

St. Francis by the Lakes Anglican Church

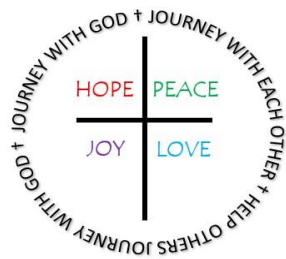
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Hours of Worship

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



CLERGY

Archbishop Ron Cutler (Interim Priest-in-Charge)
The Rev'd Faye Forbes
Deacon Emeritus Marjorie Saulnier

WARDENS

Elaine Bishop 902-864-3634
Jane Nauss 902-209-1195

(Updated Feb/24)

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS , COMMITTEES & GROUPS

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.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee consists of a group of individuals who volunteer their time to 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 assistance. Many hands make light work. If you are interested, please contact one of the Wardens.

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. Just some of the events we do are: take-out meals, yard sale, and the Christmas at St. Francis Craft and Bake Sale. If you have any fundraising ideas, or would just like to help by volunteering your time, please contact Jane Nauss at 902-209-1195.

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 782-540-9556 (H), 902-930-3074 (C), or email brushettdf@gmail.com.

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 (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, 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 Cynthia Stilwell at 902-225-1015.

JUNIOR LEADERS

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 Cynthia Stilwell at 902-225-1015.

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)

If you are a woman and an Anglican, you are an Anglican Church Woman! All are welcome to join us as ACW meets 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CAMP

For children ages 7+. In 2024, we are hoping to once again hold our camp 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.

HOSPITALITY *NEW!!!!*

We are working on creating several teams of people to set up and 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 and clearing away tables and chairs, as well as making, serving, and cleaning up after tea and coffee service. If you can help out, please contact one of the Wardens. The more teams we can create, the less work for everyone.

CLEANING TEAM *NEW!!!!*

Currently two ladies from the congregation have been cleaning the church since COVID-19 made its appearance. We are looking for more volunteers, so we can make several teams to handle the weekly cleaning of the Narthex, church, hall, and kitchen. This includes dusting, vacuuming carpets, sweeping/washing floors, sanitizing washrooms, garbage removal, restocking paper products as needed, etc. Many hands make light work. If you can help, please contact Elaine Bishop at 902-864-3634.

OTHER PROGRAMS

- Confirmation Classes, to prepare candidates for confirmation.
- Baptism preparation
- Life in the Eucharist
- Bible Study
- Lenten Studies
- Advent Reflections
- Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

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, our Interim Priest-in-Charge is Archbishop Ron Cutler.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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