

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St. Dunstan's*
Fredericton Junction *New Maryland* *Fredericton*
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August 2nd, 2020 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Fr. Peter Osborne: This weekend Fr. Peter joins our parish as Associate Pastor. We welcome you Fr. Peter with warm 'St. Mary Magdalene Parish' greetings. We look forward to your journey with us and pray that your time will be one of joy, growth and ministry for us all together as we nourish each aspect of our parish life and mission.

Thank you all for making Fr. Maria's 'Drive Thru' Celebration of Ministry and Thanksgiving last Sunday a wonderful event. " Many Blessings Fr. Maria as you journey into your new experience at Our lady of Peace Parish. We look forward to seeing you often!"

Note from Father Bill:

Please see my note in this bulletin regarding the protocols for Weekend Masses. Note that you will be able to receive Holy Communion in your Vehicle on Sunday Morning from 10:15 am to 10:30 am. It is now just a 15-minute time slot.

Also, a note on use of the Bathroom when you attend Mass: The Bathroom is available for emergency. Please refrain from going down through the aisle of the Church to the bathroom once you are seated. This is to assure that we always are maintaining the required 6-foot social distancing. In case of an emergency for bathroom use, please sanitize the faucet handles, flush handle, paper towel dispenser, soap dispenser, and door knobs after bathroom use. To prepare your children for attending Mass, please let them know it is like 'being in their car seat' for the time they are driving. They are being asked to remain in the pew the same as the adults are for the time they are there. This too is a safety issue for us all. Many thanks for your considerate cooperation with everything that allows us to gather for Mass. Without it, we would not be able to gather.

Happy New Brunswick Day!

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 2nd 9:00 am Theresa Comeau
 Sun 9th 9:00 am For the People

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 2nd 11:00 am Sharon Ann Bears
 Sun 9th 11:00 am Ida Carrier

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 1st 5:00 pm Dorothy Cecere
 Sun 2nd 9:00 am Alex Lawson
 2nd 11:30 am Deceased Members of the
 Page Family
 Sat 8th 5:00 pm Michael Nicholas
 Sun 9th 9:00 am Landry & Godin DFM
 9th 11:30 am Norman Campbell

Mass Intentions: Contact Marlita Chase (Parish Office 444-6001). Indicate at which Church Site that you want the Mass celebrated. stdun@stdunstansparish.ca.

NECROLOGY

Aug 3	Mary Catherine Sullivan	1989
	Brittany Isabelle Jackson	1990
	Mary Theresa Morris	2006
	Edna Lauretta Thompson	2012
Aug 5	Francis Albert Ramey	2015
Aug 6	Marie B DeGrasse	1983
	Mackenzie "Ken" Halman	2015
Aug 7	Mary Esther Doucet	1993
	Mary "Elva" Eileen Malchow	2013
Aug 8	George W Simoneau	1997
	Dr. Daniel Michael Hurley	2007
	Martina Cornelia Steele	2018
Aug 9	Helen Theresa Whitlock	2006
	Michael Anthony Nicholas	2019

Readings for August 9th

1st Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
 2nd Reading Romans 9:1-5
 Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Outreach to Those in Need: During this Pandemic our local Food Banks, Fredericton Community Kitchen and Homeless Shelters are making tremendous efforts in providing for those in need. Our parish has been able to contribute to these through our Poor and Needy Fund that you contribute to regularly. We have been able to assist other efforts as well focused on the most vulnerable at this time. If you would like to contribute to any these programs just go to their website and follow directions on making donations to them.

CAN WE HELP?

During these days we all need to be conscious of what people are living with so we can be of assistance. We never know when we may need to know contacts for ourselves or others who need help, protection, safety and direction. Our Parish Bulletin is an instrument available to us to be informed. Domestic Violence is one such area to be well informed about and so please become familiar with the following:

The following community organizations are connections to provide support and guidance on how to recognize domestic or intimate partner violence, how to seek assistance if you are a victim, a child or a bystander who wants to help. The following organizations have professionals trained in how to assist and link people to the appropriate resources within our community. People who are in the midst of a threatening or violent event are reminded that 911 is the first option.

- Transition House for Abused Women and Children: 459-2300 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 457-2770 (Daytime Business Line)
- Gignoo Transition House: 458-1224 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 458-1236 (Daytime Business Line)
- Chimo Helpline (Provincial Crisis Line): 450-4357 or <http://www.chimohelpline.ca>

Sanctuary Lamp
 Week of August 2nd
 In Loving Memory of
 Landry & Godin Deceased Family Members

Volunteers needed for Masses at St. Dunstan's Site: We need 6 attendants at each Mass to welcome, screen, collect your contact information, offer direction about sanitizing, offertory and seating as you arrive for Mass. This is all an essential aspect of gathering safely according to government guidelines as we live this pandemic reality.

