

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday May 12th 2024 – Ascension of the Lord

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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

No Weekday Masses

Priest Retreat

Saturday May 18th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Agnes LeBlanc

Sunday May 19th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Wayne Cleveland

Sunday May 19th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass for the People

Upcoming Events

St. Anthony's Church

Sanctuary Lamp Burns in
Memory of
+ Irma Tucker +
Offered by her children



Renewing Ourselves is Christ" a Parish Retreat
Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm
St. Theresa's Church

Happy Mother's Day

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Apr 28, 2024		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	5,433	Offertory	\$ 5,433
Capital Infrastructure	740	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	540	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 178
Other	50	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$ 6,763	Offertory	\$ 96,600
		Budget Needs	(94,590)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 2,010

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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Ministry Schedule May 18th & May 19th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Manie, Rachelle & Ellie Pahati
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers	Ken Harris	Miguel & Isaiah Bonaventura, Kevin Fernandez & Lucas Daigle
Lector	Sue Inkster	M. Buenaventura & Marman Pahati
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

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 *

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

CWL Notices



FAITH

Catholic Women's League members know faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are Catholic and Living it! Come grow with us!

Attention High School Graduates of Our Lady of Peace Parish. St. Theresa's CWL are offering **two \$1000.00**



bursaries to any high school graduates continuing their education. Applications are available through the link on the Parish Website or can be found on the bulletin boards at the back of the churches. Application deadline is May 31st 2024.

May is the Month of the Rosary. The CWL will be saying the Rosary after each Tuesday Mass during the month **May 22nd 7:00 CWL** holding their General Meeting at the Church Hall. All ladies are welcome.



Mother's Day Brunch Sunday May 12th From Noon until 1:30 pm

Saint Theresa's Church 45 Royal Road, Fredericton, NB

All Mother's Eat Free and Receive a Flower!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a special brunch to honour all Mothers.

The menu includes eggs, sausages, pancakes, hash browns and toast with coffee and tea.

Eat in only with no takeouts. This is a free will offering to support the many causes of the Knights including youth scholarships and various community projects.

Come one and all especially Moms!



"Renewing Ourselves in Christ" a Parish Retreat ~ join us on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church for an intimate evening of song, teaching and reflection on the Word of God. We are excited to welcome Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation for the Diocese of Saint John as our retreat facilitator. Everyone is welcome! Come and bring a friend.



Welcome to the Table

This weekend we welcome and celebrate with Adam Anderson as he joins us around the Table of the Lord for the first time. We hold Adam and his family in our prayers and hearts.

Sacrament Preparation (1st Eucharist) ~ Preparation for 1st Eucharist takes place as part of the parish's Faith Formation Program starting in September. Children in grades 2 and up are eligible to take part in 1st Eucharist preparation. Please watch the bulletin over the summer and early fall for information on how to register or contact Patty Cameron, Director of Faith Formation at 444-6018 for more information.

Camp Sheldrake Sponsorship ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish is pleased to be able to sponsor up to 3 children/youth who are part of our Faith Formation programs to attend Camp Sheldrake (Miramichi, NB) this summer. Applications can be found on our parish website. For more information about Camp Sheldrake and their programs, please visit www.campsheldrake.ca. This opportunity is made possible by a generous offer from a parishioner.

Steubenville Atlantic Conference Update

We are so excited to have 13 parish youth attending the conference this July in Halifax, 11 as participants and 2 as Peer Leaders. These youth are involved in various programs and ministries in our parish including Confirmation Preparation, Altar Serving, Lector and Music Ministry.

The cost for each youth to attend the conference is \$300.00 and includes conference fees, accommodation, meals and transportation. Each youth has paid a deposit to reserve their spot. They will be fundraising to help cover the remaining balance.



Youth attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference this summer are collecting refundable bottles/cans. They will be accepting donations in front of the rectory garage 30 minutes before and after Mass at St. Theresa's Church on Sunday, May 19th, May 26th and June 2nd.

