

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday March 30, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Lent

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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

### Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday April 1st 12 PM St. Theresa's

*Kenny Pozer*

Wednesday April 2nd 10 AM St. Anthony's

*Gratitude to Saint Ann*

Thursday April 3rd 12 PM St Theresa's

*Ronnie Richard*

Friday April 4th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

*David Emerson*

Saturday April 5th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

*Agnes & Janos Toth*

Sunday April 6th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

*Mass for the People*

Sunday April 6th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

*Anne Wrynn*

### Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

### Regional Lenten

### Reconciliation Celebration

will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Parish (St. Dunstan's Church) on Sunday, April 6th @ 3 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Sanctuary Lamp St. Theresa's Burns this week in Memory of

**+ Edward Holleran +**

Offered by Roy & Marg Anderson



### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

March 23, 2025	Weekly Contributions	Weekly Contributions
Offertory \$4,195	Offertory \$4,195	
Capital Infrastructure 400	Budget Needs ( 5,471)	
Diocesan Collections 50	Excess (Shortfall) <b>(1,275)</b>	
Other 120	<b>Year-to-Date Contributions</b>	
<b>Total Contributions \$4,765</b>	Offertory \$61,292	
	Budget Needs (63,276)	
	Excess (Shortfall) <b>\$ (1,984)</b>	

*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!



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

## Ministry Schedule April 5th & April 6th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Janet Matheson & Debbie Heustis
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Forsythe	Lawrence & Mary Ellen Holleran
Altar Servers		Briela Otadoy, Lucas Daigle, Kevin Fernandez & Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Pam Shields & David Saunders
Sacristan		Bud Trevors

### Our Lady of Peace Parish Adoration Schedule

Thursdays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church before 12:00 pm Mass \*

Fridays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church before 10:00 am \*

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) \* If Mass is cancelled so is Adoration.

### Our symbol for the Fourth of Lent is Oil

In cathedrals around the world, bishops bless the holy oils at the Chrism Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday. These sacramental oils are blessed: **The Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, The Oil of the Chrism.** After the blessing, a portion of these oils is given to every parish in the Diocese.

**Season 4 of "The Chosen"** ~ Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable – ally with their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of betrayal are planted the disciples struggle to keep up with Him. Join us Monday evenings beginning February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church as we watch and discuss season 4 of The Chosen. Everyone is welcome!



## Attention High School Students! Steubenville Atlantic Conference July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>

The Lord tells us, "Be not afraid," and these words resonate with us today. Join Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic at Dalhousie University, Halifax, from July 11-13, 2025. This conference is designed to evangelize, equip, and empower those aged 14-18 (grades 9-12). **Registration fee:** \$350.00 (including transportation) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

### Other Opportunities:

- **Peer Leader for Young Adults (18-20):** Attend with a group and take on leadership roles at the discretion of group leaders.
- **Franciscan LEAD:** From July 7-11, 2025. A five-day Christ-centered immersion in leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. Teens first grow closer to Jesus, then learn servant leadership and evangelization.

**Mark Your Calendars!** ~ There be an online meeting for everyone interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference as a participant or a peer leader or attending Franciscan LEAD please contact Patty Cameron at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefrederickton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefrederickton.ca) or (506) 444-6018 to have your name added to the list and receive the link to the meeting.

**"WHAT DO YOU SEEK?" Exciting Adult Faith Formation is back this SPRING!** We are all searching for answers to the most fundamental questions about life. Our Lady of Peace and St. Mary Magdalene parishes are uniting again this spring to offer a weekly Adult Faith Formation program from APR 23 to JUN 11. Participants will explore the meaning of life as revealed through the lens of the Christian Faith in an open, welcoming small-group atmosphere. For more information and to register, please contact Tracy Horsley at [horsleysix@gmail.com](mailto:horsleysix@gmail.com) (or call (506) 261-0713). Register early, as space is limited!



**VALUES** The Catholic Women's League is an organization built on Catholic Values, embracing all aspects of Christian family life. Standing together, members grow in faith and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. To be the cornerstone for women who believe helping one another is a call for all. If you believe – your place is with us!

Please join St. Theresa's Catholic Women's League to  
**Pray - "Mary's Way of the Cross" during this Lenten Season.**  
This will take place following the Tuesday Noon Masses beginning March 11th.

**CWL Executive Meeting** – Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 12:30 PM in the old Rectory Meeting Room.

**CWL General Meeting** – Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 after Mass in the Church Hall.

**The National Catholic Women's League of Canada** is offering 2 Bursaries valued at \$1000.00 each. Applications must be made on the official form, which is available online at [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) ([www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca))

Applications must be submitted to the National office and postmarked by May 15th.

**Parish Living Lent Outreach** ~ Each week this Lent we will be supporting a local organization. The list of organizations and their needs can be found in this week's bulletin insert, on our website and Facebook page. We will also post in the bulletin the collection for the following week. Donations will be collected only the weekends indicated and will be delivered to the organizations the following Monday. Together we can make a difference in our community!



