

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin

Sunday, April 24th, 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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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

Saturday April 23rd

CWL Launch Mother's Day Basket

(See page 3 for details)

Sunday April 24th

Family Faith Formation at 9:45 am St. Theresa's

Sunday May 1st 11:00 am

First Eucharist at St. Theresa's Church

Mass Times & Intentions

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

**Saturday April 30th 12:00 noon St. Theresa's
Funeral Mass for Patricia Gyuk All Welcome**

**Saturday April 30th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
Gill Renaud**

**Sunday May 1st 8:45 am St. Patrick's
Mass for the People**

**Sunday May 1st 11:00 am St. Theresa's
Wayne Carr**

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Apr 17th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,111.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,978.00</u>
Total:	\$5,089.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 89.00
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 295.00
Special Collections:	\$ 569.00
Other:	\$ 2729.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 75,703.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 4,297.00)

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

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



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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.



www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

**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.*

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Now that COVID restrictions are lifted we would like to begin to use Eucharistic Ministers at Mass. If you were a Eucharistic Minister prior to COVID and would like to continue this ministry or if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the parish office and leave your name and your preferred Mass/Church. We would like to have Eucharistic Ministers in place for Easter.

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation commencing in **March, 2022**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony’s Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax. The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or linton21@outlook.com.

Parish Nursing Ministry

A huge Thank you for the response to our Spring Puzzle Mania. Puzzles will be made available next weekend in each church for you to sign out put together and if you are able to take a picture of your finished puzzle and email it to the Parish Office we will start a collage of pictures.

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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.



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>

Remember

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing
olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com

Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Development and Peace has initiated an Emergency Appeal to assist the crises in Ukraine. Parishioners who wish to assist financially can go on the D&P webpage, devp.org, or call Toll Free : 1-888-664-3387. There is also detailed information available at the following location: <https://www.devp.org/en/blog/our-ukraine-emergence-fundraising-ga/> . The people of Ukraine certainly need our assistance; and D&P sincerely Thank You for any assistance you can provide. For further information and/or clarification, please call Allison Wrynn at 506-470-9390.



St. Theresa's CWL Mother's Day Basket Raffle Ticket Sales Begin April 23

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Tickets are available at each of the churches and also at the Parish Office.

For your convenience envelopes are available for you to use for the ticket stubs and your money.

Draw date is May 8th

We thank you for your continued support, all proceeds from ticket sales goes to support Community Outreach.

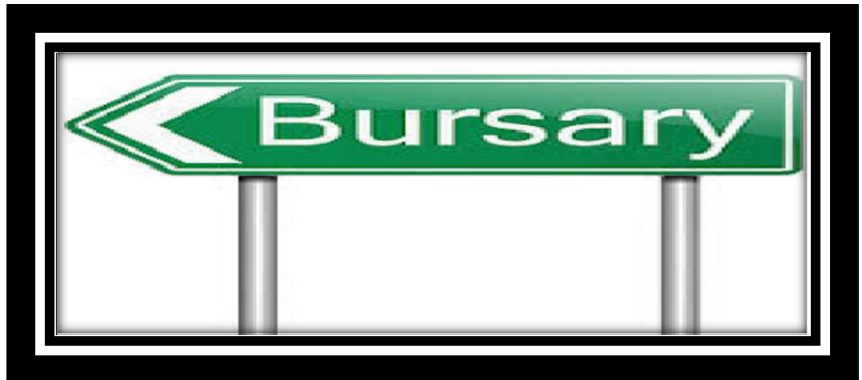
CWL General Meeting

There will be a general meeting on Sunday May 15th at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall at St. Theresa's. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend. We always welcome new members.

The CWL Executive members will meet on May 4th in the Old Rectory at St. Theresa's at 6:30 pm.

CWL Bursary

Attention High School Graduates. St. Theresa's CWL is offering a \$1,000.00 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

Notes From the Parish Office

Reminders: Please have your bulletin announcements into the office Thursday mornings at the latest. Ones that come in on Fridays may not appear.

If you are the last one leaving any of the Churches or its buildings please make sure the doors are locked and lights are out.

Thank you for your cooperation in these two matters.

Ministry Schedule April 30th & May 01st

	St. Anthony's -	St. Theresa's
Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Mary Fitzgerald Martin Colford, Janet Matheson, Darren Richard
Eucharistic Ministers		Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Marilyn Brennan

Our Sacred Stories.Easter:

Peace be with you – Freeing and Healing

Sometimes it is hard to hope. The conflicts around the world seem endless. As one winds down, another erupts. At this time, the war in Ukraine absorbs much of our attention. It is hard to imagine the pain of a people facing such death and destruction all around them. The images we have and the accounts we hear make no sense to us. How is it possible to live in such a world? Can we ever find meaning in the midst of it? What has happened to God's dream for humanity?

There is so much of our lives that is beyond our control, so much to challenge us as we look to the future. Do we cynically, just give up on humanity? Indeed, so often it is hard to hope. Then comes Easter. We face the resurrection. The resurrection was not just about Jesus. With faith, we encounter a new vision, a new creation.

Easter – a season of new life. Celebrating the season of Easter we hear and reflect on a whole series of our faith stories. Easter brings us through the entire history of human salvation, through accounts of creation, liberation, restoration and resurrection. These are stories of many new beginnings, new life, stories of hope.

Through the Easter season, many stories of the Risen Jesus appearing to the disciples are set before us. The Gospel of this Sunday (John 20:19-31) offers us a picture of the liberation and healing that comes with the ongoing gift of the Spirit and the presence of the Risen Jesus.

One of the striking elements of the story in John's Gospel is something that appears as well in other Gospel stories of appearances. It is the greeting that Jesus offers as he comes among the disciples: **Peace be with you.** **Peace** can mean many things – absence of war and conflict, quiet and silence, unity and good relations. In the the Gospel stories of the appearances of Jesus **peace** is an indication of the healing and liberation that comes with the Spirit of the Risen Jesus.

It is no accident that John describes the disciple as **locked** in a room and cowering in **fear**. For them there was a great threat that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. They had lost hope, but suddenly they sensed the presence of the Jesus they had lost. His presence and the Spirit stirred in them a new vision. It dispelled fear, freed them from the terror and healed their pain.

With the gift of the Spirit, the disciples came to realize that the message and the mission that Jesus proclaimed was now theirs. The **peace** that came upon them with the presence of Jesus risen, was theirs to take to the world. Filled with the Spirit they were to liberate, to heal, to bring hope, new hope.

We need Easter's hope. In his Easter Sunday reflection (April 17, 2022), Franciscan spiritual writer Richard Rohr highlights this need for all humanity: *If all is hopeless, we all individually lose hope too. Easter is an announcement of a common hope. When we sing in the Easter hymn that Christ destroyed death, that means death for all of us. It's not just about Jesus; it's to humanity that God promises, "Life is not ended, it merely changes," as we say in the funeral liturgy. That's what happened in Jesus, and that's what will happen in us. In the end, everything will be all right.*

Sometimes it is hard to hope. Easter offers hope for our world. May the Spirit of the Risen Jesus move us to voice such hope of new life for all humanity. **May the blessing of new life and peace come upon us all. In particular, may new peace and new life come upon the people of Ukraine.**

John Jennings

2nd Sunday of Easter