Mark Your Calendars! We will be having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, June 1st at St. Theresa's Church. Please watch the bulletin for more details next week.

Confirmation ~ Please keep in your prayers the five youth from our parish who are completing their final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This weekend they will participate in a retreat along with other Fredericton area Confirmation Candidates. The Sacrament of Confirmation, celebrated by Bishop Riesbeck, will take place on Sunday, June 2nd at 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church for Candidates from Our Lady of Peace, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parishes. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass to support our youth.

Confirmation Preparation ~ Youth entering grade 8 the fall of 2024 (or older if not already Confirmed) are invited to join us in September to begin their journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please watch the bulletin over the summer on how to register or contact Patty Cameron, Director of Faith Formation at 444-6018 for more information.

Our Sacred Stories Ascension: A Story of Leaving Yet Remaining

Some 45 years ago I met Jim and Pauline. Jim was with the OPP and Pauline worked in a Catholic school in Barrie. At the time I was on sabbatical researching. I lived and assisted in a parish in the north of Toronto. The three of us worked together in a marriage enrichment program. Over the course of the year we became good friends. Then I left to return to Fredericton.

One of the remarkable things is that the departure did not end the friendship. For more than 45 years we have maintained the friendship through letters, emails and phone calls. It was not always easy to maintain the contact but it did happen. Though we left each other's physical presence we had not really left one another. Somehow, there was a presence that continued. We continued to be with one another in our friendship. There was a sense of being apart and together, of "leaving yet remaining" with one another.

When the Scriptures speak of the Ascension, it may seem that Jesus is somehow leaving his disciples. But when we look more closely at the Gospel accounts, it is evident they speak of Jesus still being present among them.

The classic image of the ascension of Jesus is captured in the story that we find in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:1-11). The writer of Acts tells the story of the earliest Christian communities after the resurrection of Jesus. Acts begins the story with the account of Jesus leaving the disciples and ascending to heaven, or put another way with the return of Jesus to the Father. It is a story of "leaving yet remaining."

The disciples have been given two important pieces of their call as followers of Jesus. They have been promised the gift and power Holy Spirit, and they have been told that they are to be *witnesses* to all that Jesus has proclaimed. In some way, the ascension is the end of the appearances of the risen Jesus. He leaves them yet remains among them through the continuing power of the *Spirit* that they will receive. Thus, they are to be the ongoing presence of the risen Jesus for our world.

Jesus might have left, but remains among us. The Incarnation continues with us, for we are the face of Jesus for our world. The final verses of Mark's Gospel present us with this mission. We are called to: "Go out into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15).

With Jesus among us, and marked by the Spirit we are to be *people of the Good News*.

The last major Constitution of the Second Vatican Council closed the council in December 1965. This was the *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. Its title and opening words declared its principal vision:

The joy and the hope, the grief and the anxiety of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted; this is the joy and hope, the grief and the anxiety, of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. The Christian community is, after all, a community of women and men truly linked with humankind and its history, bearing a message of salvation [good news] intended for all peoples. (Gaudium et Spes, preface 1, Huebsch, trans. 1997)

Truly, Good News for all.

John Jennings

Feast of the Ascension

Rummage & Bake Sale Sainte-Anne-des-Pays-Bas Saturday May 25th from 8AM to 4 PM and June 1st from 8 am till noon. All proceeds to towards parish activities.

Note from the Parish Office Please ensure that all notices for the bulletin are into the office by Thursdays at noon. If you are new to the Parish we would love to have you register in our date base. Forms are available to fill out at each of the Parish churches.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **Stuffed Pork Loins Dinner** on May 29, 4 - 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Menu: Pork, stuffing, potatoes, carrots, turnip, peas, gravy, cole slaw, rolls and PIES. Please call the church office at 506-457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., are hosting a **Yard Sale & Cafe** on June 1, 8 - 11:30 a.m.