

April 23 - Memorial of Saint George, Martyr: George was killed for his faith at Lydda in Palestine at the beginning of the fourth century. During the reign of Edward III (14th century), he was made patron of the kingdom of Britain; he is also patron of the Boy Scouts. During the Middle Ages, he was a popular patron of knights, soldiers and crusaders who adopted “St. George’s Arms”, a red cross on a white background. The red cross appears on the modern Union Jack.

April 24 - Memorial of Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr: Mark Roy was born in Sigmaringen, Swabia (Germany) in 1578. He held doctorates in philosophy, canon law and civil law. Known as the “lawyer of the poor”, he gave up practising law to enter the Capuchins in Switzerland in 1612, and accepted the name Fidelis of Sigmaringen. A dynamic preacher, he was appointed by the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith to preach to the Calvinists in Switzerland. However, he met with much resistance and was assaulted and slain in 1622. He is a patron saint of lawyers.

APRIL 25 - FEAST OF SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST: John Mark, known simply as Mark, was a member of the first Christian community in Jerusalem and he is the author of the earliest and shortest Gospel. His mother, Mary, owned a house in Jerusalem, which the Christians used as a place of prayer during Peter’s imprisonment under Herod Agrippa I (*Acts 12.12*). When Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch in Syria from their visit to Jerusalem, they took Mark back with them. Later they brought him along as their assistant on a missionary journey. After this journey, Mark returned to Jerusalem. In Christian art Mark is often depicted with a winged lion. He is a patron of notaries, of Egypt and Venice.

April 26 - Memorial of Our Lady of Good Counsel: This title honouring Mary appears early in Christian history. In return for financial assistance in renovating the Church of Saint Mary Major in Rome, Pope Sixtus III (432-440) granted land to the people of Genazzano, Italy. Eventually, a Church consecrated to Our Lady of Good Counsel was built there. Many healings and miracles have been attributed to Our Lady of Good Counsel’s intervention. Under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mary is honoured as the patron of many women’s groups, including the Catholic Women’s League of Canada and the Christian Mothers of America.

April 28 - Memorial of Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr: Peter Mary Chanel (1803-1841) was born near Belley, France. He was ordained a priest and in 1831 he joined the Marists, hoping to fulfill his desire for missionary work but was asked to teach in the seminary for five years. Finally, in 1836, Peter and several others set sail for the Pacific Islands. They were well received but, as their influence grew, the local chief became suspicious. In 1841, on hearing that his son desired Baptism, the chief sent warriors to assassinate the priest. Peter was canonized as a martyr in 1954.

April 28 - Memorial of Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest: Born in Saint-Malo, France, Louis-Marie Grignion (1673-1716) was the founder of the Company of Mary, the Daughters of Wisdom, and the Brothers of Saint Gabriel. He was ordained in 1700 and was first appointed chaplain to a hospital in Poitiers. Later, while in Rome, he received from the Pope the title of “missionary apostolic” and for the rest of his life he preached and gave missions. He died at the age of 43, having just begun to form his association of ordained men, the Missionaries of the Company of Mary.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes the secure and lasting relationship he has with his sheep, those who truly hear him and believe. Just as no one can separate Jesus and his Father, no one can take Jesus’ disciples away from him. We remain close to Jesus, our Good Shepherd, through prayer and by listening carefully to what he is telling us. This week it would be good to take some time to reflect on some of the words we have heard from Jesus that have been helpful in our lives.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: April 23rd- April 27th

Monday -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel-----	Jane Morris
Tuesday -----	7:00 pm-----	Parish Chapel-----	Theresa Pittman
Wed. -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel-----	Adelia and Albert Morris
Thursday -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel-----	Albert McDonald
Friday -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel -----	Philomena Barnes

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, April 28th and April 29th

St. Alban’s-----	Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Mona and Finton Willcott
St. Alban’s-----	Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Parish Family
Conne River----	Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.-----	St. Anne’s Church-----	Erica Ann Stride

Rosary: The Knights will be having a 5th Sunday Rosary this Sunday evening, April 22, 2018 at St. Ignatius Church at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

