

March 17 - Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop: At age 16, Patrick was carried off in a pirate raid and sold as a slave in Ireland. He was made a swineherd, living in solitude on a mountain. This radical change in his life forced him to rely on his Christian training, and his prayer and asceticism marked him forever. After six years, Patrick escaped and returned to his parents in Britain. Later, he went to Gaul to study for the Priesthood, eventually becoming a Bishop. After some time, Patrick returned to Ireland. He is best known for evangelizing the Irish and by the time of his death in 492 Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland, and Churches and monasteries had been established to receive the constant stream of converts.

MARCH 19 - SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF CANADA: Joseph was a village carpenter and a descendant of King David. Embarrassed by Mary's pregnancy, Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife. His thoughts of rejecting her were banished and he was faithful to his responsibility as her husband and as foster father of Jesus. Saint Joseph, a model of faithfulness, was declared patron of the universal Church in 1870 and is principal patron of Canada.

Holy communion at home: If you or someone you know who would like to receive Holy communion in your home, you are asked to please inform Father Patrick or phone the parish office @ 538-3106. The Body of Christ is often such an important part of people's lives, so when they are sick or unable to come to Mass, I would gladly bring them Holy Communion.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: On the first Friday of each month, there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Parish Chapel at 10:00 am. Mass to follow at 11:00 am. The next Mass is April 3rd.

Prayer and Lent: A very beautiful and rewarding activity in the home may be family prayer. Lent is a special time when praying as a family may be fitting. Family prayer need not be long, and should be suitable for the age of the children. Praying together will unite and strengthen a family and instil virtue and strength and love in children.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Today's Gospel relates the encounter at the well between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The intense conversation with the woman, initiated by Jesus with the words "Give me a drink", is indicative of God's great thirst for us – it is God who first seeks us, desiring only what is good for us. In turn, we are led to a realization that, just as in the case of the Samaritan woman, nothing can really quench our spiritual thirst except that same "living water" offered to the woman – the "life-giving water" of Baptism which gives us new birth into the divine life through the power of the Holy Spirit, and which can refresh us throughout our lives, becoming in us "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (*John 4.14*). As we continue our lenten journey, let us give thanks for the gift of our Baptism and pray for all Catechumens who will receive this Sacrament at Easter.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Mar 16th – Mar 20th

Mon – 11:00 a.m.---Parish Chapel----- Thomas Farrell, Joan & Charles Willcott

Tues – 11:00 a.m.---Parish Chapel----- Jack Hickey, Michael J. MacDonald

Wed – 11:00 a.m.---Parish Chapel----- Eileen Willcott, Anna Foley

Thurs – 11:00 a.m.---Parish Chapel----- Ross Willcott, Dr. Ragaie Diebes

Fri – 11:00 a.m.---Parish Chapel----- Elias Hoskins, Theresa & George Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. Mar 21st and Sun. Mar 22nd

St. Alban's---Sat---7:00 p.m. – St. Ignatius Church----- Margaret Brushett & deceased members of MacDonald family

St. Alban's---Sun--- 10:30 a.m. -St. Ignatius Church ---- Parish Family

Conne River---Sun---2:00 p.m.-St. Anne's Church----- Aden McDonald

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Mar 14 th	Teresa Ann	Monica W	Kevin O Gerard S Finton O	Edith O	Margaret Willie	Folk Choir
Mar 15 th	Mary Patsy	Philomena S	Perry C Ivan O Brenda D	Mary S	Kevin Mark	Folk Choir
Mar 21 st	Mary Patsy	Audrey D Ann B	Kevin O Gerard S Finton O	Margaret H	Jenny Mary	Julie-Ann
Mar 22 nd	Meg Genny	Geneva K	Perry C Ivan O Brenda D	Valerie	Anthony George	Lenora L Tracey P

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$623.50
St. Anne's Church	\$162.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Mass Stipends	\$20.00
Funeral Stipends	\$200.00
Chase the Ace	\$102.50

LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper which marks the start of the Easter Triduum. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. It has a twofold purpose: it helps catechumens to prepare for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil, and it invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at Easter. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the lenten readings.

The Lenton/Advent Banners (purple) are donated in Loving Memory of Everest Barnes by his wife, Melita Barnes.

WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH AND ST. ANNE'S CHURCH :

We are glad that you are here with us this evening. It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship.

"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them"

Matt 18:20

Stipends: (as recommended by the Diocese)	Certificates: (copy)
Funerals \$200.00	Baptism \$5.00
Weddings \$200.00	Confirmation \$5.00
Baptism \$25.00	Communion \$5.00

Stations of the Cross: During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross at St. Ignatius Church every Friday evening starting at 7:00pm.

Family Mass: A family Mass takes place in our parish the last Sunday of each month. This is a special Mass for families and all families are encouraged to attend. The next family Mass will be on March 29th.

Easter Flowers

Parish members wishing to donate towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers for the church may do so by putting an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket. If the flowers are being donated "In memory of" please indicate this, as well as your envelope number and/or name.

Chase The Ace

Chase The Ace has resumed. It will be held at the RC Legion on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 and older. Tickets are \$5 each and 50/50 tickets will be available.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Aloysius McDonald their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC MISSION



Umueze Ezimba Uboma,
Ihitte/Uboma L.G.A., Imo State, Nigeria.
MOTTO: FAITH UNITY PEACE



Our Ref:..... *Your Ref:*..... *Date:*.....

St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne, Church,

St. Alban's and Conne River,

N .L. Canada.

Brethren,

Thank- you message:

We the catholic faithful of St. Andrew's church, Umueze Ezimba, Uboma, acknowledge the receipt of 2,087 Canadian dollars, a donation from your parish, St. Ignatius and St. Anne church to support our church tiling project.

This wonderful offer by you and your children to our church has ameliorated the dust inhaled by our children during church services. This has also reassured us hope.

We cannot thank you enough for your kind gesture and love of our son Fr. Patrick Osuji and our church community. But be assured of our prayers for your parish community.

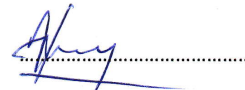
There are lots more to be done in our church; hence further assistance will be highly appreciated.

We remain,

Your brethren in Christ,


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Marcus Korjenta

(Station Secretary)


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Hyginus Anyanwu

(Station Chairman)