

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



## DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

### **BISHOP ANTHONY DANIELS ANNOUNCES PASTORAL CHANGES FOR THE DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS**

His Excellency, Most Reverend R. Anthony Daniels, Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Falls, announces the following clergy changes:

Reverend Edward Brophy, presently Pastor at St. Ignatius Parish, St. Alban's, as well as St. Anne's Parish, Conne River, is appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Gambo as well as St. Gabriel's Parish, St. Brendan's effective February 8, 2018.

Reverend Patrick Osuji, presently temporary Administrator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Gambo and St. Gabriel's Parish, St. Brendan's, is appointed Administrator of St. Ignatius Parish, St. Alban's and St. Anne's Parish, Conne River, effective February 8, 2018.

Reverend Camillus Ekedobe is appointed Administrator of St. Pius X Parish, Baie Verte as well as St. John the Apostle Parish, Brent's Cove, effective February 8, 2018.

Given at Grand Falls-Windsor, NL on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend R. Anthony Daniels  
Diocese of Grand Falls

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (January 18 - 25, 2018)**

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. Saint John Paul II, during his Pontificate, said 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 1977)



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Today's Gospel continues the theme of Christian discipleship begun last Sunday. As the passage begins, Jesus is in Galilee, proclaiming the 'good news of God' and announcing the nearness of 'the kingdom of God'. Then he calls his first disciples – the brothers Simon and Andrew, and the brothers James and John. Called abruptly from their daily work of fishing, they respond immediately to the summons of Jesus, leaving behind their work and family ties. Just as Jesus called these first disciples, so too he calls us, each and every day, to be his disciples. We need only hear the voice of the Lord Jesus saying to us as he did the first disciples, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people". The response is then up to us. The call to be disciples of the Lord Jesus is a call to continue the mission that Jesus began, thus sharing in the work of proclaiming 'the good news of God' and in building up the Kingdom of God in our midst.*

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass Schedule: Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

Thurs----- 7:00 p.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Elizabeth MacDonald  
Friday ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Joseph & Margaret Davis

#### Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>

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

**Meeting of Priests & Pastoral Leaders:** During the coming week, the priests and pastoral leaders will meet in Grand Falls with our Bishop. These days are a time of refreshment and learning and gathering in the joy of faith. The day begins with Morning Prayer and together before supper, we celebrate the Mass. On Tuesday morning Charlene Peters, the director of Religious Education from the Diocese of Charlottetown, PEI, will speak to us about Adult Faith Formation On Wednesday, we will speak together about Marriage preparation. The presenter will be our Bishop- Anthony Daniels. In the afternoon, our Bishop will try to enlighten us on the Pope's new document called *'AMORIS LAETITIA'* (which is translated *'The Joy of Love!'*) This ground-breaking document speaks about the modern family, which is very, very different from what it was even a few years ago. I am looking forward to these days, realizing that there is so much to be learned about faith and family life in our parishes.

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

| DATE       | Sacristans                         | Readers           | Collectors  | Communion Minister | Altar Servers         | Music                              |
|------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| January 20 | Jenny Maggie                       | Gerry Cox         | Nellie Collier<br>Anthony Willcott<br>Kevin Organ | Edit Organ         | Edith                 | Julie Ann<br>Chrissy               |
| January 21 | Mary Strickland<br>Patsy MacDonald | Philomena Sutton  | Clarence Davis<br>Mike Snook<br>Perry Cox         | Mary Strickland    | Jenny<br>Brenda Davis | Jessica Willcott                   |
| January 27 | Mary Strickland<br>Patsy MacDonald | Christine Farrell | Nellie Collier<br>Anthony Willcott<br>Kevin Organ | Margaret Hoskins   | Maggie<br>Pat         | Kennedy Willcott<br>Tracy Perry    |
| January 28 | Mary Organ                         | Joanne Farrell    | Clarence Davis<br>Mike Snook<br>Perry Cox         | Valerie Hoskins    | Christine<br>Mary O.  | Children's Choir<br>Valerie Coombs |

\*\*\* New Readers List Available on the table at back of Church

### Weekly Parish Revenue

|                                       |           |                          |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| St. Ignatius Church – Offertory ----- | \$1042.00 | St. Anne's Church -----  | \$150.20  |
| New Years Offering:-----              | \$30.00   | Initial Offering: -----  | \$52.00   |
| Advent Folders: -----                 | \$29.50   | Funeral Stipends:-----   | \$400.00  |
| Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----         | \$137.50  | Missals: -----           | \$12.00   |
| Religion Program:-----                | \$90.00   | Christmas Tickets: ----- | \$1200.00 |

**Thank You:** A big thank you goes out to St. Alban's Clover Farms and their staff who sold tickets on Christmas items. The items were donated by St. Alban's Clover Farms and their staff sold the tickets. A great success!!!! The winners were: Marg Kendall, George Davis and Mervin Long.

**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.

**Card Game:** The Knights of Columbus will be having a card game this Sat. January 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Alban's Lions club. Cash prizes to be won!!!! Come out for an evening of fun.

**2018 Parish Envelopes:** The first envelope in your box is labelled INITIAL OFFERING. This envelope has two purposes: 1) the proceeds are meant to cover the parish cost (currently about \$4) per box of envelopes and 2) it allows us to check the accuracy of our parish records by comparing the name on the INITIAL OFFERING envelope with the name on file

## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Income Tax Receipts:** will be available within the next couple of weeks.

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.

**When a new priest comes:** When a new priest comes to a parish, what can you expect? You expect, you desire, you want a new priest to guide you to the Holy, to bring you ever closer to the Almighty, to lift up, to inspire, to share the Good News with the people, to be Father to all the little ones and the big ones. A priest will come among you to baptize the children, to bless the young couples in marriage, to visit the sick, to assist those who are dying and to offer prayers for those who have died. A priest will offer the Mass for you and feed you with the Body of Christ and the Word. For those who are burdened with sin, he can forgive you. You expect a lot from a new priest coming into a parish. Could he expect from you your faithful and loving support, especially around the Table of the Lord.

**Go figure:** Every year, the parish must make an annual report to the Bishop. In the report there are many, many aspects of parish life which must be given to the Bishop. In turn, the Bishop sends this information to the authorities in Rome. These are some numbers from the past year in our parish from both St. Alban's and Conne River: The number of Baptisms was twenty four, the number of marriages performed in our parish was five. There were twenty-eight funerals in our parish.

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

### **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.

Once again, to lead me Home.

**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.”*

**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.

Divine providence can provide, Divine providence did provide, Divine providence will provide.  
Amen.

**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  
Baptism: \$25.00

**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.**