

St. Francis by the Lakes Anglican Church

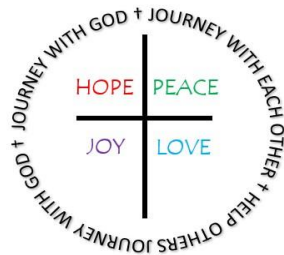
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Hours of Worship

Sunday – 8:00 am & 10:00 am September – June
9:00 am – July & August & Labor Day Weekend



CLERGY

The Rev'd Mark Kingsbury 902-223-2120
The Rev'd Faye Forbes
Priest Emeritus The Rev'd Kenneth Turner
Deacon Emeritus Marjorie Saulnier

WARDENS

Elaine Bishop 902-864-3634
Janice Clarke 902- 864-3364

PARISH COMMITTEES

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

St. Francis by the Lakes has a property committee consisting of a group of individuals who volunteer their time and make repairs around the church and keep the church yard looking clean and tidy. If you have any skills, talents or would just like to help, we would appreciate your time and talents. Many hands make light work. If you are interested, please contact Richard Kearns, chair of the Property Committee at 902-865-4422.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

We put the fun in fundraising. This is a committee dedicated to raising funds to help offset the cost of operating the Church. If you have any fundraising ideas, or would just like to help by volunteering your time, please contact Richard Kearns, chair of the Ways and Means Committee, at 902-865-4422. Some of the events we do are: take-out meals, yard sale, and the Christmas at St. Francis Craft and Bake Sale.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

What is Spirituality to you? Coming to church on Sunday to be fed by the Word and Eucharist? Bible readings? Seeing God in all things? This is Spirituality and also so much more! Our committee is comprised of both lay and clergy who strive to find new and exciting ways to experience a living God in our everyday lives. We try to offer a variety of programs for every age group but we always welcome new ideas and new members. If you are interested, please contact Alice McLean at 902-225-8767.

MINISTRY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

We coordinate the life of St. Francis through Communications, Technology & Planning. We update our web-site, organize the projection slides on Sunday, the parish mailings, and keep our parish list up to date, just to name a few things. If you are interested, please contact Alan Barnhill at 902-225-8767.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee meets monthly to review income and expenses. We work within the guidelines of a budget (approved by Parish Council) and as good stewards, we comply with Safer Church and Diocesan regulations. We welcome new members to Finance. If you are interested please contact the church Treasurer, Ellen Henwood, at 902-817-8457.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Worship is the central focus of our congregational life. Services are held:
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (September – June)
Sunday 9:00 am only (July & August & through Labor Day weekend)

PARISH COUNCIL

This is the governing body of the parish, responsible for the physical operations of the parish. Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting in January. Various committees are organized under the umbrella of Parish Council, including Ministry Resources, Spiritual Development, Property, Finance and Ways & Means, and membership on these committees is open to all members of the congregation. For further information, please contact one of the wardens.

SIDES PERSONS/GREETERS

Greeters welcome people as they arrive for services and assist new members/visitors. They present the offering, and assist during the Communion. They provide an organized dismissal flow when needed. They also walk through after the service and do any necessary cleaning.

CHOIR

We are presently seeking a Music and Choir Director to plan the selections for our music ministry of praise and worship, as well as work with our choir. The choir would normally practice once a week, under the direction of the Music/choir director. The choir might also provide music on other occasions, such as Christmas Cantatas, Memorial Carol Sings, and special services. New members are always welcome. If interested in joining our choir, please contact one of the wardens (listed on the front page of this booklet).

ALTAR GUILD

Ladies of the Altar Guild prepare the altar for each service of Holy Eucharist, and care for the vessels and linens. For further information contact Elaine Laurie at 902-865-4727.

MOTHERS' UNION

This is a worldwide fellowship of women and men concerned primarily with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life. Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in the voluntary ethos. Its governance, leadership and programs are driven by, and undertaken through, members around the world as they respond to God's call to faith and action. We support a variety of projects. Members meet once a month for programs, fellowship and mutual support. For more information, contact our Branch Leader, Elaine Bishop at 902-864-3634.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW)

ACW meet once a month for programs, and to organize various parish events and fund raising projects. For further information contact Donna Parsons at 902-865-8169 or Bev Scammell at 902-865-0434.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

A Nursery is available for children up to age 3, located off the Narthex. We have a breastfeeding-friendly space within the nursery. There is a changing table, with a second one located in the Narthex washroom.

