

**March 4 - Memorial of Saint Casimir:** Casimir, the son of Casimir IV, King of Poland, was born in Krakow in 1458. His grandfather, Wladislaus II Jagiello, was responsible for introducing Christianity into Poland. Educated by a very devout priest, Casimir felt called to a life devoted to God and so he rejected the trappings of royalty for a simple humble life. He was directly involved in government affairs and was renowned for his sense of justice and his care for the poor. Casimir is often depicted in artwork as having three hands, reflecting his reputation for extraordinary charity. He died of tuberculosis when he was 26 and was buried in Lithuania. Casimir is the patron saint of Lithuania and one of the patrons of Poland.

**March 7 - Memorial of Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Martyrs:** Perpetua, a young noblewoman, and Felicity, a slave, were killed for their faith on March 7, 203. During the persecution of Christians by Emperor Severus early in the third century, several catechumens were arrested, among them Perpetua with her infant son, and Felicity who was pregnant at the time. Both women were baptized while under arrest and, refusing to renounce their faith, they – along with several other Christians – were flogged, led to the amphitheatre, exposed to the wild beasts, and beheaded. Their martyrdom offers a very powerful example of the new world created by the birth of Christianity.

**March 8 - Memorial of Saint John of God, Religious:** John was born in Portugal on March 8, 1495. Having worked in various occupations for a number of years, he was eventually overcome by guilt because of his wasted life and sought the counsel of John of Avila who helped him find a new purpose in life. John of God then dedicated himself to the care of the sick and the poor. Others joined him and they became known as the Brothers of St. John of God. John died on his birthday in 1550 and was canonized in 1690. He is a patron of hospitals and the sick.

**March 9 - Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious:** Frances was born in 1384 in Rome. She was happily married and had three children. The death in infancy of two of her children taught Frances compassion for others who were grieving and less fortunate. She took food to the poor and visited the sick and the needy. Frances gathered other women who lived a life of prayer and cared for others, and founded a community of Benedictine Oblates. When her husband died, Frances joined their community. She died in 1440 and was declared a saint in 1608. She is a patroness of widows.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

***ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER***

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### ***THIRD 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***

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat.- Mar. 2 and Sun.- Mar. 3**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Tom Purcell  
 St.Alban's-Sunday-4:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----George.O'Keefe  
 Conne River-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----**Church Family**

#### **Daily Masses Mon. Mar. 4 – Fri. Mar. 8**

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Gerard McDonald  
 Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ethel Burt  
 Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Wilfred Organ  
 Thur - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John Howse  
 Fri - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Muriel Benoit

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Mar. 9 and Sun. – Mar. 10**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Donald Snook  
 St.Alban's-Sunday-4:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----**Parish.Family**  
 Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Lorraine John

## **MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
<b>Mar. 2</b>	Edith O	Pat P	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
<b>Mar. 3</b>	Edith O	Valerie H	Father Tom Valerie H	William M Ivan O
<b>Mar. 9</b>	Mary S	Edith O	Father Tom Patsy M	Kevin O Bill D
<b>Mar. 10</b>	Mary S	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D

### **Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church	\$809.00
St. Anne's	100.05
Diocesan Collection (Ecclesiastical Student's Fund)	5.00
Diocesan Collection (Catholic Missions in Canada)	30.00
Mass Stipend	26.00
Lenten Folder	10.00

**Thank you for your continued support to the parish.**

### **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.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 16th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel. All are welcome!

**Lenten Folders:** Available on the table at the main entrance of the Church. Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

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

*We are happy to have you here in our parish. It is our hope that you experience the presence of Christ during our worship.  
"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" Matt 18:20*

### **Home Visits and Holy Communion**

If you or someone you know who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, you are asked to please inform Father Tom at 709-674-1503 or call the Parish office at 709-538-3106 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Body of Christ is often such an important part of people's lives, so when they are sick or unable to attend Mass, I would be pleased to bring them Holy Communion....Father Tom Duffenais

### **Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank**

Location: St Alban's Community Centre

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm (by appointment only)

**For more information please contact:** The Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank now has its own telephone #: **(709) 538-7936**. Messages can be left on an answering service. Please leave your name and telephone number and someone will return your call during the hours of operation. Thank you. Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

Some items that are in need include teabags, coffee, and canned vegetables. Thank you for your continued support.

**2023 Charitable Donation Receipt** If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2023 parish contributions, put your ENV # and NAME on a blank unsealed envelope and place it in the designated spot on the table at the back of the churches in St. Alban's and Conne River. Those envelopes will be collected by the office, the income tax receipt will be issued, put in the envelope and sealed. It will then be placed in the designated spot for RECEIPT PICKUP in both churches and you can collect it the following Sunday. Thank you.

### **Knights of Columbus Supreme Scholarship**

The application deadline for the K of C Supreme Scholarship is **March 15**. It used to be May 1. All information and application re the scholarship can be found at [www.kofc.org/scholarships](http://www.kofc.org/scholarships). The Canadian Scholarships are the scholarships NL students in Grade 12 this year would apply for.

**Visitations In Central NL:** Fr. Patrick will be in Grand Falls-Windsor from Monday, August 14 until Friday, August 18. If anyone from the Bay D'Espoir area has a family member or someone they know residing in a retirement complex or healthcare facility and would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the Parish office at (709)-538-3106 on Monday or Tuesday, August 14 and August 15 to arrange a visitation. Please leave a message and your call will be returned. The required information will be the person's name, residing address, a preferred time for the visit, and telephone number if applicable. Visitations can be arranged for facilities located in Grand Falls-Windsor, Bishops Falls, and Botwood.

**SOWING THE SEEDS**