

JANUARY 17 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT: Anthony was born into a wealthy Christian family in Egypt about 251. Both his parents died while he was a teenager, and Anthony gave away his inheritance and became a hermit. After years of solitude, he emerged to gather the ascetics who had followed him into a 'community'. This was the beginning of Christian monasticism. Anthony died on January 17, 356, well-known for his holiness, wisdom and asceticism.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
(January 18 - 25, 2023)

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The Second Vatican Council invited all Catholics to undertake the work of ecumenism and so overcome the scandal of disunity among Christians. Ecumenism means working to restore unity among all Christians; in a broader sense, it also involves working for better relations with Judaism, Islam, and other non-Christian religions. Pope John Paul II has told us that working for unity is the responsibility of each of us: *"To work for unity is not simply to follow one's own fancy, one's personal preference; it means being faithful to and truly representative of the position of the Catholic Church"* (23 November 1979).

January 20 - Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr: Fabian became Pope in 236. When a dove settled upon his head, those around him were reminded of the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism. The event was seen as divine intervention, and Fabian was chosen Pope, reigning for fourteen years. He was martyred during a persecution in 250.

January 20 - Memorial of Saint Sebastian, Martyr: Sebastian was martyred in Rome, probably in the third century, and was buried along the Appian Way in the catacombs. He came from Milan, where he has been venerated since the fourth century. Sebastian is a patron saint of the Pope's Swiss Guard and he is also the patron saint of athletes and soldiers.

JANUARY 21 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR: Agnes was martyred at the age of twelve during a Roman persecution. She has been, over the centuries, a symbol of virginal innocence, and since the Middle Ages she has been pictured with a lamb as a symbol of this innocence. Agnes is the most highly honoured of the early Roman virgin martyrs.



St. Ignatius Parish

St.

Ignatius Church-St. Alban's St. Anne's Church- Conne River

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, we are presented with another epiphany when John the Baptist, who is standing with two of Jesus' disciples, refers to Jesus as the "Lamb of God", thus identifying Christ's ultimate purpose in life which is to redeem sinful humanity. We hear this familiar title in our prayers during Mass and we know and believe that Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God, died that we might be free of our sins. By calling Jesus the "Lamb of God", John actually points the two disciples away from himself and towards Jesus. This is what we too, as disciples of the Lord Jesus, are called to do. By virtue of our baptism, we too are called to point the way to Jesus, to make him known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. It is a call to give without counting the cost, to pour out one's life for the sake of the Gospel in imitation of Jesus, the "Lamb of God", who gave his life for the salvation of humanity.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Mon January 16– Fri January 20

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Alfred & Marie Collier

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John Howse

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Helena & William Crant

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Elias Hoskins

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John & Dorothy Barnes

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – January 21 and Sun – January 22

St.Alban's--Saturday 7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Theresa Pittman

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

Conne River-Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—George Melvin Drew

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Music</i>
Jan 14	Patsy M	Gerry C	Father Patrick	
Jan 15	Patsy M	Lydia W	Father Patrick	
Jan 21	Edith O	Monica W	Father Patrick	
Jan 22	Edith O	Valerie H	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$674.60
St. Anne's	90.00
New Year's Offering	20.00
Initial Offering	60.00
Advent Folders	29.50

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese) Certificates (copy)

Funerals \$200.00	Baptism \$5.00
Weddings \$200.00	Confirmation \$5.00
Baptism \$25.00	Communion \$5.00

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Walene Benoit their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

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:

Connie: 538-6096

Brenda: 538-6504

Audrey: 572-5609

Cindy: 538-8930

Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

Christmas Flowers have been donated in Loving Memory of:

Alfred Barnes by Elizabeth Barnes and family