If you are interested and able to assist please choose one of the three Weekend Masses and you will be assigned on a rotating basis so as not to be tied up each weekend. There will be training for the role and it will require arriving for Mass 45 minutes before Mass begins. To sign up please phone or email the Parish Office and give both your phone number and email.

Note from Fr. Bill,

Hope you are all staying safe and well. As you are aware, several weeks ago the government regulations in regards to COVID 19 have changed to allow for more than 50 people to gather for a religious service as long as the 6-foot social distancing can be maintained and other safety protocols are followed.

This will mainly affect St. Dunstan's Site which can accommodate more than 50 people safely. At Sts John and Paul Site and St. Columba Site we will set up a speaker in the Church Hall to accommodate those who arrive once the Church is filled to 'safe' capacity. At St. Dunstan's Site we will probably be able to accommodate those who decide to attend.

Of course, it is important to remind us all that we continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass so that safety remains a priority in discerning whether to attend or remain home. The decision to not attend Mass is deeply respected for the sake of keeping yourself and others safe. For those who discern to attend Mass, we will be moving to our regular weekend Mass schedule as follows:

Saturday @ 5pm -St. Dunstan's Site

Sunday @ 9 am at St. Columba

Sunday @ 9 am @ St. Dunstan's Site

Sunday @ 11 am @ Sts John and Paul Site

Sunday @ 11:30 am @ St. Dunstan's Site

The 9 am Mass will be livestreamed and you have the option of receiving Holy Communion in your vehicle at St. Dunstan's Site between 10:15 and 10:30 am on Sunday.

For those attending Mass, we do need to follow all of the safety procedures as follows:

1. We need to have the name and phone number of every person who attends as 'follow up' information should an incident happen.

-We will no longer be placed in Groupings of 50 people identified by a color. You are free to choose the Mass you desire to attend.

-We will keep the lists we have for St. Columba and Sts John and Paul Site and your name will be checked as you enter the church and are screened. If you are not on the list, just come to Mass and your name and phone number will be added.

-For St. Dunstan's Site, you will be asked to fill out an information sheet with your name (and each family member's name who is attending with you) and a contact phone number. You will be asked to place it in a box when you arrive. It will be helpful if you fill this information out before you come to Mass and bring it with you. The sheet is attached.

2. You will be asked the following screening questions.

- Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever/feverish, cough, sore throat, head ache, runny nose, a new cough or worsening chronic cough, new onset of fatigue, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell; in children, purple marking on the fingers and toes?
- Have you had close contact within the last 14 days with a confirmed case of Covid-19?
- Have you been diagnosed with Covid-19?
- Have you returned from travel outside of Atlantic Canada within the last 14 days for any reason other than work purposes in another province?
- Have you had close contact with anyone from outside of Atlantic Canada in the past 14 days?
- Have you been told by a public health official that you may have been exposed to Covid-19?

3. You will need to wear a mask throughout the Mass unless for health reasons you can not wear a mask or you are under 2 years of age.
4. You will be asked to sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.
5. You will be seated in orderly fashion from front to back.
6. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of the Mass as you leave. Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only.

Thank you for all of those who have taken on special 'attendant' roles to assist us in gathering safely according to these protocols in compliance with government regulations. Be safe and well!!

Blessings, Fr. Bill

Please continue to tune into the **Live Stream Mass** through our Website on Sunday at 9 am. It will also be uploaded to the Homepage so you can view it at another time. To live stream, google St. Dunstan's Church Fredericton and look for a 'click here' button right below the two Video Screens. The Mass will be uploaded to one of those Video Screens.

Live Stream Link to Website:

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook

Jesus and the Wonder of the Kingdom (Fr. John Jennings)

The corona virus has impacted us in many ways – the need to isolate, to physically distance, to wear a mask at times, the importance of washing our hands frequently, the anxiety of not knowing when it will end, to name only a few. It is not easy for us, but we are in this together.

Perhaps though it is also important for us to consider how the virus may have lasting benefits for us as a society. One of the benefits may be that we are discovering how much our communities and relationships mean for us and the need we all have to value and pay attention to each other. All those demands are not just to protect ourselves. They are to protect others. The separations of our current life and the kindness we express for others, these are all small recognitions of how much we mean to each other. Indeed, we are in this together.

This recognition that others mean a lot to us may well enrich us after the threat of the virus has eased. The new normal may be more caring, compassionate and close communities. We may come out of it realizing we are still together to the benefit all. Throughout this time, we may well be living a better image of God's reign among us – reign of love and peace, compassion and care among all. What a miracle, what a wonder for humanity!

Looking at the stories of Jesus in the gospels, did you ever notice how often Jesus is presented speaking to crowds? Sometimes they are hostile (Pharisees), sometimes, friendly (disciples), often they are in need, searching for something. The gospel story this Sunday (Matt.14:13-21) is a story of Jesus' encounter with a crowd in need... and his response.

