

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday July 16, 2023 –15th 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 18th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Alec Savoie

Wednesday July 19th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Shirley Hollins

Thursday July 20th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Rachel Richard

Friday July 21st 7:00 PM St. Anthony's
Touched By Cancer Mass

Saturday July 22nd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Alice Giovannetti

Sunday July 23rd 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Mass for the People

Sunday July 23rd Mass 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Jeanette Rodrigo

Upcoming Events

July 21st St. Anthony's 7:00 pm
Touched By Cancer Mass

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



Summer Bronze Rush

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



Happy Birthday to
John Giovannetti
Member of St. Anthony's
Elite 90's Club

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

July 09, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 5,136	Offertory	\$ 5,136
Capital Infrastructure	130	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (119)
Other	25	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total	\$ 5,291	Offertory	\$ 144,341
		Budget Needs	144,845
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (504)

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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Fr. Maria's 444-6070

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St. Theresa's Church

Alexina M.artin Violette

Offered by a Parishioner

Steubenville Atlantic Thank You! A big "Thank You" to the Knights of Columbus, St. Theresa's CWL and all parishioners who made donations that enable our parish youth and chaperones to attend the Steubenville Atlantic Conference this past weekend in Halifax. Over 350 young people, gathered on the Dalhousie University Campus for a weekend of fun, faith, and friendship! Over three days they heard about how God is our refuge, and we can entrust to Him all our worries and cares. In knowing how much God truly loves us and wants to be in relationship with us we can transform the world!

Ministry Schedule July 22nd & 23rd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Darren Richard, Ed Theriault
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	Al Adimalor, David, Samuel & Miranda Gutierrez
Lector	Ann Boies	Betty MacNeil
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis



OUR LADY OF PEACE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Thank you to all who attended Our Lady of Peace feast day celebration, making it a tremendous success! Over 200 parishioners took part in the Mass, lunch, and social time in the wonderful village of Stanley on Sunday. Saint Anthony, Saint Patrick, Saint Theresa, and Our Lady of Peace were smiling upon us that day, the weather was beautiful, the food was plentiful, and the joy was obvious.

Thank you to the multitude of volunteers involved in the parish ministries, without your support, events such of this could not happen. There are so many to thank for making this happen, those who provided the food, the entertainment, the set up and the cleanup. Pastoral Council is proud to organize this event that brings so many in our parish community together to celebrate our parish's blessings. May God bless each and everyone of His people in our parish and the in the surrounding community

Our Sacred Stories - The Reign of God: Our Life-long Quest

Matthew's gospel recalls much of the message and mission of Jesus in the form of discourses, teaching that connected Jesus with his disciple and with crowd. At the core of his gospel, are a series of these discourses. Chapter 13 of the gospel relates a number of parables, stories told by Jesus, intended to set forth the reign of God and its meaning.

One of the parables is the story of a farmer who sowed seed in his field. (Matt.13:4-9). He did this by broadcasting the seed, i.e. by throwing it about by hand. As the parable unfolds we see that the scattered seed fell on a variety of soils, some good, some not so good, some very poor. The result was as varied as the types of soil.

One of the remarkable things about this story as a parable of the kingdom is that we can read it with a variety of views. We can focus on the seed that is cast. We can pay most attention to the soil on which it falls. We can emphasize the varied result of the sowing or we can read it from the perspective of the sower who broadcasts the seed, rather than choosing where he sows. Each of these readings can be related to the Reign of God in a particular way. Parables are often this way. So what does this story offer us about the Reign of God?

Let's look first at the sower. The sower casts the seed generously in all directions. He does not choose the ground, but simply throws the seed around indiscriminately. The sower makes no pre-judgment about where the seed might do well or not do well. For the sower, the seed should be in all ground. The Reign of God, like God's love is unconditionally offered. God does not present it to some and not to others. God gives to all. As the sower, God seeks out each and every person on earth. All are to receive the seed that is offered.

At the same time, we are rather different soils. Our responses may be quite varied, but what is common to all of us is that we are seeking the seed. Part of our very nature is that we are seekers. In common we have some basic needs – air, water, food among others. We also have a basic need for seeking contentment and fulfillment. Human beings seem to quest or search constantly. One of the sources of meaning and fulfillment rests in what we Christians, as well as Jews and Moslems and so many others, call our relationship with God – our spirituality. We crave spirituality, even when we do not use the term. We are seekers by nature.

It seems that God recognizes this. The reign is offered to all, even if we are not well-prepared or the most able of recipients. Able or not, we all are seekers and the quest that we are on is ultimately for the Reign of God that Jesus announced in his message and revealed in the actions of his mission. It is God's free gift.

The very person of Jesus, human and divine, is God's way of reaching out to our deep longing, our search or quest to make sense of life. What does it all mean? The beginnings of a response to this basic human question lie for us in the person of Jesus and more fully in the Reign of God that comes close as Jesus proclaims it in word and action. A world in which the Reign of God is planted is a world in which there is life more than death, healing more than hurting, harmony more than division, peace more than war. Ultimately the Reign of God is the grail or the goal of the quest on which every human being embarks in life...
John Jennings. 15th Sun Ord Time