

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

BULLETIN

Sunday, June 7th - Trinity Sunday

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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

**Distribution of Holy Communion
For those who can't attend Mass**

Sunday from 12:15 to 12:45 pm St. Theresa's
&
12:00 to 12:30 pm St Patrick's

Online Alpha

Starting Thursday June 11th at 7:00 pm

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 9th 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
Lionel Leger

Wednesday, June 10th 7:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Harry Nicks

Thursday, June 11th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church
Stanley Mioussé

Friday, June 12th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Michael Cunningham

Saturday, June 13th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
Edmond Daigle

Sunday, June 14th 8:45 am - St. Patrick's Church
For those suffering with cancer

Sunday, June 14th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church
Jim Kelly

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory – May 31, 2020

Sunday Contributions:	\$1,848.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,888.00</u>
Total:	\$3,736.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,860.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$2,124.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 165.00
Special Collections:	\$ 60.00
Other:	\$ 183.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$108,116.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$128,920.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 20,804.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:
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WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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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

MESSAGE FROM FR. MARTIN

We are very glad to share with you the latest news from the province of New Brunswick about COVID-19. We are now permitted to gather for religious worship with the limited number of 50.

Our Recovery Team has reviewed guidelines and have made necessary arrangements to have Masses in all three of our parish churches this weekend.

At this time, we have made initial arrangements for volunteers for this weekend and weekday Masses next week. Opening and having Mass requires many hands to support and we will only be able to continue this schedule with your help.

More importantly, we like to communicate to those who are considered to be in a vulnerable group, due to underlying health issues or in general poor health, to stay safe at home. Those who can't participate in Sunday Masses are dispensed from their Sunday obligations.

For these parishioners we will continue to provide Sunday Mass online at 11:00 am via our parish Facebook page. Holy Communion will be available after Mass. Please watch the bulletin for details each week.

Our ability to celebrate Mass is subject to change according to updates we receive from the provincial government and the Diocese. Other sacraments will be celebrated with proper guidelines of the province.

For this weekend and weekday masses there is no method of registration for participation. It is "first come first serve". However, the office is always ready to clarify any questions you may have.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. The parish leadership team are working hard to ensure the safety of all parishioners.

You are all remembered in our prayers, may God be with you all and bless you with good health and care.

Blessings,

Fr. Martin and the Parish Recovery Team



WHAT TO EXPECT

WHEN YOUR RETURN TO MASS

As we look forward to reopening our parish, our churches will not only look different, the Mass will be different. Here is a bit of what to expect when you return to Mass:

- A maximum of 50 people allowed at St. Anthony's and St. Theresa's. Approximately 20 - 25 at St. Patrick's.
- It will be "first come, first served" at all churches and doors will open approximately 20 minutes before Mass.
- You are asked to wear a face mask as you approach the church and keep in on during Mass, except as you receive Communion.
- Volunteers will greet you at the Church entrance and ask you screening questions. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions you will not be permitted to enter the Church.
- Upon entry hands sanitizing stations will be available for you to sanitize your hands.
- Volunteers will direct you to an available seat. Not all pews will be used. And parishioners will be seated to fill the front pews first. Once seated please remain in your seat and maintain 6 feet distance between others in the pew outside of your family.
- There will be no singing, offertory, collection or sign of peace during Mass. Collection baskets will be available as you exit the church.
- Communion will be distributed by Fr. Martin only at the end of Mass. Volunteers will direct you during this time.
- After Communion you are asked to leave the church immediately by one of indicated exits.
- We ask that before and after Mass you do not gather and socialize in the church parking lots.
- After each Mass the churches will be cleaned.

Will this be perfect over the first few weeks? No. We ask for your patience as protocols develop and volunteers learn new roles.





