

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

## Bulletin

Sunday, January 09th, 2022 – Baptism 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 1:30 pm



**St. Theresa's Church**

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

### Upcoming Events

**Knights of Columbus**

**Parish January Food Drive Jan 1-Jan 31**

**Touched by Cancer Mass**

Friday January 21st 7:00 pm

St. Anthony's Church

**Parish Synod Discussion Group**

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm – 3pm

### Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday, January 11th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church**

Ivan Savage

**Wednesday January 12th 10:00am–St. Anthony's**

Patricia Gyuk

**Thursday, January 13th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's**

Frank Petrie

**Friday January 14th 10:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**

Special Answered Prayers

**Saturday, January 15th, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**

Marie Smith

**Sunday January 16th 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church**

Melvin Bartlett

**Sunday, January 16th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church**

Patricia Scott

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

#### Weekly Offertory – Jan 2, 2022

Sunday Contributions: \$2,156.00

Auto Debit (average): \$1,978.00

**Total: \$4,134.00**

Weekly Budget Needs: \$5,000.00

**Excess (Shortfall) (\$ 866.00)**

Capital Infrastructure: \$ 420.00

Special Collections: \$

Other: \$ 1,161.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory: \$ 4,134.00

Budget Needs: \$ 5,000.00

**Excess (Shortfall): (\$ 866.00)**

Information inquires should be directed to:

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(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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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

*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

## Current COVID-19 Protocols

**As we strive to provide a safe environment in our churches we encourage parishioners to continue to monitor their health, and if exhibiting any cold like symptoms we ask that you do not attend mass.**

Your cooperation and understanding as we navigate current protocols very much appreciated. Please note that you will not be asked to show proof of vaccination to attend Mass.

- Parishioners will be screened at the door for COVID-19 symptoms and asked if you have been instructed to self-isolate.
- Masks are required at all times in church buildings.
- Churches buildings will operate at 50% or less capacity.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing between different households.
- **Please respect the two metre distancing from others already seated.**
- No congregational singing.
- No physical sign of peace is.
- Contact information by row for contact tracing.

To attend all other activities using parish facilities, including Parish Nursing activities, meetings, presentations, workshops and Religious Formation, proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption is required in addition to wearing a mask and physical distancing.



### 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**. 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.**

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*To register for Our Lady of Peace Religious Formation programs please contact Patty Cameron at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)*

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## Mass Intentions

This is a Catholic practice that provides parishioners with **one of the greatest acts of charity** that you may request. Mass intentions are encouraged throughout the year, which may be offered for: a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life.

A Mass Card will be provided to send to comfort relatives, friends and loved ones. The Mass intention is supported by a **donation** of \$10 and arrangements for the date, time and church may be scheduled in person at the Parish Office, through the Parish email, or by calling 444-6010.

## Knights of Columbus



### Feeding the Community

Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item to church this weekend! Our food drive campaign is underway and we want to fill the bins!!

**Thank you for your support.**

## Parish Nursing

NEWSLETTER Fall 2021 Parish Nursing. We've all faced immense hardships as a result of the pandemic. If you're willing, share your story by sending me an e-mail of any significant moment or event and how you coped or celebrate (approx. 250 words). Our stories resonate with one another and let us know that we are a community. We are all in this together [vicky.knight@bellaliant.net](mailto:vicky.knight@bellaliant.net)

As of Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> those wanting to take part in Parish Nursing activities must be prepared to show proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption.



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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### From the Parish Office

Please ensure that all bulletin notices are submitted to the Parish office Thursday at noon at the latest. Your co-operation is very much appreciated in this matter.

**Your 2022 Offertory Envelopes** are now available at your Church. If you can't find yours please call the office for assistance. .

**Missals are now available** at all three churches. To help with the cost of purchasing a \$5.00 donation is appreciated. There are containers by the missals to place your money. Missals are also available at the Parish Office.

**2021 Christmas Offering.** The total of your contributions for Christmas 2021 is \$12,782.00. Thank you so much for your continued support.



On October 10, 2021, Pope Francis inaugurated "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission", a 2- year-long Synod for the universal Church. The Synod is asking the Church to reflect on how we journey together as Church, listen and respond to the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world, and how decisions are reached at all levels: who is involved, who is excluded and how can our processes be improved.