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Parish Living Lent Outreach** Collection ~ Next week's collection (April 6<sup>th</sup>)

supports the two local food banks, **Greener Village** (Fredericton) and **Stanley's Just Friends**. Each month the Fredericton Food Bank provides over 1900 food hampers of essential groceries to families in need in our community. We will be collecting canned spaghetti sauce and canned meat (flakes of ham, chicken, tuna, etc). Cans only please.

**Art and Environment** St. Theresa's church is looking for a person to lead the Art and Environment ministry, this volunteer position is a valuable ministry, in following the liturgical calendar. This person would work with the guidance of Fr. Maria and training from an experienced past member if required. If you feel the opportunity to lead this fulfilling ministry is for you, please contact Irene at the office 506-444-6010.

**Development and Peace** Demanding fairer policies in Tunisia Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country's debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone. This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our Mini-magazine at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).

A gentle reminder that **Share-Lent Sunday** is coming up next week, April 6, 2025, and the special envelopes for this occasion are available in your Weekly Box of envelopes. On behalf of Development and Peace, I gratefully Thank-You for your on-going support for this worthwhile cause. Allison Wrynn

### **Holy Week Mass Schedule**

Holy Thursday – April 17 – 7:00 pm St. Theresa's

Good Friday – April 18 – 12:00 pm St. Patrick's; 3:00 pm St. Anthony's

Easter Vigil – April 19 – 8:30 pm St. Theresa's

Easter Sunday – April 20: 8:45 am St. Patrick's; 11:00 am St. Anthony's



**You're Invited!** Dear Parishioners, We are blessed to announce that the traveling icon from the Knights of Columbus will be present at Our Lady of Peace Parish for two special days of prayer and devotion.

**Wednesday, April 9th:** Following the 10am Mass at St. Anthony's, join us as we venerate the icon and pray the Rosary together.

**Thursday, April 10th:** A special prayer event with the icon will be held at St. Theresa's 6:30 pm.

This traveling icon has a rich history and profound significance. As it is blessed by the Pope each year this icon travels the world. This year the icon we are receiving is the one of the Sacred heart of Jesus. As a cherished tradition, the Knights of Columbus' pilgrim icon program brings communities together to seek intercession through prayer. All are warmly welcomed to participate in these grace-filled events. Let us come together to honor this sacred icon and pray as a community. *Simon Delisle Grand Knight 8654*

### **Our Sacred Stories Two Sons and a Parent: Our Challenge**

This 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent we hear one of the most beautiful and moving of Jesus' parables. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) It is a story that touches the heart of every person. It expresses something that is part of the human experience. All our relationships are marked in some way by this story – a story of disappointment with self, of self-righteous resentment and of abundant, healing, unconditional love.

The parable of the "Prodigal Son", sometimes called the parable of the "Prodigal Parent" is one in which we find ourselves identified, in so many ways. Luke tells it as Jesus' response to the scribes and the Pharisees who were criticizing him for his willingness to reach out with openness to all, even those who were seen as most undeserving. "This fellow welcomes sinner and eats with them." For Luke and his community in early Christianity the story focused on the religious elites of their day. For us, perhaps it has an even fuller meaning – both personal and communal as church.

The story of the "Prodigal Son" has three characters, the younger son, the older son and the father. Each of these persons is us. Each of them presents some aspect of our own personal experience and each of them presents to us both a challenge and a consolation. As well, each of the persons expresses something very close to our communal or our church experience, with its challenges and consolations. The younger son is us. The older son is us. The loving parent is us.

The younger son, after receiving all of his inheritance from his loving parent, leaves home and squanders what he has received. He wants to return home but he is obsessed by guilt and cannot allow himself to return forgiven. His failures and sin pose a barrier to his home-coming. He is unable to see that his father loves him. The challenge he has is that he cannot "let go" of his past, his sin. It blocks his capacity for full reconciliation and joy. To "let go" of sin and failure means we can remember, without identifying with it. The younger son had a struggle.

The older son faced a different challenge. So intent was he on doing the "right thing" that he had come to behave more as a slave of his loving parent than as a son. He kept all the rules, he worked for the father and spent his energies in what he saw as the father's commands. But he was filled with resentment and this boiled over when the father welcomed home the younger son. This older son could not see the relationship of love that bound the father to both his sons. He could not see that his father's love was an unconditional gift, not an earned or merited love. His resentment blocked all hope of compassion and joy for him. The older son had a struggle.

The father in this story faced the challenge of freely giving love and compassion in a setting where it was deeply needed. For him compassion and joy was overflowing, but he faced one son who seemed incapable or accepting this gift and another son who could not understand it. The father had a struggle.

Whether we are looking with our own eyes or the eyes of our Catholic community of faith, we can see ourselves this story. Our guilt often closes us to the open love and forgiveness of our God. At the same time, frequently, as a church, we show resentment when those who fall short of what we consider our faith tradition and "regulation" seek to return. As church we create walls for the divorced, the LGBTQ and others "to come home". We sometimes struggle to be the face of our God of unconditional love. Jesus' parable is truly the story of all of us – as persons and as church. It is a challenge, but a challenge we must face, personally and as church. We have a struggle.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

John Jennings