

The Lord's House

A parish priest in a small village found that his parishioners invested too much effort and money in the construction of their new church. He said, "While it is important to build a church, it is so much more important to BE the Church!" We know that for many generations, the early Christians did not have churches. They realize that the place where God would be totally present was in the person of the Lord Jesus whose love and compassion extended to those who were marginalized. St. Paul wrote: *For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him* (Col 2:9). Christians knew that since Pentecost Sunday, they were inhabited by the Holy Spirit, animated by God's power for life, for restoring spiritual and physical health, and for forgiveness.

Our churches are physical evidence of God's dwellings but only because communities of believers gather there. A community is the Body of Christ, and its members come to be nourished with the Word of God and the Body of Christ. *Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you??...For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple* (1Co 3:16-17) The tabernacle was empty if there was no community of believers. It has always been more serious to destroy a Christian community than to damage a building, however rich and beautiful it may be.

"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." John 2:16

From the office of Catechetics

The enclosed link to the Gospel of John, sent by the office for evangelization and Catechesis, Canadian Conference of Catholic bishops, is available to all parishes. Some parishes, or Liturgy committees or other parish groups might wish to use the video clips as a preparation for Easter. Following each short segment of the gospel, there are questions for discussion.

Father Brian Colbert

The film in its entirety, and 49 three-to-five minute video clips, can be found at the following link: <https://www.jesuskfilm.org/watch/life-of-jesus-gospel-of-john.html/english.html>.

Steubenville Atlantic Registration

Steubenville Atlantic is now open for registration. If there are any students from grades 9 to 12 who want to go to Halifax for this year's conference, it will take place from [July 6-8, 2018](#). Cost of registration is \$200 per student and the diocese will cover the cost of transportation.

Our group from the diocese will go to Halifax a day or so early so that we can be physically, emotionally, and spiritually prepared for the weekend. If there any questions, please contact Father Brian at [709-427-6075](tel:709-427-6075) or ocybrian@gmail.com OR to Ann Marie at annmariey@hotmail.com or 709-486-5851



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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus is in Jerusalem because the Passover of the Jews is near. This sacred feast draws numerous pilgrims who come to celebrate this great feast. However, what Jesus encounters in the Temple area is a complete contradiction of that for which the Temple is intended. The Temple, the House of God, was designed to be used for prayer, not as a marketplace or some other commercial undertaking. Jesus shows passionate devotion for his Father's house when he overturns the tables, sending people, animals, and coins scurrying in all directions. Then, when the religious leaders ask for a sign which will account for Jesus' reaction, they are unable to see with the eyes of faith that Jesus' reference to the destruction of the Temple and its been raised up in three days is actually a reference to his own death and resurrection. May we always walk with faith and not depend on signs to believe in God's saving power at work in our lives.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: March 5th – March 9th

Mon. ----- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Alfred & Marie Collier
Mon----- 1:00 p.m.----- St. Anne's Church ----- Funeral Mass for Brendan Stride
Tues.----- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Catherine Dollimont, Peter & Liz Collier
Wed. ----- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Mona Willcott
Thurs ----- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Hubert,Susie, Linus Collier, John & Dorothy Barnes
Friday ----- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Mary B. Davis
Friday ----- St. Ignatius Church----- **Stations of the Cross**

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, March 10th and Sunday, March 11th

St. Alban's----- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- Aggie Buffett
St. Alban's----- Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
Conne River---- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.----- St. Anne's Church----- Florailda Collier



MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
March 3	Jenny Maggie	Monica Willcott	Christine Howse Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith	Margaret Hoskins	Margaret Edith	Kennedy Willcott Tracey Perry
March 4	Mary Strickland Patsy MacDonald	Berne Collier	George Davis Clarence Davis Mike Snook	Mary Strickland	Jenny Brenda Davis	Mary Organ
March 10	Mary Strickland Patsy MacDonald	Brenda Jeddore	Christine Howse Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith	Ann Benoit	Maggie Pat	Folk Group
March 11	Mary Organ	Amber Willcott	George Davis Clarence Davis Mike Snook	Valerie Hoskins	Christine Mary Organ	Folk Group

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory -----	\$1054.50	Initial Offering: -----	\$10.00
St. Anne’s Church – Offertory -----	\$137.00	Diocesan: CMIC -----	\$25.00
Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$167.50	Mass Stipends: -----	\$75.00
Baptism Stipend: -----	\$25.00		

Chase The Ace: Will be held at the RC Legion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 years and older. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Stations of the The Cross: The Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Church. Everyone welcome!!!

Needed:

Sacristans are needed for our daily masses as well as our weekend Masses . The role of the Sacristans is to prepare (breads, wine, and altar clothes) for the Mass and clean up after the Mass. The Sacristans would be on the list for a week at a time. Training will be provided. Any help is more than welcome.