As the story unfolds, we see that as so often happened, Jesus sought to find a quiet place, but a large crowd of people followed him. As always, he had compassion for their needs and cured many. When evening came, his disciples advised him to send the crowd to the surrounding towns for food. Jesus responded to this advice by saying: "You give them something to eat." This confused his friends and they exclaimed that they had nothing to give.

What did Jesus do? In a wonder-filled way Jesus showed them how to respond to this need. He gathered the crowd and proceeded to bless the food that was available and then had his disciples distribute it among the people. As it turned out, there was more than enough to feed all and with some left over. What is the miracle here? Perhaps there are various ways to identify the wonder in the story.

Of course, there is the way that might first come to mind. Jesus performed a "miraculous" act of producing food where there had been none. It was a truly divine act of creation from nothing, a suspension of the laws of nature.

Perhaps, however, what took place was an even greater wonder or miracle and one which did not suspend the laws of nature. Could it be that the true miracle was one of God touching the hearts and hands of the crowd? As Jesus pursued his mission and message of the Kingdom of God, the people were so moved that they began to share food with one another so that all were fed. There was in fact more than enough to feed everyone. Such a vision of love, care and sharing is a taste of God's reign.

In the midst of the virus, perhaps we can find reign of God among us. Transformed, we become the humanity God intends us to be. In such a miracle, God can touch the hearts and hands of all our world. The reign of God comes alive. What a kingdom! What a miracle! What a wonder!

Q/ What can I do to bring God's Kingdom into my own place in the world?

Other Links:

Live Stream Link to Website:

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook:

Daily TV Mass – <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass>

Weekdays at 9 am and 1 pm.

Diocese of Saint John <http://dioceseofsaintjohn.org>

The following is a link to *The New Freeman*
<http://newfreeman.ca/>

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR STS JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH SITE

Date

August 2nd

August 9th

August 16th

August 23rd

August 30th

Lectors

Ray & Anita Allain

Lorraine Bird

Lynda MacNeil

Fred & Mary Farrell

Mike MacIntosh

We share the following Memorandum from
Fr. Doug McNeill with you:

MEMORANDUM

From: Rev. Douglas McNeill

Episcopal Vicar for Temporal Affairs

To: Pastors and the Parish Office

Re: 2020 Collections

Date: July 28, 2020

We have received notification from the CCCB and the Development and Peace Office of the yearly collections that are taken up during various times of the year, due to the current COVID-19 Crisis with additional collection dates. Realizing that many parishes have envelopes in their packets and people have continued to support these various collections, the CCCB and Development and Peace have issued alternate dates, for the convenience of the faithful.

We ask that you inform your parishioners of these additional dates and the other Fall collections and advertise them accordingly.

Upkeep of the Holy Land (April 10) Sept 13

Needs of the Canadian Church Sept 27

Papal Charities (May 9th) Oct 4

Evangelization of the Nations Oct 18

Development & Peace (Lent) Nov 15

Diocesan Collection for Infirm Priests Nov 22

Pro-Life Dec 6

Offertories: Jul 26	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,447	\$670	\$439	\$4,338
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,484	\$50	\$952	\$2,481
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$258,814	\$12,744	\$42,818	\$203,252
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$383,745	\$19,465	\$53,723	\$310,558
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$124,931)	(\$6,721)	(\$10,905)	(\$107,306)
Poor & Needy	\$235	\$0	\$0	\$235
Building fund	\$35	\$0	\$0	\$35
Other	\$40	\$0	\$0	\$40
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	141	26	17	98
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

Offertories: Jul 12	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$8,329	\$470	\$352	\$7,507
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,430	\$50	\$952	\$2,427
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$241,163	\$11,397	\$39,075	\$190,691
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$358,162	\$18,167	\$50,142	\$289,854
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$116,999)	(\$6,770)	(\$11,067)	(\$99,163)
Poor & Needy	\$282	\$0	\$0	\$282
Building fund	\$525	\$0	\$0	\$525
Other	\$451	\$0	\$0	\$451
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	121	22	14	85
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

2019 Income Tax Receipts – Please call or email the office if you would like to have your receipt mailed to you 444-6001.

Options for your offertory contributions available to you at this time.

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) you can make your donations through a debit at your bank on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. There is a PAD form below. You would have to fill out, scan and return via email along with a scanned copy of a voided cheque. Form available at <https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

2. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You can e-transfer your offertory at any time with this option, if you do online banking. You would use the following email address: stdun@stdunstansparish.ca

Website: Michael Minifie, Business and Facilities Manager is designing a new Website that will be St. Mary Magdalene Parish Website. We will inform you when it is in operation. This will reflect our new parish reality rather than having a St. Dunstan's and a St's John and Paul website. In the meantime, as you know, we are using the St. Dunstan's Website for all of our on-line and live stream events.