

**FEBRUARY 5 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR:** It is alleged that Agatha was sent to a brothel to force her to give up her faith. After she was tortured, the Apostle Peter is supposed to have appeared and cured her. Her intervention was credited with stilling the eruption of Mount Etna the year after her burial. She died during the time of the Decian persecution (249-251) and is considered a patron of miners, alpine guides, and nurses.

**FEBRUARY 6 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS:** Paul Miki joined the Jesuits in 1580. On February 6, 1597, he and 25 companions – clergy and lay – died for their faith in Nagasaki, Japan. They were suspended on crosses and killed with spears thrust through the heart. Their persecution was triggered by a nationalist fear of foreigners; for almost the next 200 years, Japan would be closed to the rest of the world. Despite this isolation, the faith survived without any priests and with only the Sacrament of Baptism. Paul Miki and his companions were canonized in 1862.

**February 8 - Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest:** Born in Venice in 1486, Jerome at first gave very little thought to God. However, after a conversion experience, he gave all his possessions to the poor, became a priest, and devoted himself to the instruction of orphans and the care of the poor. Jerome was also the founder of the Somascan Fathers and Brothers. He died in 1537 and is a patron of orphans and abandoned children.

**February 8 - Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin:** Born in Africa in 1869, Josephine was kidnapped at age 9 by slave traders who called her “Bakhita”. She was eventually sold to the Italian Consul who treated her with kindness and warmth. She accompanied him and his family to Italy and went to live with the Canossian Sister in Venice.

**FEBRUARY 10 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN:** Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, and she was the leader of a women’s community. She is the patroness of nuns, especially Benedictines, and of convulsive children. Scholastica died about 543 and was buried in Benedict’s own tomb where he joined her in death soon after



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### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus, after healing “many who were sick with various diseases” and casting out “many demons”, rising early in the morning and going out to a deserted place to pray. When his disciples find him and tell him that everyone is searching for him, Jesus says, “Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do”. Prayer, being in communion with God, was crucial to Jesus’ ministry. It gave him strength and enabled him to keep his focus on his mission to preach the good news of salvation. The lesson for us, as Jesus’ disciples, is to maintain a balance in our lives. Just as work is balanced by rest and relaxation, so too our ministry involvement must be balanced by prayer. Praying, being in communion with God, will give us the strength we need to continue our service to others and to make the mission of the Lord Jesus truly our own.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Weekday Mass Schedule: Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**

Mon. -----No Mass  
Tues.----- 7:00 p.m.----- Parish Chapel-----  
Wed. ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel-----  
Thurs----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel -----  
Friday ----- 7:00 a.m.----- St. Ignatius Church -----

**Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
February 3	Mary Organ	Ann Benoit Audrey Collier	Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Christine Howse	Kevin Willie	
February 4	Jenny Maggie	Perry Cox	Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont Mary Organ	Calvin Collier	Margaret Edith	
February 10	Jenny Maggie	Pat Pittman	Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Ann Benoit	Brenda J. Maggie	Folk Group
February 11	Mary Strickland Patsy McDonald	Mary Organ	Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont Mary Organ	Ralph Blake	Anthony George	Folk Group
Feb. 14 Ash Wed.	Mary Strickland Patsy McDonald		Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Jessica Savoury	Pat Willie	Children's choir Valerie Coombs

\*\*\* New Altar Servers and Communion List available on table in back of church

### Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory -----	\$1252.75	St. Anne's Church -----	\$260.60
New Years Offering:-----	\$30.00	Initial Offering: -----	\$45.00
Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$160.00	Candles: -----	\$262.05
Religious Articles: -----	\$99.25		
Dues: Clarence & Joyce Sutton			

**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.

### Request for Income Tax Receipts:

Anyone needing receipts for income tax purposes are asked to put their name and /or 2017 envelope number on **an envelope** and place it in the wooden box at the back of the church or you can also place your request in the collection basket. *The receipts (in your own envelope) will be available on the table at the back of the church in the next several weeks.* Parishioners in Conne River are asked to place their envelopes in the collection basket.

## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Family Help:** During the week, several members of my family will come to help me pack up and get ready to go to my new parish. Over the years, over time, a priest gathers a lot of pictures, books, clothing, outdoor equipment, etc, etc. It's almost too big a job for one man, and my family have always helped me to get settled away in a new home and a new parish. After all this time here St. Alban's, it is a very moving time. Not only am I moving away, but moving, leaving, saying 'Good Bye' is more than difficult. I think of St. Paul when he was leaving..... The people were in tears when he said "I will never see your face again." These words and the topic of John Henry Cardinal Newman's last sermon to his Anglican flock come to mind. His last sermon was 'The Parting of Friends' For me, it may even go deeper than friendship, as many people here called me 'Father' and that word brings many good thoughts to mine.

### *A Fond Farewell to Father Brophy*

*An opportunity will be given to the people of our community to bid farewell to our parish priest, Father Brophy. This will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion on Monday, February 5 from 5 - 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Finger foods will be greatly appreciated.*

### *Message from Bishop Daniels*

Just before Christmas, the Government of Canada changed its requirements regarding applications for federal funding under its Canada Summer Jobs program. What must now be included is that "both the job and the organization's core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights which the government specifies includes "the right to access safe and legal abortions"

As a consequence we cannot apply for federal funding for summer employment for students which is our right as Canadians. We are asking every person of faith within the diocese to contact their Federal Member of Parliament to express concern about depriving Roman Catholics of our right as Canadians unless we betray our religious values.

### **Contest!!!!**

Youth from 12-18 years of age are invited to send ideas ( draw a picture, describe in 10 sentences or less ) for a video game "**What Caring for Human Life Looks Like.**" All ideas are welcome!!! First prize is your choice of either \$100.00 Steam or iTunes card, second prize \$50.00 Steam or iTunes, third prize \$25.00 Steam or iTunes card. Top prize winner claims their name on opening screen of video game . Contest closes Jan. 31st 2018 and winners will be announced on Feb.28th 2018. See contest details on line at <http://www.centreforlife.ca/lifecontest/>.

Any questions please email [info@centreforlife.ca](mailto:info@centreforlife.ca)

**They will make music:** The parish has recently bought a number of small music instruments for our little ones. At the end of Mass, during the closing hymn, the children will be asked to come to the altar, and they will receive a tambourine, a triangle, rattles, shakers and other small instruments which they may play as the priest leaves the altar and goes to the back of the church. All through the closing hymn, they will be able to play their instruments while walking down through the church. When they reach the back of the Church, they can leave their instruments on the table. Please encourage your child to be part of our music group. Thank you and God Bless you.

**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.

**The St. Ignatius Parish website is up and running and updates are done on a regular basis. The bulletin is posted there each week. Please help share the word, especially to friends and family who are living away. You can visit the website at [www.stignatiusparish.net](http://www.stignatiusparish.net)**

**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.'*

**When we find fault:** There is a famous billboard on a very crowded highway which reads: "You aren't stuck in traffic, you are traffic!!" How easily we distance ourselves from problems, in our politics, in our churches, in our world. We feel we are stuck in a political or religious situation where we find it difficult to talk to the other person. But we may have become too rigid, too self-righteous, too stuck in our own ways to even try to understand the point of view of another person. We see things like injustice, bigotry, racism, greed, violence, murder and war, but we may be part of the problem ourselves. Like the man said **"Nobody is shot by a gun that wasn't shot before with a word."**

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

**Baptism Registration Form:** This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at [www.stignatius.net](http://www.stignatius.net) Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email [st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto: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

Once again, to lead me Home.

**Readers at Funeral Masses:** One of the most sacred parts of a Funeral Mass is the reading of the Word of God. Family members and friends of the deceased person look for comfort and hope in sacred scripture. If the proclaiming of the Word of God is not done well, those listening feel they have lost something precious. At our Funeral Masses, the proclaiming of God's Word should be done by our regular readers. These people have been formed over time by the Word of God, and in many cases, they are better suited to proclaim the Word and the intercessions. Both funeral directors have received a letter from the parish asking their assistance in this matter. Thank you and God bless you.

**Grace before meals:** *"Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."*