Sunday School, for children over 3, introduces children to a meaningful, educational experience, through planned lessons, and creative activities. For more information, contact Jane Nauss at 902-865-9669.

FELLOWSHIP

In the past, we have held many events focused on fellowship throughout the year. As we emerge from the Covid-19 restrictions that have been in effect for the past two years, we are now slowly and carefully working on bringing fellowship back to our church community.

TAKE-OUT MEALS

As one of our fundraising events, St. Francis usually has a Take-Out Meal once a month. We are always looking for individuals to donate their talents baking, serving, or prepping food. For further information contact Lin Slade 902-860-4895 (Baking) or Richard Kearns 902-865-4422 (Serving and Prepping).

OUTREACH

Our parish is involved with a number of outreach programs, including Beacon House (our local food bank), Primate's World Relief & Development Fund, Mission to Seafarers, and the Sackville Area Warming Centre. We also assist Freedom Kitchen. We assemble & distribute care packages to the homeless and provide meals to the St. George's Soup Kitchen and Metro Turning Point. Our hall is also utilized by other community groups. For further information contact Don Brushett at 782-540-9556 (H) or 902-930-3074 (C).

CAMP

For children ages 7+. In 2022, August 22-29 was our camp week at St. Anne's Camp, in Annapolis County - an excellent opportunity for children to experience God's love and His creation in a well supervised wilderness setting. For further information contact Mark Grandmaison at 902-471-8328.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY (JA's)

St. Francis' Junior Auxiliary is designed to offer children in Grades 1-6 a place to have fun, grow and learn about themselves, God, and their community. The JA's meetings in the Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm consist of a short gathering time with Bible focus, small group activities and games, occasional guest speakers or events, a snack and a closing time activity. The children are encouraged to participate in outreach activities in their community and to join in the life of our church as they are able. For further information on the Junior Auxiliary, contact Cynthia Stilwell at 902-225-1015.

JUNIOR LEADERS

Junior Leaders is a group for teens. They assist with our Jr. Auxillary Group on Tuesday evenings, and have their own time for fun, fellowship and involvement in various outreach projects in the community. For further information contact Cynthia Stilwell at 902-225-1015.

FUNDSCRIP FUNDRAISING

Fundscrip is a means of fundraising for the Church through the purchase of shopping/gift cards. You receive the full value of the card purchased, and the Church receives a percentage of the card's value, ranging from 1.5% to 10%, depending on the retailer.

Your card purchases help St Francis by the Lakes without spending any extra money!

This is a Win - Win Why not give it a try?

Cards are valid anywhere in Canada! Great gifts for friends and family or to aid your everyday shopping.

Check out our Fundscrip Retailers List on our website.

Order information is also located on the website.

OTHER PROGRAMS

- Confirmation Classes, to prepare candidates for confirmation.
- Baptism preparation
- Life in the Eucharist
- Bible Study, meets in the hall Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am.
- Lenten Studies
- Advent Reflections
- Prayer Shawl Ministry

HOW TO CONTACT US

Mailing Address: 192 First Lake Drive, Lower Sackville, NS
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Web Site: www.stfrancisbythelakes.ca
Use the "contact us" link to send an email

Rev. Mark's Phone: (cell) 902-223-2120

WHO ARE WE?

We are members of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We serve the community of Lower Sackville. We are Christians who believe we are called to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer, persevere in resisting evil, proclaim, by word and example, the Good News of God in Jesus Christ, seek and serve Christ in all persons and work for justice and peace among all people. St. Francis by the Lakes is an inclusive parish, warmly welcoming new members.

OUR HISTORY

In the late 60's and 70's Sackville was rapidly expanding with new housing development. The Diocese saw the need for an additional parish to provide for the needs of the growing population. The new parish was named St. Francis by the Lakes, because of its location between First and Second Lakes. A rectory was purchased at 144 Aspen Crescent. The first service of the new congregation was held in the AV room at Sackville High School on July 6, 1975, under the direction of Rev. Richmond Bridge with 12 people in attendance. As the congregation grew, services were moved to the Sackville High School Gymnasium. Rev. Oliver Osmond followed in 1977 as the congregation continued to grow. In 1981 Rev. David Boston came to our parish with a mission to build a new church. Construction began in the fall of 1983 and on March 25, 1984, Bishop Leonard Hatfield conducted the dedication service. In 1986 Rev. David Reid and his family came to St. Francis by the Lakes, and remained here until 1997. Rev. Mark Kingsbury and his family arrived at our parish August 1998 and he continues to serve as our parish rector.

