

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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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.

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Lent: Week Two-- Praying for Open Eyes and Soft Hearts

I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned his ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.

Psalms 116:1-2 NIV

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Gospel story of the Transfiguration is an awe-inspiring indication of the resplendent glory that belongs to Jesus as God's Son. However, from this point on in the Gospel, Jesus moves steadily towards his death for Jesus' glory comes only through suffering and dying. As followers of Jesus, we too must be prepared and willing to renounce glory in exchange for suffering and death to new life.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Feb. 26th – March 2nd

Mon. -----11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Thomas Benoit
Tues.----- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel-----Anastasia Haggerty
Wed. ----- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Joan Tremblett, Margaret Brushett
Thurs ----- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel-- Heniretta & Aloysius Walsh & deceased brothers & sisters
Friday ----- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Annie & Leo Haggerty, Gordon J. Collier
Friday -----St. Ignatius Church-----Stations of the Cross

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th

St. Alban's----- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- Elizabeth & Sandy McDonald
St. Alban's----- Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
Conne River--- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.----- St. Anne's Church--- Rescheduled-----Mildred Drake



MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
February 24	Mary Organ	Edith Organ	Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Elizabeth Murphy	Jenny Mary Willcott	Jullie Ann Chrissy
February 25	Jenny Maggie	Valerie Hoskins	Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont Mary Organ	Mary Organ	Anthony Kevin	Jessica Willcott
March 3	Jenny Maggie	Monica Willcott	Christine Howse Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith	Margaret Hoskins	Margaret Edith	Kennedy Willcott Tracey Perry
March 4	Mary Strickland	Berne Collier	George Davis Clarence Davis Mike Snook	Mary Strickland	Jenny Brenda Davis	Mary Organ

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory -----	\$1091.75	Initial Offering: -----	\$5.00
St. Anne’s Church – Offertory -----	\$167.00	Diocesan: CMIC -----	\$645.50
Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$160.00	Diocesan: Ecc. Student:-----	\$30.00
Funeral Stipend: -----	\$200.00		

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.

Stations of the The Cross: The Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Church. Everyone welcome!!!

Merchandise Bingo: The Knights of Columbus will be holding a merchandise bingo on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2:00 pm at St. Alban’s Lions Club. *Come out for an afternoon of fun and win some great prizes.*

MARCH 2 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This day is sponsored by the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world. It is celebrated in approximately 165 countries and is observed annually on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, and our community.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

MASS OF CHRISM: The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Grand Falls-Windsor on **Thursday, March 22, at 5:15 p.m.** The Mass of Chrism is celebrated once a year in our Cathedral Church. If you’ve never been present at this Mass, you are missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church. During the Mass, the Bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Chrism. The first Oil is used for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the Sacred Oil of Chrism for Baptism, Confirmation, the Ordination of Deacons, Priests and Bishops, and the Consecration of Altars. Since the Bishop is the only minister in the Diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and the union of the laity with him. Also, since this Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Daniels and Priests from different parts of the Diocese, it is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. During this Mass Priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly commitment, and representatives from the parishes of the Diocese will receive the Holy Oils to bring back to their parishes for use during the coming year. Please make a special effort to attend.

Attendance: *Father Patrick is hoping to have a few parishioners to attend this Mass with him. He is driving and looking for someone to travel with. He will be returning to St. Alban’s after the Mass. If you would like to attend this Mass and need transportation, please call the office at 538-3106.*

Needed:

Sacristans are needed for our daily masses as well as our weekend Masses . *The role of the Sacristans is to prepare (breads, wine, and altar clothes) for the Mass and clean up after the Mass. The Sacristans would be on the list for a week at a time. Training will be provided. Any help is more than welcome.*

Decorators: *Decorators are needed to decorate the altar at different times throughout the Liturgical Year. Any help is much appreciated.*

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a sacristan or a decorator, please contact the parish office at 538-3106 or any member of the Liturgy Committee. (Connie Willcott, Mary Organ, Valerie Hoskins, Edith Organ)

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!

Invitation:

World Day of Prayer: The ACW in Milltown will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 2 at 7:00 pm at Christ Church in Milltown. An evening of worship and fellowship and of course food!!! Hope to see you all there. **All are invited.**

Happiness, it is what our hearts long and crave for, yet we are still struggling to find it. Often we seek many selfish pleasures in life in hopes that they will make us “happy.” Unfortunately, we typically search for happiness in created things, thinking that they will provide some sort of comfort in a world full of disappointment.

Pope Francis laments the state of many young people who seek aimlessly these created joys. In an interview with a radio station in Argentina Pope Francis said, “I would ask the young people, ‘are you really happy?’ ... Do you know what it means to have joy in your heart? ... It makes me very upset when I see a sad young person ... who has aged prematurely, who has already ‘retired’ to ‘wait for life to pass by.’”

He then shared with the audience the “secret” to true happiness, “If you take risks to achieve great things ... doing things for others, working hard to make them happy ... you will know joy and happiness.”

Pope Francis shows us that true happiness consists of living for others and participating in the mission of the heart of Jesus.

Saint Augustine famously put it this way, “You have made us for Yourself [O Lord], and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

Physical things may provide a few moments of happiness, but at the core of our being we recognize the emptiness that is there. It is an emptiness that only one person can fill and that person is Jesus Christ. Once we realize that, our hearts will no longer be restless, but unified with the heart of Christ.

Then and only then will we experience true “happiness.”

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.

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.’*

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.

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

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STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

FUNERAL:	\$200.00
Wedding:	\$200.00
Baptism:	\$25.00