Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

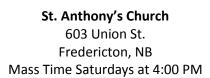
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Churches & Mass Times







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

Sunday May 28th St. Theresa's Church Fun Family Activities and Lunch Following the 11:00 AM Mass Closing Celebrations of Religious Formation

Monday May 29th St. Dunstan's Church The Great Mission 7 PM – 9 PM Fredericton Regional Pentecost Mission Led by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC

Sunday June 4th St. Theresa's Church Confirmation 7:00 PM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday May 30th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Joyce MacKin

Wednesday May 31st 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
John McAloon

Thursday June 1st 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Jackie Cook
Friday June 2nd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Basil Kuiack

Saturday June 3rd 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
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Sunday June 4th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Mass for the People
Sunday June 4th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Maria Doss

Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office. 444-6010

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update Contributions May 21, 2023 Weekly Offertory 4,575 Offertory 4,575 Capital Infrastructure **Budget Needs** (5,255)40 **Special Collections** Excess (Shortfall) (680)460 Other Year-to-Date **Contributions** 5,075 107,873 **Total** Offertory 108,060 **Budget Needs** Excess (Shortfall) 187)

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

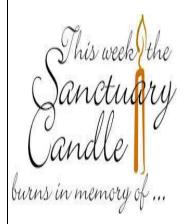
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Keep up to date on all activities, news and weather cancelations!



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<u>Confessions</u> Fr. Maria will hear confessions one half hour before each weekend Mass at all our Parish Churches.



St. Theresa's Church
This week the
Sanctuary Lamp
Burns in Memory of
Eileen & Jack LaPointe

St. Anthony's Church The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of

Offered by Family

Evelyn & Charlie Bowlen

Offered by the Children



SAVE THE DATE: JULY 9, 2023

Plans are underway for Our Lady of Peace Feast Day. This being the fifth anniversary of our three

churches becoming one parish we are planning a celebration everyone can enjoy! So, mark your calendar's and free up your schedule for July 9th and plan to join in on the celebrations!

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of leveling that suits you before the Lord. You san just of

prayerful devotion that suits you before the Lord. You can just sit quietly and say nothing, just keep Him company like you would a dear friend.

Friday 9:30 AM - St. Anthony's Church *
Thursday 11:30 AM - St. Theresa's Church plus *
Third Thursday of each month 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
First Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM - St. Patrick's Church

* If a Friday Mass is not scheduled or cancelled, Adoration is also cancelled.



Our Lady of Peace Shawl Ministry have been very busy and have completed beautiful Prayer Shawls. The Shawls have been blessed and are available at the Parish Office. If you have a family member or a friend who you know would be comforted with a Prayer

Shawl please drop by the office and pick out one.

UPDATE: Ten Shawls have been given out this week.

Are you new to Our Lady of Peace Parish? We welcome you. We invite you to register with the Parish, to do so there are registration forms at each of the churches.

Pease fill one out and drop it in the offertory basket or drop it by the Parish Office.



All parishioners are invited to celebrate and support the 12 young men and women of our parish as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 4^{th} at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church.



Family Faith Formation Closing Celebration

Join us for a fun family activity and lunch to close our Faith Formation year on Sunday, May 28th after the 11:00 am Mass.

Fundraiser for Steubenville Atlantic Conference ~ youth attending the Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference will be holding a fundraiser on Sunday, June 11th. Join us for a special coffee after Mass in St. Theresa's church hall with coffee, tea, juice and delicious treats. The youth will also be washing cars in the parking lot for a donation and collecting recyclable bottles. Bottles can be dropped off before or after Mass. Please look for our donation jars at each of our churches. The youth are excited to attend this event with other catholic youth from Atlantic Canada and thank you for your support.

Is Now the Time? Have you ever considered "pitching in" and helping to provide engaging young families in our parish with quality programs and activities? The Faith Formation team is looking for volunteers of all ages to help bring our Catholic faith alive in our parish. Are you available once a month to help lead Family Faith Formation? Are you able to help a few times a year for Sacrament workshops and retreats? How about seasonally, in Advent and Lent, to help with family and parish events? Maybe you are being called to help prepare youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation? As we all know, many hands make light work. So why not consider being part of helping our parish grow by serving our young families, children and youth. There are many opportunities and training and resources are always provided. For more information please contact Patty Cameron, Director of Faith Formation, at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018.

CWL News



Congratulations to the winners of the CWL Mothers Day Fundraiser.

The quilt donated by St. Anthony's Quilters was won by Cathy Murray and the second draw for the Mothers Day Basket with items donated by the CWL was won by Annie MacLean. Special thank to all who supported our Council's Community Outreach by purchasing tickets in the amount of **\$1,372.25**. Thank you as well to Irene Jewett for her assistance with posters, tickets and promoting the sale of the tickets.

