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present the child to God. Why would they do this? This tradition in Israel honours the view that very child is precious, a gift to the family and to the whole People of God.

How do we greet children and families in our faith community? Are we truly glad that their parents have brought them to be with us? Are there occasions when we see them as a distraction for our quiet and prayer? Is there that almost unconscious tendency to begrudge their presence with us? Does a child who fusses or cries at Mass draw from us a quick glance of disapproval at the parents? Does our attitude, the way we look at them tell this family – "Your child is distracting me, please take your child out."

Children's needs are more immediate. Waiting does not come easy to them and can result in what we as adults might regard as upset. Infants and small children speak a language all their own. We adults do not always understand it and sometime don't want to hear it. We regard it as a distraction and would rather it simply go away.

On the Feast of the Presentation we hear that Mary and Joseph proudly brought the child Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord. They want to share with the child the faith and community that they hold dear. They want their child to be part of their community of faith.

Many parishes encourage baptisms of children in the setting of our Sunday Eucharist. We do so for two fundamental reasons. Firstly, that we as a whole community of Christians might welcome this new member into our midst. Secondly, that we might show clearly, that we value and rejoice at the presence of these little ones among us.

When parents bring their young children to Mass on a Sunday, they are honouring the commitment they have to their own faith. Their sharing of this faith involves more than telling their children about it. More important is their willingness to bring the little ones to join with us in celebration and prayer as a community. To join us around the table of Eucharist says much more than all of the instruction we might offer. Our call as a community of faith is to welcome these children openly, with warmth and care, that they might see this community as their home. As well it is to express our support for their parents and our delight at having them with us.

A few years ago Pope Francis gathered a group of families in the Sistine Chapel as he baptized 32 infants. Many things were going on around the chapel – children crying, diapers being changed, moms breast feeding, dads trying to comfort little ones. In the midst of what we all know can be a confusing and noisy experience Pope Francis said something that was both welcoming and reassuring to the parents of these little ones: "Feed your babies. If they are hungry, feed them without thinking about it. Because they are the most important people here."

How do we do we greet children and families in our own communities?