

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin

Sunday, September 18th 2022 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Pastoral Office hours have returned
Monday thru Friday

All are welcome to witness the blessing of
Marriage Vows between
Mercedes Victoria Rojas Munoz
& Christian Jesus Sanabria Vera
St. Theresa's Tuesday Noon Mass

Sunday September 25th 2022
Celebrate the beauty of Fall
Peddle or Stroll

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call
pastoral office.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Sept 20th 12:00 St. Theresa's
Arnold Cormier

Blessing of Vows Mercedes & Christian Vera
Wednesday Sept 21st 10:00 St. Anthony's
Irma Tucker

Thursday Sept 22nd 12:00 St. Theresa's
Kay Trevors

Friday Sept 23rd 10:00 am St. Anthony's
Kristine Sherman

Saturday Sept 24th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
Thu Tam Tran

Sunday Sept 25th 8:45 am St. Patrick's
Mass for the People

Sunday Sept 25th 11:00 am St. Theresa's
Jim Noble

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Sept 11, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$ 1,863.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$ 2,044.00</u>
Total:	\$3,906.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 1,094.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 155.00
Special Collections:	\$ 25.00
Other:	\$ -

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 175,809.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 185,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 9,191.00)

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

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news and weather cancelations!



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

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.

Notice From The Office

If you are using any of the Church properties **PLEASE** ensure that doors are locked and lights are turned off when you leave. This continues to be a problem.

All Bulletin notices must be into the Parish Office by noon on Thursdays.

Happy Birthday to
Special Elite 90's Club
Member
Sister Charlotte Lockhart.



The Catholic Women's League of St. Theresa's Church recently held its 18th Twilight Retreat. People in attendance enjoyed Father David Fulton's presentation on "Vocabulary of Love", a reflection of the National Catholic Women's League theme: "Catholic and Living It".

Photo: (l to r): Odette Craine, Chairperson for Spiritual Development, Father David Fulton, Spiritual Advisor for the provincial Catholic Women's League, Debbie Heustis, President of Saint Theresa's Council.

This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ...

St. Anthony's Anne Wrynn
Offered by Allison Wrynn

Thank you! 😊

A big thank you to all who donated to our parish collection for the Student Hunger Program this past weekend. With your help the parish was able to donate 251 cans of tuna and meat for sandwiches, 298 pudding cups and 758 granola bars. Other donations were also received and were donated. Items collected in Stanley have been donated to the Stanley Just Friends Food Bank.

Celebrate the Beauty of Fall!

PEDDLE OR STROLL



On Sunday, September 25th join Fr. Maria and Fr. John for a bike ride to Carleton Park or a stroll on the walking bridge. Bikers will leave the Mitch Clark Park (116 Johnson Ave) at 2:00 pm and bike the trails to Carleton Park. Walkers will meet in Carleton Park at 2:00 pm to walk the walking bridge. Light refreshments and short celebration of God's great gift of creation to follow. All are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



In Memory of Fr. Monte Peters:

Join us on Sunday, October 16th for an afternoon of Country Music at the Heritage Center in Marysville from 1:30 – 4:30 pm, admission \$7.00 at the door. Silent Auction and 50/50 boards. Canteen will also be available. Proceeds from this event will go to the Youth Group at Holy Family Church, Hanwell in Memory of Fr. Monte.

Hope to see you there!

A Little Covid Humor

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog..... we laughed a lot.

Faith Formation Update

Family Faith Formation Begins September 25th! ~ Families with children in kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to join us on Sunday, September 25th at 9:45 am for our first session of the new year. To register please visit www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7. Families with children entering grade 2 in the fall will receive Sacrament Preparation for 1st Eucharist throughout the year.

