

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday August 4, 2024 – 18th 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

Mass Times & Intentions

No Weekday Masses

Saturday Aug 10th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Randy Spencer

Sunday Aug 11th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Mary Wrynn

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

Upcoming Events

Parish Office will be closed on Mondays starting
June 3rd until Sept 17th

Please check your Church Bulletin Boards
For Posters of Upcoming Community
Events.



Happy Birthday
to
Alice Hamilton
Member of
St. Anthony's
Elite 90's Club

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

July 28, 2024		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	6,071	Offertory	\$	6,071	
Capital Infrastructure	120	Budget Needs		(5,255)	
Diocesan Collections	50	Excess (Shortfall)	\$	816	
Other	20	Year-to-Date		Contributions	
Total Contributions	\$ 6,261	Offertory	\$	159,330	
		Budget Needs		(157,650)	
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$	1,680	

*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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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

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Ministry Schedule Aug 10th & Aug 11th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, George Fernandez & Darren Richard
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Forsythe	Marg Anderson & Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Phil & Noah VanLeeuwen, Kevin Fernandez & Lucas Daigle
Lector	Kelly Bowlen	J. Daigle & D. 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 *

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

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.

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 at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca for more information.

From John Howard Society Fredericton

Thank you to wonderful people of Our Lady of Peace Parish Fredericton who donated items for our Fill a Van fundraiser and also made a generous \$570 donation to the fundraiser from the proceeds of their craft and bake sale. They dropped their donations off at our office yesterday. We are so very grateful for their generosity and kindness.

YOUTH RALLY Save the Date! – *“Take Up His Calling”*, a Diocesan Youth Rally for high school youth will take place at the Villa Madonna Retreat House on Sunday, August 18th, from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Join us for an afternoon of sports, activities, faith, fellowship, worship and prayer. Interested in attending? Contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018. There will be a bus from Fredericton going to Saint John for the day, cost \$15.00 / youth. Be sure to book your seat early!

Visioning Youth Ministry in our Parishes – a day of prayer, discernment, and discussion about Youth Ministry – Tuesday, August 27, 9:30-4:30, Villa Madonna.

Do you feel a burden of spiritual concern for high school aged youth in your parish? Do you feel a nudge from the Holy Spirit to help address the needs for evangelizing young people? Patricia Lee and Jim Anderson will be facilitating a day of reflection and discernment for anyone interested in discussing the needs and initiatives for the evangelization of young people in our parishes. This is for current and new people drawn to building youth groups in your parish. The gathering will be held at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, on Tuesday, August 27, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Please register by email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or by calling 506-627-6465.

St. Theresa's Music Ministry If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with the direction and planning for the music ministry at St. Theresa's Church, please contact Rochelle Ivey at olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com or (506) 451-7221.

Special Capital Fund Collection Appeal Envelopes are available to the back of the Churches for those who wish to donate to this fund. All donations will be included in your 2024 Tax Receipt. We thank you for your continued support.



Growth

The Catholic Women's League has grown to become Canada's largest women's organization. Did you know it meets with government and has an impact of legislation and policy? Help us continue to grow and make a difference.

St. Theresa's CWL Twilight Retreat

St. Theresa's CWL invite all to their Twilight Retreat at St. Theresa's Church Hall on Sept 9th from 4:30 – 8:00pm. Come and take part in a Pot Luck Supper then enjoy our Facilitator Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation for the Diocese of Saint John. Everyone is welcome.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SHRINE SUNDAY AT UPPER SKIFF LAKE - Sunday, August 11, 2024. The Chapel will be open for prayer at 10:00 am, followed by an open-air Mass at 11:00 am celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC. There will be a picnic lunch at 12:15 (bring a bag lunch or enjoy a canteen lunch of sandwiches, sweets, hot dogs, water and soft drinks). The afternoon will begin with a rosary at 1:00 pm followed by a healing service presided by Bishop Riesbeck at 2:00 pm. All are welcome - 413 Upper Skiff Lake Road, Skiff Lake (take exit 212 at Meductic, turn on to Route 122 towards Canterbury).

St. Mary's Anglican Church on McEvoy Street. are having a Garden Party on Aug. 11th from 12 - 2 PM (rain date Aug. 18th) and we would like to invite your congregation. The party is a joint event between the St. Mary's Community Food Forest and the St. Mary's Community Garden, and there will be snacks, fiddlers, games, and tours of the two spaces. The goal of the event is to connect neighbours, both those that live in the area and those that are in the community often. As we are neighboring churches in Devon, we wanted to extend this invitation to you.

Photo Directory is underway of getting published. Due to the low turnout of participants it was put on hold until we were able to reach out to members in the 2017 directory and submit their photos. Everyone who got their photos taken will receive a free directory. Those of you who did not participate are able to purchase a directory for \$20.00, please let me know if you want a directory and it will be added to our order. Any questions please direct them to me at the Parish Office. Thank you, Irene

Community Picnic

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying "Take only one apple please – Remember that God is watching" On the other end of the table was a big plate of cookies where one of the children placed a sign saying "Take all the cookies you want – God is watching the apples".



Our Sacred Stories

What Language Does God Speak?

A curious question indeed. But it is one that we all ask even when we do not realize it. In chapter 6 of John's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus feeding a great crowd with a few fish and some bread. After this miracle or wonder we hear Jesus in conversation with people who want him to offer another sign that he speaks and acts for God (John 6:24-35). They want another miracle. That is the language they want. Is it sometimes the language we seem to seek?

Jesus' response, however is to indicate that it is not in miracles and wonders that God speaks. Rather it is in the kind of loving care and service that he himself has shown them. He is the word that God speaks to them.

In Catholic theology there is a basic teaching that Jesus is the *sacrament of God* and that the church is the *sacrament of Jesus*. In other words, in Jesus Christ the divine has touched and taken on our humanity, that we might recognize the divine presence in the midst of Creation. God speaks in all Jesus says and does. More than this, we, the People of God, as church speak and act as the continuing presence of Jesus in our world. When we live this fundamental of faith, we recognize the divine presence in all that is around us.

How do each of us, as church, speak Jesus in our world? Pope Francis has offered some direction on this to us. Perhaps in what Francis expresses we might discover that the language that God speaks is what Jesus has shown us, the language of mercy and of love, of openness and inclusion, of awareness that the divine presence is always among us. We need to hear this language especially in moments when we are our weakest and most vulnerable.

Pope Francis focuses on those who struggle with our church and no longer find it meaningful and supportive, those who seem or sense that they are judged and rejected by our church. He does not blame the culture or harangue against "relativism", "consumerism" and other "isms" of our times. Pope Francis offer instead, a challenge to us as church – to look inward, that we might reach outward to the whole of humanity and all of creation. What is the language of God that we speak to our world? Is it compassion?

We need a church unafraid of going forth into their night. We need a church capable of meeting them on their way. We need a church capable of entering into their conversation. We need a church able to dialogue with those disciples who having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointments, disillusioned by a Christianity now considered barren, fruitless soil, incapable of generating meaning....

Are we still a church capable of warming hearts? A church capable of leading people back to Jerusalem? Of bringing them home? Jerusalem is where our roots are: Scripture, catechesis, sacraments, community, friendship with the Lord, Mary and the apostles... Are we still able to speak of these roots in a way that will revive a sense of wonder at their beauty?

(Some Thoughts from Pope Francis: Who are we as church? From two addresses he made in Brazil July, 2013. He bases himself on the story of the disciples meeting the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. [Luke 24:13-35])

John Jennings
18th Sunday Ordinary Time