

Welcome

to

St. Francis by the Lakes
Anglican Church



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St. Francis by the Lakes Anglican Church

192 First Lake Drive
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Hours of Worship

Sundays – 8:00 am & 10:00 am September – June;
9:00 am – July, August & Labor Day Weekend



CLERGY *(until March 1, 2025)*

Rev. Gloria Penwell (Pastoral Administrator)

Rev. Michael Tutton (Assistant Clergy)

WARDENS

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PARISH GROUPS, PROGRAMS, COMMITTEES, etc.

GREETERS

Working in teams of two, greeters welcome people as they arrive for services, and give assistance as needed. They present the offering, and guide the flow of communicants during Communion, and at dismissal, if needed. Greeters also check at the end of service, to make sure nothing is left behind. It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and learn their names. If interested, please contact Deb Sproul at 902-865-6256.

SafeR CHURCH

Our church has adopted the SafeR Church policy, as recommended by our Diocese, to keep our parishioners and resources as safe as possible from harm, all forms of abuse (including sexual, physical, emotional), or neglect. We welcome new members to join our committee. Please contact Janice Clarke at 902-864-3364.

NURSERY

A Nursery is available for children up to age 3, with toys and books they can use. 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

Sunday School, for children over 3, is held approximately twice a month. It introduces children to a meaningful, educational experience, through planned lessons, and creative activities. For more information, contact Jane Nauss at 902-209-1195.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY (JAs)

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 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, the occasional guest speaker or event, 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 Sarah Thorpe at 902-240-5548.

YOUTH GROUP

Junior Leaders is a group for teens. They assist with our Jr. Auxiliary 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 Sarah Thorpe at 902-240-5548.

CAMP

For children ages 7+. We have previously held a week-long camp for many years at St. Anne's Camp in Annapolis County, however this camp has closed. We are hoping to organize a day camp for a week during the summer months. More information will be forthcoming in late spring.

MUSIC & CHOIR

At this time, we are actively advertising for a Music Director who could rebuild our choir and music program. Currently, a small group of singers, along with volunteer musicians from the congregation, have been providing a lead on music at our 10:00 a.m. service. If interested in joining the Choir, or providing musical accompaniment, please contact one of the Wardens.

HOSPITALITY NEW!!!!

We are working on creating several teams of people to set up and/or clean up for Fellowship events following services. We are hoping to be able to have such an event at least once a month. The work would involve setting up/clearing away tables and chairs, as well as making, serving, and cleaning up after tea and coffee service. The more teams we can create, the less work for everyone. If you can help out, please contact Elaine Bishop at 902-864-3634.

ALTAR GUILD

Members 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.

COUNTING TEAM

These teams of 2 or 3 parishioners are responsible for counting any and all money received on Sundays through the offertory plate. The Captain of each team records the donations, and prepares the bank deposit. All this is handled following the 10:00 a.m. service. For more information, please contact Shelley Brushett at 902-452-1536.

CLEANING TEAM

We are looking for more volunteers, so we can make more teams to handle the weekly cleaning of the Narthex, church, hall, and kitchen. This includes dusting, vacuuming carpets, sweeping and washing floors, sanitizing washrooms, garbage removal, restocking paper products, etc. If you can help, please contact Elaine Bishop at 902-864-3634.

MOTHERS' UNION

This is a worldwide fellowship of women and men who encourage parents to develop the faith of their children, and to promote conditions in society favorable to family life and the protection of children. Join our four-million-strong movement to: strengthen communities all over the world, help the most disadvantaged at home, shape how we advocate for the rights of families, build supportive, loving relationships, and develop our own relationship with God. Our members around the world respond to God's call to faith and action. We particularly have interest in both bringing awareness of, and supporting change for, gender equality and the rights of women and girls. If you are interested in getting involved actively to support changes in our community and beyond, and in joining together with others for faith, fellowship and friendship, then this is for you. At St. Francis, we annually support charities locally, in Canada, and around the world. Members meet once a month for programs, fellowship, and mutual support. For more information, contact our Branch Leader, Elaine Bishop at 902-864-3634.

ST. FRANCIS PLAYERS

As well as actors, singers, and musicians, this parish project includes people to help with costumes, building scenery and props, technical support for lighting and sound, those interested in PR, and anyone who likes to cook, bake, or help in a variety of capacities during the actual performance nights. Those interested in any of the above are asked to please let us know each fall for the coming spring performance. Contact Sue Berryman at 902-489-4020.

PARISH COUNCIL

This is the governing body of the parish. It exercises general oversight over the life, worship, and governance of the parish, including responsibility for all parish groups, committees, and organizations. Parish Council regularly evaluates the life of the parish, and recommends ideas for effective ministries. Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting in January. For further information on how to become a member of Parish Council, please contact one of the Wardens.

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, and we always welcome new ideas and new members. If you are interested, please contact Alice McLean at 902-252-0311.

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, handle 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.

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. A few of our events are: take-out meals, yard sale, Markets and a bake sale. If you have any fundraising ideas, or would just like to help out, please contact Jane Nauss at 902-209-1195.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee consists of a group of individuals who make repairs around the church and keep our yard looking clean and tidy. If you have any skills, talents, or would just like to help, we would appreciate your assistance. If you are interested, please contact one of the Wardens.

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, Alan Barnhill at 902-225-8767.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our parish is involved in and supports a number of outreach projects in our local community, our wider community, and throughout the world. In our local community, we support Beacon House Food Bank, Beacon House Shelter, Sackville Den for Youth, a community fridge/cupboard through Opportunity Place, and we assemble and distribute family hygiene care packages. In our wider community, we support Mission to Seafarers, and we provide meals to the St. George's Soup Kitchen. Throughout the world, we support a number of the Primate's World Relief & Development projects. For further information on outreach projects, or if you are interested in helping out, contact Don Brushett at 902-930-3074, or email brushettdf@gmail.com.

RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

The church hall and various other rooms in the church are available for rental, to parishioners and non-parishioners, for a few hours or for long-term. For more information, please contact Janice Clarke at 902-864-3364.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Confirmation Classes	- Baptism preparation
Bible Study	- Lenten Studies
Advent Reflections	- Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 served as our parish rector until June 2023. As we search for a new rector, we had an Interim Priest-in-Charge, Archbishop Ron Cutler, for one year. We then were assigned Rev. Gloria Penwell as Pastoral Administrator and Rev. Michael Tutton as Assistant Clergy, from Sept., 2024 to March 1, 2025. We are currently going through the parochial process to hire a full-time rector.

Our Vision Statement

To journey with Christ as a community committed to making St. Francis a strong and inclusive parish, warmly welcoming new members, encouraging involvement by all, as we proclaim the word of Jesus Christ in our words and by our actions.



HOW TO CONTACT US

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