

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
Fredericton Junction

Sts. John & Paul †
New Maryland

St. Dunstan's
Fredericton

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Office Hours Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

February 21st, 2021 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Note to All Parishioners,

We are now into our Lenten Journey. One of our Lenten/Easter offerings at the parish is the on-line **Adult Faith Sessions with Fr. Peter on Bishop Robert Baron's Series on 'Catholicism and The New Evangelization.'** Please see the larger bulletin announcement in this bulletin for details around time and registration.

In addition, we encourage you to go on-line for ways of nurturing your Lenten Journey with Daily Reflections on the Scripture Readings and Stations of the Cross. For a suggestion you might want to go to '**On Line Ministries at Creighton University**' and/or '**sacred Spaces**' (Irish Jesuits).

For Masses at the 'Orange Level' we can only have a maximum of 50 people attend. If you would like to attend a weekend Mass at St. Dunstan's Site (5 pm Saturday and 9 and 11:30 am on Sunday) or at Sts. John and Paul Site (11 am on Sunday), please contact the Parish Office at 444-6001 to register no later than Fridays at 4pm.

When you phone the office to register you will possibly get the 'Voice Mail'. Please leave your name, phone number and Mass Time that you want to register for. If we are filled to capacity, we will call you and let you know. Otherwise, you are on the list.

To assure that everyone will be able to participate in a Mass, we will be live-streaming the 9 am Mass at St. Dunstan's on our parish website. Google 'St. Dunstan's Parish Fredericton' and click on 'website'. As you are aware, we continue to be dispensed from the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass so as to encourage us to make safe choices for ourselves and others.

To assure everyone's safety, please do not attend if you or someone in your household bubble are waiting for a COVID 19 test result or have been asked to self – monitor for symptoms over a 14-day period and are still within that time frame. As well, please do not attend if you or someone in your household bubble is having any flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, runny nose, loss of taste or smell).

It is most important that everyone is screened with all of the questions and that you sanitize your hands and allow the attendants to seat you in the places they are asked to sit you. This requires us to be patient and kind with each other. The volunteers who are screening, signing you in, asking you to sanitize your hands and sit you have been carefully instructed as to what they need to do to keep everyone safe. As you meet and greet them a 'Big Thank You' is always appreciated to express our gratitude that we are able to gather because of the volunteer efforts they make to assure everyone's safety.

See Bishop Riesbeck's Lenten Message in this weekend's bulletin.

Many Blessings, Fr. Bill Brennan and Fr. Peter Osborne

**Holy Communion distributed in your vehicle on Sunday:
St. Dunstan's Site, King Street parking lot between 10:15 am and 10:30 am.**

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1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

2nd Reading: 1

Peter 3:18-22

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 21st 9:00 am Cora & David Taylor

Sun 28th 9:00 am Fr. Joseph LeBlanc

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 21st 11:00 am Eva Beaulieu

Sun 28th 11:00 am Lucille LeBlanc

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 20th 5:00 pm Gerald Hoogendyke

Sun 21st 9:00 am Joan Cain

11:30 am Pauline Creaghan

Sat 27th 5:00 pm

Sun 28th 9:00 am Linda Diane Theriault

11:30 am Mary Trites

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

NECROLOGY

Feb 22	Georgia Mary Ann Davis	2003
	Mary Ann Khoury	2018
Feb 23	John Frederick Birtwistle	1994
	Angela Gilda MacDonald	2007
	Christopher LaForest	2015
	Donald John Archibald	2017
Feb 24	Robet McAlinden	2001
	Dr. Ronald C Hurley	2009
Feb 25	Kathleen Howatt	1984
	Helena Mabel Ryan	1989
	Mrs. Eugenie Wiesner	1998
	John Joseph Costello	2010
	Josef Weirathmueller	2019
Feb 26	Eva Boudreau	1989
	Robert Damian Chessie	1997
	Hubert C Mullin	2016
Feb 27	Rev William John Wallace	1985
	Delice "Del" Esther Wilby	2013
	Edgar Hachey	2015
	Christopher Ivan McCoy	2019
Feb 28	Ruby Emily Alkern	1980
	John (Jackie) Cashen	1988
	Frances Winnifred Wilby	1992
	Linda Diane Theriault	2017

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of February 21st

In Memory of Gerry and Rita O'Brien



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.

Readings for February 28th

1st Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

2nd Reading Romans 8:31b-35, 37

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

2021 Sunday Missals (\$4.00 each) are now available to pick up in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre Parish office from Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm. Please phone before you come, the Missal will be brought to you at the back door. Please have the correct change.

Missals are available at the entrances of ALL the church sites. An envelope is inside the cover of the missal for your donation. Just put it in the offertory box.