Decorators: Decorators are needed to decorate the altar at different times throughout the Liturgical Year. Any help is much appreciated.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a sacristan or a decorator, please contact the parish office at 538-3106 or any member of the Liturgy Committee. (Connie Willcott, Mary Organ, Valerie Hoskins, Edith Organ)

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

MASS OF CHRISM: The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Grand Falls-Windsor on *Thursday, March 22, at 5:15 p.m.* This Mass is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of the Church. During the Mass, Bishop Daniels will bless the Oil of Catechumens for use in adult and infant Baptisms and the Oil of the Sick for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Bishop will also consecrate the Oil of Chrism for use in Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations, and the Consecration of Sacred Spaces. Since the Bishop is the only minister in the Diocese who may consecrate Chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and the union of the laity with him. Also, since this Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Daniels and Priests from different parts of the diocese, it is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. During this Mass, Priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly commitment, and representatives from the parishes of the Diocese will receive the Holy Oils to bring back to their parishes for use during the coming year. **Please make a special effort to attend. A gathering of the lay faithful is a wonderful opportunity to show support for the Priests who minister to them throughout the year. Following Mass there will be a social at the main entrance of the Cathedral. All are invited.**

Attendance: *Father Patrick is hoping to have a few parishioners to attend this Mass with him. He is driving and looking for someone to travel with. He will be returning to St. Alban's after the Mass. If you would like to attend this Mass and need transportation, please call the office at 538-3106.*

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the entire families of the late Hannah Jane Benoit and Brendan Stride of Conne River their profound sympathies. We join you in prayers for the repose of our dear loved ones. May God Bless you and may he console you for this painful loss.

Diocesan Day of Sacramental Reconciliation: On Friday, March 9, 2018, we will all have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance during **the Diocesan Day of Sacramental Reconciliation.** In this Sacrament, we encounter the peace of the Lord Jesus, just as he promised his disciples, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives” (John 14.27).* Pope Francis, in speaking of this gift says, *“This peace is the fruit of the victory of God’s love over evil; it is the fruit of forgiveness. And it really is like this: true peace, that profound peace, comes from experiencing God’s mercy”.* During the next few days, let us prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God and take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Accept this challenge and prepare for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We will celebrate with a penitential service on Thursday evening, March 8 at St. Ignatius Church. The schedule for Confessions will be after the service on March 8. Father David Joy will be joining Father Patrick to hear confessions at that time. Also, Father Patrick will be hearing confessions on Friday, March 9 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in St. Ignatius Church.

Happiness, it is what our hearts long and crave for, yet we are still struggling to find it. Often we seek many selfish pleasures in life in hopes that they will make us “happy.” Unfortunately, we typically search for happiness in created things, thinking that they will provide some sort of comfort in a world full of disappointment.

Pope Francis laments the state of many young people who seek aimlessly these created joys. In an interview with a radio station in Argentina Pope Francis said, “I would ask the young people, ‘are you really happy?’ ... Do you know what it means to have joy in your heart? ... It makes me very upset when I see a sad young person ... who has aged prematurely, who has already ‘retired’ to ‘wait for life to pass by.’”

He then shared with the audience the “secret” to true happiness, “If you take risks to achieve great things ... doing things for others, working hard to make them happy ... you will know joy and happiness.”

Pope Francis shows us that true happiness consists of living for others and participating in the mission of the heart of Jesus.

Saint Augustine famously put it this way, “You have made us for Yourself [O Lord], and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

Physical things may provide a few moments of happiness, but at the core of our being we recognize the emptiness that is there. It is an emptiness that only one person can fill and that person is Jesus Christ. Once we realize that, our hearts will no longer be restless, but unified with the heart of Christ.

Then and only then will we experience true “happiness.”

Cremation in the Catholic Church: Many people are inquiring about cremation in the Church, and some people are choosing to have their body cremated after death. The first thing all must know is that cremation is permitted in the Catholic Church. Some large cities are finding difficulty in obtaining large pieces of ground for new cemeteries and cremation may be a partial solution to this problem. Also, some people die far from home, and the cost of sending home the body in a casket is very expensive compared to sending an urn with a loved ones ashes. Cremation should take place after the funeral Mass. The ashes of the deceased person should be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. As in life, the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, so in death the ashes of the deceased person should not be scattered but should be buried in a holy place where we await the resurrection to new life.

Baptism Registration Form: This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at www.stignatius.net Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca the parish office to have a registration form emailed to you. **Please contact the parish office during the months of pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation.** Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

FUNERAL:	\$200.00
Wedding:	\$200.00
Baptism:	\$25.00

What They say about our church: The most beautiful treasure of the South Coast of Newfoundland is our Church here in St. Alban’s. It is breathtaking. It is a joy to bring visitors to our Church, as they are overwhelmed at the workmanship and its gracious dignity. Sometimes a stranger helps us to appreciate something we overlook or take for granted. Here are a few comments from our visitor’s book which is at the back of the Church:

“A beautiful Masterpiece” “Awesome, His Holy Presence is Here” “The most beautiful Church.” “Absolutely amazing Work.” “Glad to be home, I love my church.”

Isn’t it a wonder that all this work was done with hand tools only, as there were no power saws or electricity when this church was built. Each morning when I go to open the Church, the same thought comes to me: ‘Oh, Lord, I love the beauty of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.’

Children’s Sunday Liturgy: The children’s liturgy takes place each Sunday morning, during Mass. Appropriate ages are 4+ years.

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