

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday April 28th 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter

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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 April 30th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Tina Christie

Wednesday May 1st 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Alice Giovannetti

Thursday May 2nd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Berthe & Pierre Gionet

Friday May 3rd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Best Wishes Theresa Forgerson

Saturday May 4th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Joe Bowlen

Sunday May 5th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's

Mass for the People

Sunday May 5th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Frank Petrie

Upcoming Events

St. Theresa's Church



Sanctuary Lamp Burns in

Memory of

+ Kay Trevors +

offered by "Bud"

Renewing Ourselves in Christ" a Parish Retreat

Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm

St. Theresa's Church

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Apr 14, 2024		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	5,033	Offertory	\$ 5,033
Capital Infrastructure	62	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	105	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (222)
Other	952	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$ 6,151	Offertory	\$ 85,076
		Budget Needs	(84,080)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 996

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 cancellations!



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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

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Ministry Schedule May 4th & May 5th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Marilyn Brennan & Darren Richard
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers	Ken Harris	Joe Adimalor, Will Horsely, Kevin Fernandez, Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Kelly Bowlen	Andrew Lawlor & Betty MacNeil
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 *

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

CWL Notices



COURAGE

If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women's League members. In the 1920's, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us.

Tickets are now available on the **Beautiful Mother's Day Basket** being raffled off by the CWL.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Second Draw for a **Unique Charcuterie Board**.

Get your tickets from a member of the CWL, after Masses or tickets will be available at the Parish Office. Proceeds from this fundraiser for community outreach. We thank for your continued support.

Attention High School Graduates of Our Lady of Peace Parish. St. Theresa's CWL are offering **two \$1000.00**



bursaries to any high school graduates continuing their education. Applications are available through the link on the Parish Website or can be found on the bulletin boards at the back of the churches. Application deadline is May 31st 2024.

May is the Month of the Rosary. The CWL will be saying the Rosary after each Tuesday Mass during the month of May.

Knights of Columbus

State Lottery Tickets are now available. Please contact Allan Amirault (506) 451-5789 or email aamirault0955@gmail.com.

Also there will be a last chance for ticket purchase in St. Theresa's parking lot on Sunday April 28 before or after mass at 11:00 AM.

Prizes - 1st Prize 2024 MSE1500XL, 25 EH Mercury or 2024 Polaris Ranger SP570 or \$20,000 Cash

2nd Prize \$2,000.00 Cash

3rd Prize \$1,000.00 Cash

4th Prize \$ 500.00 Cash

6 Prizes of \$200.00

Draw date is May 4th 2024. Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 . See Poster on Church Bulletin Boards.



Welcome to the Table

This weekend children of our parish are taking a significant step in their faith journey. We welcome them among us and celebrate that they are joining us around the Table of the Lord for the first time.

Celebrating 1st Eucharist this Weekend

Brent Abac
Sophia Abac
Clark Burse
Dylan Connor
Andrew Hatheway
Layla Hatheway

June Leonard
Anh Huy (Sony) Nguyen
Sean Obmerga
Mirabelle Ojinkeonye
Annabelle Okoye
David Okoye

Josh Okoye
Mathea Pahati
Ethan Ponce
Caitlyn Salazar
Genevieve Sisk
Colby Thompson

We hold them and their families in our prayers and our hearts.

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.

Mark Your Calendars!

"Renewing Ourselves in Christ" a Parish Retreat ~ join us on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church for an intimate evening of song, teaching and reflection on the Word of God. We are excited to welcome Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation for the Diocese of Saint John as our retreat facilitator. Everyone is welcome! Come and bring a friend.

St. Anthony's Shawl Ministry



Do you or someone you know need the comfort of a Beautiful Shawl? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry have been busy and have finished beautiful shawls and stocked the shelves at the Parish Office. There are many colors to choose from and all have been blessed at the Touched by Cancer Masses. Stop in during Office Hours and have a look.

Note from the Parish Office Please ensure that all notices for the bulletin are into the office by Thursdays at noon. If you are new to the Parish we would love to have you register in our date base. Forms are available to fill out at each of the Parish churches.

Sacred Stories - Spiritual Life: Our Relationship with God

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

(John 15:1-2)

Outside a local church are a number of rose bushes. Each year they grow to a height of perhaps a meter and a half by Fall. Every spring a very diligent rose bush grower visits them with clippers and cuts them back to about 50 cm's, and the cycle begins again. This process is called pruning.

Why would someone do this? Why do we prune these bushes? The diligent rose bush grower embarks on this process every spring in order to nurture and assist the development of strong, healthy, productive rose bushes. To leave the old growth on the bush saps the energy and the health of the rose bush. It is not just rose bushes that are assisted by such a process. Grape vines are similarly aided and nurtured by such pruning.

The Gospel writer John as we hear this Sunday (John 15:1-8) uses this image of pruning the vines to speak about the relationship of the disciple with Jesus. In John's telling of the Good News Jesus proclaims to his friends: *I am the vine, you are the branches*. Like all grape vines, the branches call for pruning and the image of this process is how John leads us to reflecting on our spiritual life.

In some ways we all live two lives – biological life which involves all of our anatomy and how it operates, and spiritual life. This latter is more interior but it is significant as it energizes and gives fuller meaning and sense to our biological existence.

It is this spiritual life that involves our relationship with God. But it is not just about our relationship with God. It is also about our connections with one another – with our family and with our friends. And it is about our relationships within community. Our spiritual life is not about US. It is about our relationships with the Other and the others, with God and humanity and all creation.

It is this spiritual life that is the center of the image of pruning described in today's Gospel. If we were to simply let the rose bushes go on without pruning every spring, they will still grow, but not in so healthy a fashion. We can have life (biological) and yet be lifeless. The desire and effort of developing spiritual life with constant care (pruning) brings a sense of meaning and energy to the person. It opens the path to new life and gives vision and hope. It connects us with the Other and with the lives of others.

Q/What is the condition of my spiritual life? What's it look like?

John Jennings 5th Sun of Easter



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