Confirmation Preparation Registration ~ Youth in grade 8 are invited to begin their journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sessions begin in October. To register please visit at www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/confirmation-preparation.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered at the 11:00 am Mass (St. Theresa's) Children's Liturgy of the Word provides an opportunity for children to hear and understand the Sunday's Gospel message that is age appropriate through music, activities, and prayer. At Mass children will be invited to go to the church hall with leaders before the first reading and return to Mass after the homily. All children up to and including grade 1 are invited to attend

1st Eucharist Preparation Family Meeting ~ There will be a short meeting (15 minutes) for families with children preparing for 1st Eucharist this year on Sunday, September 25th immediately following Mass the 11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa's Church. The preparation process will be explained and families will receive program resources at the meeting.

Liturgy Ministers Needed

The Liturgy Committee invites previous and new volunteers to consider serving at Mass. We are looking for Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristans to serve during Mass at all three of our parish churches. New volunteers are welcome, and training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 444-6010 with your contact details and in which church you would like to serve.



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N.B. Right to Life in support of the Women's Care Centre will be hosting a Roast Beef Dinner.

Date: Monday September 26th Time: 6 pm (doors open at 5:30)

Location: Brunswick Street Baptist Church Tickets are \$25.00 each and available by phoning 459-8990

Ministry Schedule Sept 24th & Sept 25th

	St. Anthony's	St. Theresa's
Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Mary Fitzgerald, Martin Colford, Andre Paier Janet Matheson, Betty MacNeil,
Eucharistic Ministers		Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick
Alter Server	Kelly Bowlen	
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Leonce Savoie

Our Sacred Stories

Openness to a Flawed Humanity: Seeing with God's Eyes

The Gospels present us with many stories told by Jesus. These parables offer glimpses of what God is like. In Luke's Gospel (Luke 16:1-13) we catch sight of the generous loving God as revealed by Jesus himself. This parable tells the story of a rich man who had a servant managing his wealth. The manager was accused of "squandering" his wealth and so was fired. Recognizing he was in a tight spot, the manager decided to change the debts owed to his former employer. This he thought would make him new friends at this difficult time. Surprise - the rich man commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. What a strange story! What is the point Jesus is making here? Perhaps there are many.

One key point is clearer when we see the location of this story in Luke's Gospel. It follows directly after a parable which is very familiar to us, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Here the younger son of a man demands his share of the family wealth. He goes away and "squanders" his share. In dire straits, he decides to return home to his father. But filled with guilt he determines that he can no longer be regarded as a member of the family, only a slave to his father. Surprise – the father spots the son returning. Overwhelmed with joy, he runs out to gather the wayward one into his arms. No mention of the "squandering", no mention of the thoughtlessness of the son and his desertion of the family. These two parables shown together are revelations of how God sees us.

As persons, as communities, as a global humanity we are gifted with many resources, much wealth. These are ours to use, **in trust from God**. How do we use this wealth of resources human, natural, economic? Sometimes we "squander" what we have been given. The temptation to treat it as held only for our own use or to seize it from others can overtake us, as individuals, communities or nations. In this, like the manager or the younger son, we betray the trust.

The two stories reveal God's response. It is a surprising one. God's eyes are ever ready to see beyond the failings. The debts and sins, the hurts and broken trust cannot stand in the way of God's vision. God's unconditional love ever recognizes the goodness of each and every person, even if the person themselves may be blind to it.

Luke presents us with these two parables as Jesus' way of proclaiming a faith in God as ever ready to reconcile and heal. The stories express a faith in a God who challenges us with wealth, gifts and resources, **in trust**. At the same time, they present a God whose unconditional love can see beyond our failures to live up to this trust. It is a love that can see beyond our failures to the goodness with which God has gifted us.

The two parables express a further point, another challenge. The central characters in the stories, the prodigal son and the manager undergo conversions, changes of view and heart. In their own individual ways, each of them begins to see that their life is threatened and that they must change direction. Both recognized that what they thought was theirs, was in fact not something they held in permanence. The young man needed to reconnect with his family. The manager needed to find a new circle of connection with the debtors.

One might question the routes each character took for this change, but Luke indicates that the very effort to undertake a change of heart and direction does begin a rebuilding of trust and connection.

John Jennings
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time