Parents of children/youth (Kindergarten to Grade 9): If you still want to register your child/youth in our Religious Education Program for 2019-2020 please see the note from Fr. Bill at the back of the bulletin for details. The letter gives a link for registration for this coming year. If you have not received it, please see the note at the back of this bulletin.

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
<http://www.chimohelpline.ca>>www.chimohelpline.ca

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

Daily TV Mass – <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass>
Weekdays at 9 am and 1 pm.

Sunday TV Mass at Salt and Light TV @ 9 am and Vision TV.

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

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

THURSDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT STS. JOHN & PAUL SITE: Every Thursday week at 1 pm to 5 pm with Fr. Peter Osborne. Government mandated protocols will be followed.

We will be starting our study of “Catholicism and the New Evangelization” on Wednesday, February 24th. This will be a 10-week journey deep into the heart of our catholic faith! Each Wednesday evening from 630-8pm we will have a DVD presentation on an aspect of Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron filmed in the many sacred places of our faith! A visual and spiritual journey! Following each presentation will be a short teaching by Father Peter and an opportunity for questions. All of our sessions will be on line, using Microsoft Teams, so we can continue to gather virtually and create community which is so essential to the catholic journey!

To register, please email Shelley Knorr at knorr123@xplornet.ca. You will be sent a meeting invite for each session which will include the link for Teams. More detailed instructions on how to log in will be included in the invitation email.

and use the references in that page to direct you to other parts of the chapter for more content.

Hi parents and guardians, (Religious Education/Faith Formation)

As we indicated in a letter in late August, our religious education/faith formation program will be done at home this year. Included below are two options that offer lots of flexibility. They're meant for you to do whatever you can, so don't worry about covering all of the material. If your child is in grade 2, they will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

If your child is in grade 3 (or older) and has not made their First Communion, please phone Fr. Bill at the Parish Office (444-6001) and he will give you directions on what is required to prepare them.

If your daughter/son is in grade 7, 8 or 9, they will be invited to do Faith Formation on-line with youth leaders from the Fredericton Parishes. More information will follow in the near future for these grades, **please note that books are not required to be ordered for these grades.**

If your child is in Grade 9, they will be preparing for Confirmation. Confirmation sessions will be announced at a later date via e-mail.

Registration this year will be on-line. Please follow this link (or copy it into your browser), fill out the required information and submit (sample form included below). <https://www.cognitofirms.com/ReligiousEd1/CFFRegistrationFall2020>

The fee per book is \$20 – date for pick-up and payment will be confirmed by a separate e-mail

We are offering the following options:

Option 1 - Be My Disciples Program:

This is the program we have been using for a number of years. It's easy to use at home with the student books as your guide. There are 24 chapters in each book/year level that cover all of the essential themes of our faith lives in the Church. It would be ambitious to do all 24 chapters, so you might find yourself doing less than that. It will be important to do at least 10 between October and May.

If you have several children close in age, you can use one book for both children. Every book comes with a code that allows you to access the book on-line.

Each chapter has a page titled, "With my Family". You might choose to let this page be your guide

Option 2 - Heritage Program:

This is a supplement to the "Be My Disciples Program". It's often given to parents to use as a "catch-up" for children who are beginning Religious Education for the first time. It is also easy for parents to use at home. There are 10 lessons that cover the life of Jesus, the central beliefs of the Church, all of the Sacraments, making Christ-centered decisions (Morality), and Catholic prayers and practices. There is one book for ages 9-11 and one for ages 12-14.

Thank you all for your continued support for the faith of our youth.

Sincerely, Fr. Bill

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. Due to **COVID** concerns, all sessions will be performed remotely.

The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2021**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns.

The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses.

Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or linton@nbnet.nb.ca

Our Sacred Stories

Our Journey through Lent

Several years ago a couple of my friends embarked on the pilgrimage walk from southern France, over the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela on the west coast of Spain. They were on a 30-day journey over almost 800 kms of hills and valleys. They encountered many people, fellow pilgrims as well as local folk, and passed through some beautiful countryside and striking scenery. Not surprisingly, they had many experiences and faced some challenges.

Each day they created a blog that they shared with us back here at home. As they did so it became apparent that the Camino was a journey of discovery. It also became clear that the experience was leaving an impact on them. As they began their pilgrimage, the blog said much about the countryside through which they were passing. After about a week, the blog began a gradual turn in its focus. The countryside was still there. But one began to sense how they felt about what they were doing and how they were affected by the trek.

When I was young, Lent was about what I was going to give up – candy, movies. Later it took on something like the New Years resolution – what can I do to become better at something. Certainly, that is an improvement. But perhaps there is more.

Our observance of Lent has its origins in the early Christian church and is associated with the sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. These sacraments of welcome generally would take place at Easter. From the earliest of times, Christians developed a process for welcoming new member into the community. When the person was ready to ask for baptism at Easter, there was a final short, more intense period of prayer, fasting and good works. This was Lent – a time of transformation, a conversion.

A scriptural image of this period of intense prayer and fasting and discovery of mission is found in the Gospels. We see it in the desert experience of Jesus. Mark's version of this is brief (1:12-15). After his baptism, Jesus ventured into the desert. There, he searched for where the Spirit was leading him. He struggled with temptations. In that desert, Jesus found his call as well as his mission. Filled with the Spirit, he came out of the desert proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom.

Lent every year is our desert experience, a time to rediscover our connection with our loving parent God. In the desert of Lent we step back and look at

where we are in our journey, our personal Camino. We have been baptized into Christ. What does this really mean for us? How does being a member of this community of Christians affect who we are and how we see others?

In a recent blog, Dr. Michael Higgins quoted an author, Brian Doyle. Just before he died, in 2017, Doyle reflected on his life, especially his core relationships and his Catholic faith in "A Prayer for You and Yours". Of that faith he says: "I saw for the first time in my life that there were two Catholic Churches, one a noun and the other a verb, one a corporation and the other a wild idea held in the hearts of millions of people who are utterly uninterested in authority and power and rules and regulations, and very interested indeed in finding ways to walk through the bruises of life with grace and humility." (Quoted by Michael Higgins, President of Corpus Christi-St. Marks at UBC. "Pontifex Minimus Blog: Presidential Reflections on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition", 12 Feb 2021)

John Jennings

1st Sunday of Lent

Lenten Message 2021

Dear faithful,

As Lent begins, we are mindful of all we have had to give up over this past year. It has been a year like no other, one that has tested us in every way. Preparing our hearts to enter this season of penance we may well ask ourselves, can anything new be born of this moment?

Lent is a season of hope – it means new springtime, renewal. We need hope now more than ever to help us face the challenges of these days. During Lent we may be tempted to focus on the negative – on all we have had to give up – but that is not the aim. We do penance to bring about our conversion. In recognizing our sinfulness, we are reminded that Jesus died for us while we were still sinners to give us the promise of everlasting life! (see Romans 5:8) Lent is therefore a time to give God permission to help us turn away from the things that prevent us from living a truly fulfilled life and embrace the victory Jesus has won for us. It is his promise of new life to us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, “every sincere act of worship or devotion promotes penance by reviving the spirit of conversion and repentance within us and contributes to the forgiveness of sins.” (CCC 1437) We make penance through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In our observance of Lent it is important to remember the idea is not simply to give up one or two things, but to be filled up with Jesus who makes all things new.

With this as the starting point we may choose to do things that will help us stay closer to Jesus throughout the day. Increasing our commitment to the sacraments by attending Mass during the week or going to confession more frequently is an excellent beginning, because it puts us in direct contact with God’s grace. Making a regular Holy Hour, praying the rosary, praying together as a family, and reading scripture, participating in a virtual retreat or stations/way of the cross, or any number of devotions that can be taken up with consistency during these 40 days will help to orient our hearts to the Lord.

As we continue to find ourselves living amid a pandemic, there are no shortage of opportunities for almsgiving. I encourage you to be aware of your neighbors in a particular way this Lent, to reach out to those who are isolated and in need of companionship offering help and support, a kind word, or a good deed. Our greatest vocation is to love God and to love our neighbor, and in this way, we become signs of the new springtime Christ has promised.

In this year of Saint Joseph, we look especially to our spiritual father, and may use Lent as a time to grow closer to him. Those of us wishing to make a consecration to Saint Joseph may choose to begin on February 15, to be consecrated on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19). Visit our website for additional resources (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/year-of-saint-joseph>).

In his homily for Ash Wednesday last year, Pope Francis said that Lent is a time “for recognizing that our lowly ashes are loved by God. It is a time of grace, a time for letting God gaze upon us with love and in this way change our lives. We were put in this world to go from ashes to life.” With full confidence let us journey towards Easter, conversion, and the hope of the Resurrection.

Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,



✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John
February 11, 2021

Feb 14 + Ash Wednesday	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$4,217	\$340	\$375	\$3,502
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,544	\$50	\$952	\$2,542
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$52,624	\$3,459	\$11,198	\$37,967
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$52,624	\$3,459	\$11,198	\$37,967
Poor & Needy	\$115	\$0	\$0	\$115
Building fund	\$565	\$120	\$170	\$275
Ash Wednesday	\$1,162	\$110	\$83	\$969
Other	\$35	\$0	\$0	\$35
# PAD users	127	1	31	95
# Envelopes used	126	26	23	77
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

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

- 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 you can receive by contacting the office. You would have to fill out and return to the office along with a copy of a voided cheque. Form available at

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

- 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.