

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## Bulletin Sunday July 28, 2024 – 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**Tuesday July 30th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Alexina Martin Violette*

**Wednesday July 31st 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Herb Allen*

**Thursday Aug 1st 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Pauline Astorino*

**Friday Aug 2nd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Alice Giovannetti*

**Saturday Aug 3rd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Betty Holland*

**Sunday Aug 4th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's**  
*Family of John Sherman*

**Sunday Aug 4th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*Mass for the People*

### Upcoming Events

Parish Office will be closed on Mondays starting  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> until Sept 17<sup>th</sup>



**This Week the Sanctuary  
Lamp burns in Memory of  
+ Herb Allen +**  
Offered by Sue Allen

**HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY  
JULY 28<sup>th</sup>**

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

July 21, 2024		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	5,966	Offertory	\$	5,966	
Capital Infrastructure	240	Budget Needs		(5,255)	
Diocesan Collections	25	Excess (Shortfall)	\$	(711)	
Other	160	<b>Year-to-Date</b>		<b>Contributions</b>	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 6,391</b>	Offertory	\$	153,259	
		Budget Needs		(152,395)	
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$	<b>864</b>	

*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](http://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 3rd & Aug 4th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Manie, Rachele & Ellie Pahati Tom & Nate VanLeeuwen
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	Al Adimalor, Caitlyn Salazar, Mathea Pahati, & Briela Otadoy
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Betty MacNeil & Aloysia Adimalor
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

### 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 \*

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) for more information.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org) or by calling 506-627-6465.

### Thank You Carol Linda Miller



Please join us after the 11:00am Mass in St. Theresa's Hall, July 28th for a reception with cake and beverages to celebrate Carol Linda and thank her for the many years that she has faithfully served St. Theresa's as the leader of the music ministry.

**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](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com) or (506) 451-7221.

# Our Lady of Peace Feast Day - Thank you!

Our Lady of Peace Parish Feast Day celebrations were a huge success! Pastoral council members would like to thank everyone in the parish for making this parish community event happen. With so many people sharing their individual gifts and talents it is impossible to thank everyone individually. This coming together of our three churches with people of all ages and nationalities to celebrate our faith and all that God has blessed us with is a true testament to our parish being a vibrant community. A special thank you to those who donated items to our bake and craft sale, with your donations we were able to raise \$530.00 to donate to John Howard Society. With the many and varied dessert donations we will all have to go on a diet for the rest of the summer! The Variety show was a huge hit with talents showcasing a wide range of music, songs, comedy, dance and even some friendly competition among the audience.



## Good Works

Imagine if you knew the great works done by Catholic Women's League members. As social justice activists, we pray and work for family, friends and all people to change current issues and make this world a better place. We hope you will join us!

## St. Patrick's CWL

Meeting - July 31, 2024 at 6:00 pm will be held at St. Patrick's Church.

This will be the last meeting until the fall. A group picture will be taken so wear your scarf.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Pat Merrill, President

**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.

**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).

**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

## Our Sacred Stories

### Standing with Gratitude in a World of Wonders and Miracles

A few years ago, we gathered as a group of friends and drove to the Fundy Trail Parkway.

This was a great opportunity to stroll, walk, hike. More than this, it was also a place of wonder. Stretching for c.30 kms along the Bay of Fundy coastline, the Parkway offered trails and vistas reminding us that we live in a world that can hold us in awe.

Among the many trails that offered amazing scenes and vistas was one at the eastern end of the parkway, at Walton Glen Gorge. This steep gorge stretches through the hills from the parkway itself down to the coast. Standing at the top of the gorge, you can see the Bay, off in a distance, framed by the wooded hill on either side. What a wonder of nature, of God's creation! How often do we seem to take the wonders of life, small and great for granted? Walton's Glen Gorge and many others are really in the realm of miracles.

Miracle! The root of this English word is found in the Latin word *miraculum*, its meaning is a "wonder" or "something amazing". More commonly, we tend to use the word "miracle" for something that reveals an intervention of God, but in a way that seems a suspension of the normal rules of nature. Perhaps this is too limited an understanding.

It would be better to see miracles as more common, as not a suspension of nature, but a heightened awareness of how we are surrounded by a wonder-filled creation, a constant gift of God. In doing so, we begin to recognize that God is very much present and active among us. There is wonder in everything and everyone. Every wonder, every amazing aspect of life, every "miracle" speaks to us of God's constant presence. Beginning with Creation and life itself, we are constantly surrounded with the touch of God, with the miraculous.

The gospel writer John seems well aware of how Jesus, the Christ expresses this wonder of God. He begins chapter 6 by telling the story of how Jesus feeds a large group of people who surround him. The chapter begins with a miracle/wonder account (John 6:1-15). Jesus proposes to feed the people that are following him, a large number. Two of his close disciples, Philip and Andrew express some skepticism about this possibility.

As the account unfolds the crowd is fed and with food left over – a miracle. A suspension of nature, perhaps, but perhaps not. Perhaps it was a miracle, a wonder which expressed how the action of God's love works through us all, naturally and wonderfully. There was a boy in the crowd who had five loaves and two fish. This was the start of the miracle. Jesus blessed the food and the wonder was in the manner in which the crowd shared their food.

The message and the mission of Jesus, the Christ is that the Kingdom of God is near. It is among us. In each one of us is the spirit of this Kingdom, the spirit of Jesus the Christ. With such a spirit we are driven to share God's love with all we have and with all we do, especially with the most vulnerable, those among us most in need. To do so, is to share creation, life and love in the way that God has done for all of us – a wonder. Working such wonders, such miracles, is what Jesus preached and what we are called to live as disciples.

May we stand in wonder at the miracles that surround us - the compassion and love expressed in times of need, the care and concern revealed in moments of pain, the works of science and service in humanity's gifts and talents. Thanks be to our loving God for such wonders, such ... miracles.

John Jennings 16 Sunday of Ordinary Time

## World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 2024

**Sunday, 28 July 2024**

The fourth **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated this year on **Sunday, 28 July 2024**. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help "treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation."