

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

## Bulletin

Sunday, February 20th, 2022 – Seventh 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 1:30 pm



**St. Theresa's Church**

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

### Upcoming Events

**Parish Office Closed (Family Day)**

**Monday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 2022**

**Parish Nursing Ministry**

**Quilt “Stars on the Stars”**

**Tickets Available February 26th**

**Ash Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

St. Anthony's Church 12:00 noon

St. Patrick's Church 5:00 pm

St. Theresa's Church 7:00 pm

### Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 am - St. Theresa's Church**

Patricia Gyuk

**Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am - St. Anthony's**

George Dignard

**Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's**

Miguel Sueyras

**Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church**

Sandra Weatherhead

**Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**

Lydia & Jude Melanson

**Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church**

**Deceased Members of the McGivney Family**

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church**

**Mass for the People**

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

#### Weekly Offertory Feb 13th, 2022

Sunday Contributions: \$2,895.00

Auto Debit (average): \$1,978.00

**Total: \$4,873.00**

Weekly Budget Needs: \$5,000.00

**Excess (Shortfall) \$ (127.00)**

Capital Infrastructure: \$ 220.00

Special Collections: \$ 25.00

Other: \$ 480.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory: \$ 29,352.00

Budget Needs: \$ 35,000.00

**Excess (Shortfall): (\$ 5,648.00)**

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](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

Wondering what is happening in the parish? Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online.



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## Parish Announcements

### COVID Protocol Update Return to Level 1

As we return to Level 1 of the Province of New Brunswick Winter COVID Plan we encourage parishioners to continue to monitor their health before attending Mass and choose to attend/not attend accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we navigate COVID in our community is very much appreciated. The following protocols are in effect at all three of our parish churches:

- Masks are required at all times in church buildings.
- Each of our churches will operate at 50% or less capacity.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing between different households. If there is any doubt when choosing your seat that there will be two metres between you and someone not in your household, please choose another seat.
- Record names of all attendees and contact information by row or have a consistent assigned seating plan for contact tracing.
- Parishioners will be screened at the door for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Singing is allowed, but masks must remain on.

Please note that you will not be asked to show proof of vaccination to attend Mass. Other activities using parish facilities, including Parish Nursing activities, meetings, presentations, workshops and Religious Formation for children, youth and adults will require proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption to attend for people over 12 years of age.

# FORMED

**FORMED is our gift to you!**

**New on FORMED!** Do you have a young person who enjoys comics and graphic novels? FORMED has added "Comics" as a category on the home page. Check out "Finnian and the Seven Mountains" available as PDF, EPUB and MOBI downloads.

### Registering for FORMED is EASY!

- Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
- Select our parish by Our Lady of Peace Parish or entering our Postal Code – E3A 3N5
- Register with your name and email address
- Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED

**Have you tried FORMED yet? Let us know what you have enjoyed on FORMED!**

### Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

**Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!**

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. Due to **COVID** concerns, all sessions will be performed **non-contact means**.

The tax preparation service will commence **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 and benefit returns.

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 [lintons21@outlook.com](mailto:lintons21@outlook.com).

### Parish Income Tax Receipts

Tax Receipts are available at each church. On March 1<sup>st</sup> all receipts not picked up will be available at the Parish Office. If you prefer to have yours mailed or emailed please call Irene at the Parish Office

## 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.*

## Pastoral Council – BOOK STUDY

During lent Pastoral Council will be leading a book study on the book Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg. In Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, Marcus Borg addresses the yearnings of those who want a fully contemporary faith that welcomes rather than oppresses our critical intelligence and openness to the best of historical scholarship. Borg shows how a rigorous examination of historical findings can lead to a new faith in Christ, one that is critical and, at the same time, sustaining. We will begin on Wednesday March 9th.

To sign up or for more information email [olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

Help us show our parish support of our Indigenous communities by picking up the special collection envelope provided by the Diocese for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This special collection will take place February 26 -27. You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing [olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com)

## Congratulations

Pastoral council would like to congratulate the children in our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first-time last weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers as they journey towards sharing fully in the Eucharistic celebrations with their families.

## Remember

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## Special Collection, Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

**On the last weekend of February, the diocese will be taking up a special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.** Monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB's five-year \$30-million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Special Collection Envelopes have been sent to parishes to be used at Masses for the weekend of February 26-27.

You may also contribute to this fundraising appeal at anytime on our website via cheque or email money transfer. (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>).

Please consult our website for Bishop Riesbeck's most recent letter and additional resources. <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-relations>.

## Knights of Columbus

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, the food was dropped off to the Greener Village of Fredericton. A cheque was mailed to the Fredericton Community Kitchens requesting to be specifically donated to the Feed the Lions Student Hunger campaign.



We wish to thank all the parishioners who helped with this year's campaign, in addition to all who made cash donations. Thank you for your tremendous support!

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# Ministry Schedule Week of February 26th & 27th

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
<b>Screeners/Ushers</b>	Mary Feener Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Allison Wrynn, Ed Theriault, Betty MacNeil
<b>Lector</b>	Michele Gabe	Betty Flanagan

## Our Sacred Stories

### Holiness – Living the Blessings We Receive

Sometimes we struggle with what it means to be holy. It often appears to be something “other worldly” or at least removed from the world in which we ordinarily live. Over the course of history, holiness seemed to be confused with distancing ourselves from our everyday life. In some cases, the world around us has been perceived as a threat or an “enemy” to holiness. This poses some problems for us. How can we live our lives in a way that is holy while finding ourselves in the world of our experience?

Our Christian faith is incarnational. Central to who we are is Jesus the Christ, the sign and sacrament of God’s love for all humanity and indeed for our created world. Holiness is not about denying our humanity or the wonder of creation. It is about honoring, respecting and valuing the whole of creation as a blessing, a beatitude of God’s presence among us.

Luke’s Gospel presents us with the disciples’ call to recognize the blessedness around us, even in the midst of hardships and challenges – poverty, hunger, sorrow and rejection (Lk.6:20-22). He then goes on to describe how disciples can bring out and express this holiness, acknowledging the blessing of God’s love alive in the times and places of our lives (Lk.6:27-38). Living as blessings for one another makes faith in Jesus the Christ come alive. Doing so, we sow the seeds of the reign of God around us and with it, hope of peace and justice, compassion and healing, love and respect.

Pope Francis captured some of this in his Apostolic Exhortation On the Call to Holiness in Today’s World (19 March 2018). He offered a wonderful description of the holiness for which we strive as disciples: *I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile.... Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbors, those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence. We might call them “the middle class of holiness”.* (7)

In his exhortation, Francis echoed the “universal call to holiness” presented by the Second Vatican Council in 1964. Holiness in the midst of our lives offers the power of *transforming the activities and events of everyday life into holy moments* (Vatican II, The Constitution on the Church 40). Both the Gospels of Luke and Matthew speak in terms of blessings which make a difference in life. Such blessings are placed at the center of Jesus’ call to his disciples (Luke ch.6; Matthew ch.5).

We are all about holiness, but not piety or removal from the joy and challenges of ordinary life. Rather we recognize and live our holiness in the very events and times of everyday. We see it in the wonder of all creation. We celebrate it in our relationships with one another. We marvel at it in the simple witness of a child’s smile, in the loving hug of a mother, in the caring compassion of a father. We experience it in the bond that unites a community and in the openness that welcomes the stranger.

Beatitudes or blessing surround us. Our holiness is the expression of the blessing we hold within and that we share with others. In this we are the face of God’s love and the expression of the indwelling Spirit to our world.

### What are some blessings I am seeing in my life today?

John Jennings  
7<sup>th</sup> Sun Ord Time