**What is a Synod?** A Synod is a formal process, used by the Church, in which a large number of people are consulted on a specific topic for discussion. Though it usually leads to a formal gathering from which a formal document is produced, Synods can involve countless discussion groups that precede the formal gathering, assuring the greatest amount of participation possible.

### How Can I Be Involved in the Latest Synod?

Everyone is invited to add their voice. A series of questions have been provided to parishes to gather input. Our Lady of Peace Pastoral Council invites everyone to participate in the discussion, either on their own or as part of a discussion group.

#### Three Ways to Participate:

- 1) Join Our Lady of Peace Parish Discussion Groups on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2) Fill out the insert in the bulletin, individually or as a group, and submit to the parish office in an enveloped labeled Synod Questionnaire or e-mail to [olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com) by Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please feel free to share with anyone you feel would like to have a voice in this process.
- 3) The Diocese of Saint John has a link to the questions on their website at <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/synod-2021-2023>. The last 6 questions will be the focus of our parish discussions.

**Registration for January 23<sup>rd</sup> Synod Discussion Group** ~ You are invited on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Synod questions that reflect on how we journey together as Church, listen and respond to the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world, and how decisions are reached at all levels: who is involved, who is excluded and how can our processes be improved. Tentatively scheduled in person from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church, but due to COVID-19 restriction may be switched to online via Zoom. To register please call the office at 444-6010 or email [olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com)

# Ministry Schedule Week of January 15th & 16th

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
<b>Screeners/Ushers</b>	Mary Feener, Bonnie Bowlen, Vicky Knight	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick Allison Wrynn, Ed Theriault Betty MacNeil
<b>Lector</b>	Mary Anne vanOostwaard	The Daigle Family

## Our Sacred Stories

### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Why do we do this?

Recently I had the honour of gathering at the parish church with several families and welcoming into the Christian community a new member. Ferguson "Fergus" is a little over 4 years of age. Surrounded by family and friends as well as by members of the parish community, Fergus seemed to both tolerate and often enjoy the attention paid to him. Certainly, his parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins were in a happy space. Fergus's baptism was something for everyone to celebrate.

Over the years, in a variety of communities I would estimate I have celebrated the baptisms of 1500 or more new Christians. Some of those we welcomed were adults, most have been children, many infants. Each time it is both a thrill and a joy to welcome these new Christians into the community. Often, we have done this in the setting of a Sunday Eucharist where the whole community welcomes their newest member. Always the welcome is a gift of the whole community.

For Fergus, his baptism was a beginning of his life as a disciple of Jesus. Like the disciples we hear of in the Gospels, or the crowd that surrounded John the Baptist and Jesus at the River Jordan (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22), Fergus was beginning a journey of faith that would be life-long. As he began this journey, the Spirit was poured out upon him as it was upon Jesus. With the Spirit, like Jesus and the disciples who have gone before us, Fergus has been acknowledged as a beloved of God.

Baptism is part of our sacramental tradition. This tradition acknowledges the wonder of all created reality. This created universe, including our humanity is an expression of God's overwhelming love. We do not easily grasp this. As well, all of the sacraments, including baptism, are part of life journey in a community of faith. Neither Fergus nor any of us make this journey alone.

The baptism of Fergus was a beginning of a communal journey. Many were involved. First of all parents, grandparents and others of his family gathered around him. This family want to share many things with him. Among the gifts they want to share is the faith tradition they have. They wish their child to be surrounded by the same loving faith community that they themselves have had. They want their child to be part of their own journey.

Our faith community wants the same for him. We want him to join us on our own journey, to be part of us. And so we welcome him and express our commitment to share our faith, our love and our support for him in the years to come. We also speak for the whole of the Catholic community of faith. We are a family of faith to which we have now gathered a newly welcomed member.

If we look for it, we will find it. We are a communal faith. Our Christian Scriptures are gifts for this community. Whether gospels or letters or prophetic proclamations, they are for communities of faith. Paul writing to the community in Ephesus is clear about our communal character: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all." (Ephesians 4:4-5)

Baptism, like all of our sacramental tradition, is about relationships – with God, with the community of faith and with one another. Our Catholic tradition is not about individual seekers. It begins with the old initiating the younger into the tradition. It continues through life always in the context of community, with each of us being carried and carrying one another.

### Who has carried you on your faith journey?

John Jennings

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