

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## Bulletin

Sunday, May 29th 2022 – Ascension Of The Lord

### Pastoral Office

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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

#### *Father Maria*



### Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> 12:00 St. Theresa's  
Sheila Walker

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 St. Anthony's  
Connie Sueyras

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 St. Theresa's  
Anne Whaling

Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 St. Anthony's  
Alice Vacon

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm St. Anthony's  
Special Intentions

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am St. Patrick's  
Joan Sherman

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am St. Theresa's  
Mass for the People

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

#### Weekly Offertory May 22nd, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$ 1,765.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$ <u>1,978.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,743.00</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$1,257.00)</b>
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 30.00
Special Collections:	\$ 1,340.00
Other:	\$ 5,083.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 98,658.00
Budget Needs:	\$ <u>105,000.00</u>
<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$ 6,342.00)</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).

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

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



@Ourladyofpeaceparishfredericton

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](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.

## Faith Formation Update

# Thank You

This weekend we celebrate with families the closing of our Faith Formation Programs. There are not enough ways to say Thank You to all who participated in our programs this year! On behalf of the Our Lady of Peace Parish and the Faith Formation Team I would like to say a BIG thank you to the catechists for Kindergarten to grade 7, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Preparation and Confirmation Preparation. Thank you for all your hard work and support as we launched not one but two new Faith Formation programs this year! Thank you to all our families who participated in our new Family Faith Formation program. Parents and grandparents played a major role this year, we thank you for sharing your faith with your children and our community.

Planning is already underway for the fall and we excited to be able offer many opportunities for children, youth, families and adults.

Sincerely,

Patty Cameron  
Director of Faith Formation

**Welcome to the Table!** This weekend we welcome and celebrate with Kevin Fernandez as he joins us around the Table of the Lord to receive his 1<sup>st</sup> Communion this Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass. Please keep Kevin and his family in your prayers. Congratulations Kevin!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com)

### Parish Nursing

Thank you to those who have submitted pictures of their completed puzzles. If you have not signed out a puzzle or two be sure to do so at your church.

Stay tuned for exciting Programs coming up in the Fall.

Vicky, Parish Nurse



**St. Anthony's Susan Underhill**

Offered by the Family

**St. Theresa's Joseph McGuire**

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### Parish Membership

For our Parish to have accurate records, please notify the office when there are changes in your address, phone numbers or emails. Please let us know if you are moving away and will no longer be members of our Parish Community. If you are new to our Parish please give Irene a call at the office 444-6010 so you can be registered as a Parish Member

### 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

### Development and Peace/ Share Year Round

D & P monthly giving program allows you to make a real difference in the struggle of our partners in the Global South. By becoming a **Share Year-Round member**, you help the most marginalized people of the world take control of their lives and build a better future. Every donation you make is important and helps us achieve our goals of justice and peace in the world.

When you donate to D & P on a monthly basis, you can be assured that your donation will be used wisely. From March 2 to June 5, 2022\*, those who become monthly donors (or increase their monthly donation) will have their annual contribution matched dollar for dollar. For example, a monthly donation of \$10 will be matched up to \$120, and Development and Peace will receive a total of \$240 over the course of the year. This initiative is made possible by a \$160,000 matching fund endowed by benefactors and religious communities who generously support our work. Thank-You for considering this request, Allison Wrynn on behalf of Development & Peace



### Urgent Call

**Green Village is in desperate need of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank. If you are able and would like to help out, please drop off your donation at the Parish Center. You can put your donations in the big yellow container at the back door if your coming after hours. Thank you.**

## Ministry Schedule June 4th & June 5th

	St. Anthony's	St. Theresa's
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bonnie Bowlen & Vicky Knight	Mary Fitzgerald, Martin Colford Andre Paier, Janet Matheson , Darren Richard
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		Janet Matheson
Alter Server	Merla Spires	
<b>Lector</b>	Greg Feener	Jeanette Cunningham

### Our Sacred Stories.Easter:

#### Ascension: A Story of Leaving, Yet Remaining

More than 40 years ago I met Jim and Pauline. Jim was a sergeant with the OPP and Pauline worked in a Catholic school in Barrie. At the time I was working in a parish in the north of Toronto. For about a year the three of us worked together on a number of marriage enrichment projects. Over that time of working together, we became very good friends. Then I left to return to Fredericton.

One of the remarkable things is that the departure did not end the relationship. For more than 40 years we have maintained the friendship through letters and phone calls and more recently through email. There were occasional visits to Toronto for me and to Fredericton for them. It was not always easy to maintain the contact but it did happen. Though we left each other's physical presence we had not really left one another. Over the years there was a presence that continued. We continued to be with one another in our friendship, but in another way. There was a sense of being apart and together, of "leaving yet remaining" with one another. I think we all have had such relationships.

When the Scriptures speak of the Ascension, it may seem that Jesus is somehow leaving his disciples. But when we look more closely at the Gospel accounts it is evident they speak of leaving and at the time staying. There is a sense of Jesus leaving and yet remaining with his disciples.

Luke's Gospel (24:44-53) presents Jesus leaving his disciples in what we usually refer to as the Ascension. The way Luke tells the story is by having Jesus recall the many promises and prophecies of God's saving love in the Old Testament. He connects these with the message and mission he has had with them as the Christ, the promised and anointed one. Then, pointing out that they are to be his witnesses, he calls on them to take the message to the whole of humanity. They are to be the Christ for others, to all nations.

Luke presents us with the disciples' recognition that while the physical presence of Jesus with whom they had walked and talked in Galilee was now gone, He remains among them in another and more wondrous way. Jesus the Christ risen continues among them and they are themselves the witnesses of this new and real presence. With this awareness, the disciples who had been so full of fear and foreboding, are filled with the Spirit, and joyfully return to Jerusalem to share the Good News.

In every Eucharist we hear the words ***Do this in memory of me.*** As a community of faith we recall in living fashion Jesus' whole life, death and resurrection, what we call the Paschal Mystery. Each time we gather around the Table sharing Eucharist, we celebrate together that Jesus who has returned to the Father, continues through the Spirit to be with us. Each time we celebrate together, we remember and enact this "leaving yet remaining" story as disciples of this **Risen Jesus**. In doing so, like those disciples we see in the Gospel, we commit ourselves to the joyous sharing of the Good News to all nations. The real presence of Jesus is indeed among and is for all nations, all the peoples of the earth.

John Jennings

Feast of the Ascension