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*



Online Alpha Course ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish is offering an online Alpha course beginning Thursday, June 11th from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Perfect for people looking to reconnect to their faith, those exploring faith for the first time or for those looking to have great honest conversations about their faith. Open to everyone regardless of their location and faith tradition! To register please email pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN CHURCH PARKING LOTS

To provide Communion to those parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person we will have distribution of Holy Communion this Sunday at the following locations and times:

St. Patrick's Church Sunday from 12:00 to 12:30 pm
St. Theresa's Church Sunday from 12:15 to 12:45 pm

We encourage our parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person to watch Mass at home online at 11:00 am and then make their way to one of the church sites if they wish to receive Communion.



We are looking for volunteers to be able to meet and maintain standards that are required by the Province of New Brunswick to open the parish for Masses.

Some of our current volunteers may not be able to start attending Mass right away for various reason and we don't want them to fill pressure to do so. If you are available to volunteer it would be greatly appreciated. Training will be provided.

We can only offer Masses if we have enough volunteers to guarantee the safety of our parishioners.

Scholarship Opportunity ~ The Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick is offering 2 Scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each, they will be awarded to 1 student studying in a French educational institution and 1 student studying in an English educational institution. **Students must be entering their second year of studies or later**, in a post-secondary program in the field of health care. Information and application forms are available online at www.chanb.com or by email at catholichealth@chpchi.com. Applications must be post marked by August 31st, 2020.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF JUNE 8TH TO 14TH

St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

Screeners		
Ushers		Lawrence Holleran
Lector		
	St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am	St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm
Screeners	Patty Cameron	Irene Jewett
Ushers	Irene Jewett	Patty Cameron
Lector		Pam Shields
	St. Anthony's – Saturday at 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners		
Ushers		Allison Wrynn
Lector		

Trinity – The Mystery of God's Hug

"I miss the opportunity to hug my grandchildren." During our experience of Covid-19 these words have been a common refrain from grandparents. The closeness that we all long for in families and in friends has gone as we move into enforced distancing. This has been one of the losses in the course of the last several months. It is a necessary response to the virus, but still a loss.

We humans are social by nature. This is the way God made us and whether we are always aware of it or not, we seek to be with others. We strive to live in community. Rare is the person who can live life in full solitude. We need each other and we crave the relationships which come to us over our lifetime. In this we reflect the image of God.

As Christians, we describe our God as Trinity. This is one of the great "mysteries" of our faith. In faith, a mystery is more than just something we cannot explain. It is something the meaning of which we can never exhaust. Such a mystery takes us on a journey of discovery that will never end. In fact, we encounter such mystery in our own lives.

Think of any of our loving relationships from marriage, parent, to close friend. The closer the friendship, the more the mystery. We never fully know our partner. We struggle to describe or capture fully the meaning of such love. It is always beyond us. So, often we express in sign and action. In love, it is often in the hug or the kiss that we do this. But our love remains a mystery, always more to discover.

Our God is Trinity – Father, Son, Spirit. This is one of the deepest and the earliest beliefs of the Christian Tradition. It is also most expressive of our image of God. To have faith in God who expresses love and harmony, compassion and care, healing and comfort, is to have faith in the Trinity, a God who hugs us constantly to God's own self, always and forever.

To see God as Mother or Father, a loving, life-giving parent is to see our God as the creative one, giving life to all that is. This is our God who gives and sustains life in all the universe. More than this, this is the God, who like a parent loves life into existence and supports it with this same inexhaustible love.

This loving, creating God has come among us in Jesus, the incarnation of God. So great is the love held in the heart of our God that it spills out in an overflowing flood as God takes on our humanity in the person of Jesus. God is ever with us, Emmanuel.

Such love cannot be just for a moment or a time. It is constant and forever. In the Spirit we are given the continuous hug of our God. We cannot win or lose it. God's hug is ever with us, in our joys and sorrows, our good times and our bad. Like the hug of the mother, the embrace of the father, the love of our God, expressed in the Trinity has a warmth and comfort that draws us together. We are held in the heart of God. What an overflowing mystery! Truly, God's hug.

John Jennings