

# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## BULLETIN

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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**

1 William St.  
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Online Mass

Sunday at 11:00 via Facebook Live

#### Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Martin's Last Mass at Our Lady of Peace

11:00 am - St. Theresa's

Social in church parking lot to follow

#### August 25<sup>th</sup>

CWL Bursary Application Deadline

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

No week day Masses until

Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Carlotta Everett

Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:45 am - St. Patrick's Church

Jo-Anne Colford

Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Joseph & Jacqueline Kincaid

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

#### Weekly Offertory – July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sunday Contributions: \$2,644.00

Auto Debit (average): \$1,907.00

**Total: \$4,551.00**

Weekly Budget Needs: \$5,860.00

**Excess (Shortfall) (\$1,309.00)**

Capital Infrastructure: \$ 530.00

Special Collections: \$ 30.00

Other: \$ 138.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory: \$148,606.00

Budget Needs: \$169,940.00

**Excess (Shortfall): (\$ 20,025.00)**

Information inquires should be directed to:

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(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener

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### 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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*Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that you do, THANK YOU!*

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Fr. Martin,

You arrived at St. Theresa's parish as pastor and administrator in 2016, new to our country, our diocese, our parish, and our ways. The Diocese was getting ready to set out plans for realignment and revitalization with the announcement of parishes merging and churches closing, it was a time of great hope and great sadness rolled into one. There was so much to learn, there was so much to do, and we were all treading in unknown waters. As the announcement was made that the three churches of St. Anthony's St. Patrick's and St. Theresa's would form a new parish, this realignment brought forth a much larger congregation spreading over a large geographical area. This must have been an overwhelming challenge placed before you.

You met this challenge with an amazing level of discernment, patience, and care for the faithful in each church. Your guidance and gentle ways have helped us to form an inclusive community in which we have come together each with our own strengths and weaknesses, gifts and incumbrances, values and imperfections.

In your short time with us we have achieved so much as a parish and you have shown us, that though we were individual churches for many years we were all together one church in Christ, 1 Corinthians 12:12 "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." On our journey as a faith community we need to be reminded that we are called to "... be united in the same mind and the same purpose." 1 Corinthians 1:10.

As we continue on our journey of growing as one parish striving to do God's will, and, as you leave our company to share your gifts with our neighbouring parish St. John the Baptist, please know that you have been a great influence in setting a secure faith foundation for our parish to continue to build upon.

We thank you for all you have done for our parish and more importantly for the people of our parish. We have been blessed by having you with us during the turbulent times of our transition up to and including the state of emergency brought on by coronavirus pandemic.

On behalf of all in the congregation of Our Lady of Peace Parish, we pray that God look upon you with favor for your faithful care of his people. May you be sustained by His Grace and may your life in God's service be filled with joy.

Ever grateful,  
*Pastoral Council on behalf of Our Lady of Peace Parishioners*



## PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> the parish office will be closed on Mondays. If you have an emergency, you may contact Fr. Martin 883-3500.

Irene and Patty will be available during office hours (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) Tuesdays to Friday.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION UPDATE

Online registration for Kindergarten to Grade 8 Religious Formation and Confirmation Preparation (Grade 9) is now open.

After receiving parent feedback, the parish has decided to proceed with a combination online/in person program this fall. Details can be found on our website.

**Families from ALL three churches are invited to register and join!** Please note that to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist children must be registered and attending sessions beginning in the fall. Feel free to pass this information on to any families that may be interested.

To register go to  
[www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

Early registration will help us prepare materials and volunteers.



You are asked to wear a mask as you approach the church buildings. Once Mass has started you may remove your mask while you are seated.

6-foot distance is required while sitting in pews if you are not seated with family.

**Thank you for your continued cooperation!**



**Online Mass Times**  
 Sunday at 11:00 am  
 Facebook Live

*Recording of Mass will be posted on our website for those who can't access Facebook.*

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen*

**No Distribution of Holy Communion after Mass this weekend due to Fr. Martin's Farewell. It will return next weekend with Fr. Maria.**



**FORMED**

The parish is excited to offer to parishioners a valuable resource to explore the Catholic faith!

