

April 17 - Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Protectress of Canada: Tekakwitha was born in 1656. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin from Quebec, and her father was a non-Christian Mohawk chief. When she was four years old, a smallpox epidemic killed her parents and her brother, and left her with seriously impaired eyesight and a disfigured face. Inspired by Jesuit missionaries from an early age, Tekakwitha was baptized on Easter Sunday 1676 and assumed the name Kateri. She had a strong devotion to the Eucharist. Kateri died on April 17, 1680, was beatified by Pope Paul II in 1980, and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2013. The first North American indigenous woman to be canonized, Kateri is often called the “Lily of the Mohawks”.

April 18 - Memorial of Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin, Virgin: Esther Blondin (Sister Marie-Anne) was born in 1809 in what is now a suburb of Montreal. She learned to read and write at the age of 22 while working as a domestic for nuns, and two years later she started teaching in Vaudreuil. In 1850, with the permission of Bishop Bourget, she founded the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Anne for the education of poor children. Sister Marie-Anne died in 1890, devoted to Christian education to the end. She was beatified in 2001.

April 21 - Memorial of Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor: Anselm lived from 1033 to 1109. At age 27, he became a monk, eventually becoming prior and abbot of the monastery where he lived. His fame lies in his role as theologian and philosopher. His spirituality greatly influenced the Church and, in his concern for the oppressed, he was one of the first opponents of the slave trade. He was made a Doctor of the Church in 1720.

Catholic Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

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STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

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



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. Even though Jesus is in their very midst, the disciples are frightened, confused, and disbelieving, thus diminishing what should have been an utterly peace-filled and joy-filled experience. However, Jesus allays their doubts, showing them his hands and his feet, eating in their presence, and opening their minds to understand the Scriptures so that they can go forth as his witnesses. This account reminds us of the Church’s celebration of the Eucharist. Through the ages, as the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Eucharistic meal is shared at each Eucharistic Liturgy, Christians have come to recognize the Risen Christ in their midst. What we are celebrating during the Easter season, the Paschal Sacrifice of Christ – his dying and rising – is present to us in each Mass with its saving power. At the end of each Mass, we too are sent forth to be witnesses of the Lord Jesus to all whom we meet.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: April 16th- April 20th

Monday -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel---rescheduled-----	Cecil Cox, Sylvester Benoit
Tuesday -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel-----	Clotilda Willcott Brazil
Wed. -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel---reschedule-----	Robert Snook
Thursday -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel---Gordon & John Organ, Eli & Veronica Organ	
Friday -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel -----	Gordon J. Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, April 21st and April 22nd

St. Alban’s-----	Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Debbie Way
St. Alban’s-----	Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Parish Family
Conne River----	Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.-----	St. Anne’s Church-----	Drew Family

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
April 14	Jenny Maggie	Ann Benoit Audrey Collier	Finton Organ Pat Pittman Willie MacDonald	Edith Organ	Maggie Pat	Folk Group
April 15	Patsy MacDonald	Perry Cox	Perry Cox Helena T. Necia Dollimont	Calvin Collier	Christine Mary O	Folk Group
April 21	Patsy MacDonald	Pat Pittman	Finton Organ Pat Pittman Willie MacDonald	Margaret Hoskins	Kevin Willie	Mary Organ
April 22	Mary Organ	Mary Organ	Perry Cox Helena T. Necia Dollimont	Ralph Blake	Jenny Brenda D.	Jessica Willcott

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory -----	\$792.75	St. Anne’s Church – Offertory ----	\$124.95
Lenten Folders: -----	\$64.50	Initial Offering: -----	\$5.00
Diocesan: Good Friday -----	\$10.00	Funeral Stipend :-----	\$200.00
Mass Stipend: -----	\$95.00	Easter Offering: -----	\$65.00
Diocesan: Holy Thursday: -----	\$5.00	Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$175.00

Chase The Ace: JACKPOT is \$1132.50 + 30% of sales.

Held at the RC Legion , St. Alban’s on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 years and older. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

NEEDED

Sacristans are needed for our daily masses as well as our weekend Masses .

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

Reading the Word at Funeral Masses: At every Mass, the Word of God should be read with the greatest clarity and reverence and dignity. At every Mass, the Word of God should be proclaimed well. At Funeral Masses, the family and the people attending are most attentive to the Word to find comfort and peace at a very difficult time in their lives. I will speak to both funeral directors in our parish, and a list of readers will be provided so that the family of the deceased can choose readers who have had experience and training in reading of the Word of God. This way, the family do not have to choose family members to read the Word of God.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Father Andrew Cuschieri Award: This is a reminder that the deadline for nominations for the Father Andrew Cuschieri Award is **May 21, 2018**. Nominations are to be for students who have done a humanitarian act towards another person or persons in the past. Examples could include helping elderly in the community or neighbourhood; actively welcoming refugees or newcomers; being proactive assisting children who may be bullied ... unfortunately although there will be only one winner, all nominees are winners in the fact that someone is noticing their contribution.

Father Brian

Steubenville Atlantic: Please note the deadline for applications to go to Steubenville Atlantic 2018 in Halifax is the **last day of April**. We need to know how many will be going in order to book flights and register with the Archdiocese of Halifax. We will be leaving July 5th and returning July 8th. To register, contact either Ann Marie Young @ 709-486-5851 with a text message expressing your interest or contact Father Brian at 709-427-6075 if you would like help in registering. The cost is \$200.00 per student for the entire weekend. We will be staying at Dalhousie University.

Father Brian Colbert

PRAYER TO ST. ANNE

Remember, O glorious and Good Saint Anne, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, behold, I cast myself at thy feet, and beseech thee, by thy great prerogative of being the Mother of the Queen of Heaven and the Grandmother of Jesus, come to my aid with thy powerful intercession, and obtain from Almighty God through the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, this special favor which I beg of thee.....Cease not to intercede for me until, through Divine Mercy, my request may be granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace one day to behold my God face to face and with thee and Mary and all the Saints praise and bless Him through all eternity. Amen.

April 22nd – 28th, 2018 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week (NOTDAW).

The Provincial Organ Donor Program would like to request that during services from April 22nd to April 28th we give thanks for the Gift of Life. To give thanks and prayers to honor those who, through Organ and Tissue donation, have given life to others. To give thanks to the families who have considered those in need at their time of greatest sorrow and sadness.

For more information on tissue and organ donation, please contact a donation coordinator at 777-6600 or toll free 1-877-640-1110.

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.

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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.