APRIL 22 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations, and this should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people throughout the year. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to this work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, also help to promote vocations. The theme for this year’s 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations is “*Listening, Discerning and Living*”.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
April 21	Patsy MacDonald Mary Strickland	Pat Pittman	Finton Organ Pat Pittman Willie MacDonald	Margaret Hoskins	Kevin Willie	Mary Organ
April 22	Mary Organ	Mary Organ	Perry Cox Helena T. Necia Dollimont	Ralph Blake	Jenny Brenda D.	Jessica Willcott
April 28	Mary Organ	Elizabeth Barlow Thomas Collier	Finton Organ Pat Pittman Willie MacDonald	Ann Benoit	Christine Mary O.	Julie Ann Chrissy
April 29	Jenny Collier Maggie Collier	Lydia Walsh	Perry Cox Helena T. Necia Dollimont	Genevieve Tremblett	Margaret Edith	Children's Choir Valerie Coombs

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory -----	\$1059.00	St. Anne's Church – Offertory ----	\$303.65
Lenten Folders: -----	\$8.00	Initial Offering: -----	\$5.00
Diocesan: Good Friday -----	\$10.00	Easter Offering: -----	\$5.00
Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$70.00		

Chase The Ace: JACKPOT is \$1174.50 + 30% of sales.

Held at the RC Legion , St. Alban's on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 years and older. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

NEEDED

Sacristans are needed for our daily masses as well as our weekend Masses .

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

Baptismal Congratulations: We welcome into the parish community, *Hailey Sarah Elizabeth Crant and Jade S Elizabeth McDonald* who will be baptized at St. Ignatius Church on Sunday. We wish Hailey and Jade and their families all God's blessings.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Sweeping of the church parking lot. April 30th. - May 3rd. Bring along your push broom, shovel, rake, and/or wheel barrow.
2. Cleaning of St. Ignatius Cemetery Saturday May 5th. Starting at 1:00 p.m. Bring along your shovels, rakes, and shears.
3. Family Gathering Breakfast, Saturday-May 12th. Free admission but donations will be accepted. Will be serving scrambled eggs, sausage, bake beans, toast, juice and tea or coffee. **All are welcome!!!**

Job Opportunity

St. Ignatius Parish is seeking a caretaker/maintenance person. The Individual will be responsible for overseeing the Graveyard, Priest residence and Garage and the Church. Wages are \$13.50 per hour for 35 hours a week for 16 weeks. Resumes can be submitted at the parish office or by mail.

Church Window Project

We (The Parish Council) are happy to announce the project of replacing the church window frames will start in early May. Last year, the Parish Council advertised this project by way of a tendering process. We are pleased to say that we have hired two individuals to begin this project in May and we hope to see it concluded by the end of the Summer.

Please pray the prayer below on Sunday, April 22 for Vocations

**God, the source of
creation and love,
You invite each of
us to serve you through the life
which is your gift.
May your grace
encourage men and women to heights
of holiness through service to the church
as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.
Make me an
instrument to encourage others
to give of themselves and
challenge me to do the same.**

Amen

Steubenville Atlantic: Please note the deadline for applications to go to Steubenville Atlantic 2018 in Halifax is the **last day of April**. We need to know how many will be going in order to book flights and register with the Archdiocese of Halifax. We will be leaving July 5th and returning July 8th. To register, contact either Ann Marie Young @ 709-486-5851 with a text message expressing your interest or contact Father Brian at 709-427-6075 if you would like help in registering. The cost is \$200.00 per student for the entire weekend. We will be staying at Dalhousie University.

Father Brian Colbert

Father Andrew Cuschieri Award: This is a reminder that the deadline for nominations for the Father Andrew Cuschieri Award is **May 21, 2018**. Nominations are to be for students who have done a humanitarian act towards another person or persons in the past. Examples could include helping elderly in the community or neighbourhood; actively welcoming refugees or newcomers; being proactive assisting children who may be bullied ... unfortunately although there will be only one winner, all nominees are winners in the fact that someone is noticing their contribution.

Father Brian

Baptism Registration Form: This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at www.stignatius.net Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email 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

April 22nd – 28th, 2018 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week (NOTDAW).

The Provincial Organ Donor Program would like to request that during services from April 22nd to April 28th we give thanks for the Gift of Life. To give thanks and prayers to honor those who, through Organ and Tissue donation, have given life to others. To give thanks to the families who have considered those in need at their time of greatest sorrow and sadness.

For more information on tissue and organ donation, please contact a donation coordinator at 777-6600 or toll free 1-877-640-1110.

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.”

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.

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

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