

**OCTOBER 16 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE,**

**RELIGIOUS:** Marie-Marguerite was born in Varennes, Quebec, on October 15, 1701. She married in 1722 but her husband died eight years later, leaving her with enormous debts. When she had overcome her financial difficulties, Marguerite rented a house in Montreal in 1737 where she and three companions, the first Grey Nuns, sheltered needy women. In 1747, Marguerite was given charge of the colony's general hospital which was deep in debt. Trusting in Providence, she worked hard and saved the hospital. In 1765, fire destroyed the hospital, but Marguerite rebuilt it within four years. She died in 1771, was declared blessed in 1959, and was canonized in 1990. She is the first Canadian-born saint.

**OCTOBER 16 - WORLD FOOD DAY:** World Food Day has been promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization since 1981. The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world, remembering the words of Christ, “. . . *I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink (Mt. 25.35).* Pope John Paul II, in his 2003 Message said, “People are becoming increasingly aware of the need to unify aims and actions, as is the Church as she shares the hopes and sufferings of humanity. The Church is anxious to make her contribution to a solution that meets the expectations of each person”.

**OCTOBER 17 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH,**

**BISHOP, MARTYR:** Ignatius was Bishop of Antioch for 40 years. He was arrested during a time of persecution, condemned for confessing Christ, and brought in chains to Rome. While on this journey, Ignatius dictated seven letters on Church matters which are counted among the treasures of early Christianity. When he arrived in Rome in 107, he was taken directly to the amphitheatre where lions devoured him.

**OCTOBER 18 - FEAST OF SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST:**

Luke, a physician, is the author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. He was undoubtedly a Gentile Christian and he wrote for other Gentiles who did not have the background of the Old Testament in which to root their faith. His writings show him to be an educated man with considerable literary skill. Saint Luke is a patron of the medical profession.

**October 20 - Memorial of Saint Hedwig, Religious:**

Hedwig was born in Bavaria about the year 1174. She married Henry, Duke of Silesia, and together they began their first project, building the great Cistercian monastery for women at Trebnitz near Breslau. This was followed by many more foundations of different orders and included two hospitals. Hedwig lived near Trebnitz, living a life of extreme austerity, helping the poor and prisoners, and often spending time in the monastery, following its rule. Henry died in 1238 and Hedwig in 1243, having outlived all her seven children but one, who became abbess at Trebnitz.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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### ***TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

Today we hear *The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*. In this parable the wedding banquet represents the great Messianic Banquet which we all are invited to enjoy in eternal life, the king is God the Father, and the son is Jesus Christ. As is the case in the parable, God repeatedly extends an invitation to each person to participate in the Heavenly Banquet. However, many fail to believe in God's Son, thus rejecting God's gracious invitation and refusing the gift of salvation. This week let us reflect on our response to God's call. Are we clothed in the proper "wedding robe", living a life worthy of our calling? Are we wearing the white robe of our baptism each and every day, so that our baptismal vows truly become the framework that guides our lives? With what garment do we clothe ourselves when we share in each Eucharistic Celebration, the foretaste of the Messianic Banquet? With what spirit do we come to Church? Are we wearing the garment of penitence, humility, sincerity, and reverence? Before each Eucharist, let us take time to prepare ourselves for the feast so that we are better prepared to partake of the great Heavenly Feast at the end of time.

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat-October 14 and October 15**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch— John Murphy Jr.

St.Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—**ParishFamily**

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church- Frank & Elizabeth Drew

**Daily Masses Mon October 16 – Fri October 20**

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Donna & Mike Wheeler and Barry Cox

Tues-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Eugene & Jenny Nugent

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----William Bennett

Thurs-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Beatrice McDonald

Fri ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Jake Howse

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat- October 21 and Sun- October 22**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Donald Snook

St.Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----**ParishFamily**

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church--Florailda & Samuel Collier

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
<b>Oct 14</b>	Patsy M	Gerry C	Father Patrick	Finton O Gerard S
<b>Oct 15</b>	Patsy M	Cindy B	Father Patrick	William M Ivan O
<b>Oct 21</b>	Edith O	Monica W	Father Patrick	Kevin O Monica K
<b>Oct 22</b>	Edith O	Mark F	Father Patrick	Anthony W Perry C

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$689.00
St. Anne's	82.00
Diocesan Collection (Needs of Church in Canada)	15.00
Mass Stipend	10.00
EFT (September 2023)	845.00

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

### Belvedere Orphanage Fund

Belvedere Orphanage Fund Inc. is a Trust Fund which provides assistance for needy female and male orphans and half-orphans. To be eligible an applicant must be 18 years or younger on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year applying. All applicants will be assessed before a final decision is made. Applications for the 2023 distribution should be received by October 20, 2023. For more information, please contact the parish office at 538-3106.

### October: Month of the Holy Rosary

October is one of the two months that the Catholic Church recognizes as a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the month of October, on **Saturday evenings only** Fr. Patrick will be reciting the Holy Rosary before Mass service at 6:40 p.m.

### 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 Patrick at 709-280-4904 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 greatly bring them Holy Communion.....Father Patrick Osuji

### 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.

### Knights of Columbus Scholarships:

Available to **all** students who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2023 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline: **October 31, 2023**. Information and applications under **scholarships** on the State Council website at [www.kofcnl.org](http://www.kofcnl.org).

### Congratulations on your Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Henry Wayne Hanson of Conne River, baptized on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at St. Anne's Church. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

**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**