St. Theresa's CWL Bursary

Attention all Grade Twelve Students, St. Theresa's CWL will be awarding \$1000.00 Bursary towards your post secondary education. The qualified recipient will be announced at the beginning of June. Application forms are available for pick up at all there of our Parish Churches. Deadline is May 31, 2023.

HELPING UKRANIAN FAMILIES IN FREDERICTON

If you would like more information, would like to register to host Ukrainian's arriving in Fredericton, or donate items please call (506) 454-8292 or visit the Multicultural Association Websitehttps://nbmc-cmnb.ca/resources-for-ukraine/volunteers-hosts-and-donations/

PENTECOST MISSION: on May 29-31, Bishop Riesbeck will preach a three-day Pentecost Mission on the theme of, "The Great Commission." Diving into Jesus' call to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." This Mission will help equip people first to KNOW Jesus, to GROW with him as his disciples and in community with one another, and finally to GO to the peripheries, spreading the Good News to all we meet and inviting people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus and his Church. Evening missions will take place from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm at St. Dunstan's Church in Fredericton. Each session will begin with Mass, with a reconciliation service offered on Tuesday and Commissioning and Healing Prayer on Wednesday. Refreshments and fellowship will follow each session



Happy Birthday to Luella Hickey Member of St. Anthony's Elite 90's Club



Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a YARD SALE on June 3, 2023, 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

All are welcome!

Ministry Schedule June 3rd & 04th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Deborah Allen & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Noah VanLeeuwen, Lucas Daigle, Will Horsley, Kevin Fernandez
Lector	Joyce Rozario	M. Gabe
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

Our Sacred Stories - PENTECOST AND THE SPIRIT AMONG US

Spirit is something we value. We all know persons with lots of **spirit**. They appear to be full of life, vibrant, confident, happy, outgoing, energetic, ready, and willing to take on anything. We speak of **team spirit** something that binds together and places a team or a group on a common path to achieve, to accomplish its aims and goals. We sometimes experience **family spirit** in those moments and occasions when we are together, when we recognize the ways in which we are related and share common family experiences. This is also the case with **community spirit** – whether in a parish, a neighbourhood, or a city. But can we capture what we mean by **spirit**, in words? This is more difficult. The best we can do is to describe what the experience of **spirit** involves, how it affects us.

We have the same challenge when we look to the *Holy Spirit*, the *Spirit of God*. Generations of writers, thinkers, philosophers, and theologians have attempted to define or express what this *Spirit* is. Nothing adequately serves us in this. So we are left with the images we hear of from scripture or from artists: a great wind or tongues of fire or a life-giving breath or a dove. These are only somewhat helpful.

As with *spirit* in our human experiences, so with *Spirit* in our experience of God. We are best served by how the *Spirit* affects us. We can see this in all three readings. John's Gospel (Jn.20:19-23) describes the disciples, cowering in fear after the crucifixion of Jesus, fearful that the same fate was to be theirs. The risen Jesus appears in their midst and confers the *Spirit* on them. The effect – they are transformed. The terrified disciples are given peace. They are invited to take part in Jesus's mission, bringing peace and creating an open, inclusive, and reconciled world.

In the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor.12:3-7,12-13), the little Christian community in Corinth as well as every Christian community down through the ages, is called to recognize not only the variety of gifts, talents, and capacities they have, but also that they are **one**, united by the *Spirit* among them. It is an expression of the way in which the *Spirit*, the presence of God for all humanity unites us, all the peoples of the earth, in all places and all times. In the *Spirit* – we are **one**.

The Pentecost event helps us to recognize something remarkable about us, the community of Christians, in all ages. The peace that we have been given is a gift of the *Spirit of God* and the *Spirit* unifies us. This is the same life-giving *Spirit* that hovered over the waters of chaos in the poetic account of creation (Genesis 1:1-3). With God's loving hand the *Spirit* was able to bring peace out of the chaos and with that peace came a new creation, with all its wonder and diversity. The Book of Genesis went on to describe the many, diverse aspects of this creation. It is one, united world and at the same time marked by great diversity.

In the piece drawn from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-11) that theme of **oneness** is expressed again. The gift of the *Spirit* breaks down the barrier of language and indeed all barriers between peoples. It draws us to the recognition that humanity is truly **one** in God's eyes, and that *God's Spirit* is conferred on all peoples regardless of gender, culture, colour, religion, or place. May we pray on this day for a renewed experience of Pentecost in each of us, in all Christian communities and in all the peoples of the earth. PEACE BE UPON US. Fr. John Jennings