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- 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

**What does one of parishioner say about FORMED?**

*"Formed has been a great source for movie nights, inspirational reading and studies. It is a resource I turn to often for enjoyment and information. There is always something new each week to help me grow in my faith." Tera V.*

**Tera recommends "The Wild Goose".** "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. A 14-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. We also hear that our Bishop makes an appearance in the series.

**FORMED Tutorial** ~ Join Patty on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for an online tutorial and tour of FORMED. Learn how to sign up, navigate the site and see examples of the great content available. Please email [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) to receive a Zoom link to join.



Please join us as we say farewell to Fr. Martin and wish him luck on his new appointment as Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Woodstock.

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the St. Thera's Church parking lot. Cake and individually packaged homemade ice cream will be served.**



Congratulations to Marg Flinn the winner of the 50/50 draw! Marg has won \$500.00. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. The other \$500.00 has been donated to a parishioner to help purchase needed medical equipment for their home.

**Attention High School Graduates** ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish, St. Theresa's CWL, is offering a \$700.00 bursary to any high school graduate continuing their education. Applications are available on the parish website [www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca). Application deadline is August 25<sup>th</sup>.

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> TO AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>

St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 7:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 7:00 pm	
Screeners/Ushers	No Mass	No Mass	
Lector			
St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am		St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm	
Screeners/Ushers	No Mass	No Mass	
Lector			
St. Anthony's – Saturday at 4:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am	
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener    Ray and Mona McCarthy	Michele McCann    Barry Miller	Janet Matheson
Lector	Mary Anne vanOostwaard	Margot Parker	

## Seeking, Discovering, Paying the Price

February 2 is sometimes referred to as Groundhog Day. There is a curious tradition attached to this day. In some places, it is held that if the groundhog emerges from his winter hibernation on this day and sees his shadow, winter will be longer. It will continue for 6 more weeks.

In the 1993 movie “Groundhog Day”, a weatherman (Bill Murray) is called upon to do his annual assignment. Unable to avoid the assignment, he takes it on begrudgingly. To his dismay, he discovers that he enters an experience of perpetual Groundhog Day. He cannot escape it and finds himself waking up each morning to Groundhog Day again.

It may seem to us that we find ourselves in a perpetual Covid-19. We have now been in isolation and limited contact for more than 4 months. It looks like it will continue for sometime longer and we do not know how long. We have had to give up much and accept many changes in how we act and in our expectations. Such adjustment particularly with its uncertainty is hard. As difficult and discouraging as this is, however, perhaps there are hopeful signs that our experience will bring some positive changes to our world and even to our own personal lives.

How many of us have discovered that having time to ourselves periodically has been to our benefit. Our world, in some measure may discover that we are “in this together” and we need each other to come out of it. It may happen slowly, but looking at our world and all creation as Pope Francis expressed it, “our common home”, may well become a more prevalent view, with shared responsibility. It may well be that we are discovering that elements of our contemporary technology are less a threat and more a benefit in keeping us connected with one another.

In our own relationships, we may be discovering how rich they are and how important they are for our mutual happiness and contentment. One of the ironies of this time is the fact that while we are in isolation and separation, we may have found ourselves going out of our way to reconnect with the people who mean so much to us, near and far.

Our current experience has offered us a chance for more awareness of the benefits of quiet time, reflection and prayer. Stepping back and looking at our life and faith in this circumstance may help us grasp the wonder of Jesus’s words in so many ways. In particular, what we hear from Matthew this Sunday.

Jesus tells three parables of the Kingdom (Matt 13:44-52). All three parables speak of seeking and discovering. Once the person seeking has made the discovery there is something further. To acquire the discovery there is a price to pay. Something must be given up in order to have the treasure, the pearl or to make room for the fish in the net.

To discover the Kingdom is to discover what responds to our core, our spirit. What offers us ultimate fulfillment, happiness and contentment. The parables alert us to the reality that the discovery is only the beginning. There is a price to pay if it is to become truly rooted in our lives. To acquire or hold this discovery we have to make room for it in our lives.

Jesus would call this “making room”, *repentance* – “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” (Matt 4:17). To be in the Kingdom means that we live differently – changes in our values, changes in our priorities, changes in what we see as important. To live as Jesus’ disciples means we live in our world with the same love, care and compassion for all. This is the challenge of the Kingdom and the living of a life marked by *repentance*.

*John Jennings*