

**February 21 - Memorial of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor:** Peter was born in 1007 in Ravenna, Italy. He became a hermit monk and was eventually chosen as the superior of his community. In 1057 he was appointed the Bishop of Ostia. Throughout his life he fought for clerical reform. Later he received permission from Pope Alexander to return to the simple life of a monk. Known for his work for reform and renewal, Peter died in 1072 and is a Doctor of the Church.

**FEBRUARY 22–FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE:**

On this day, early Roman Christians celebrated a feast in honour of their departed loved ones, including their founding Apostles, Peter and Paul. In the fourth century, when the feast of these two saints was moved to June 29, the emphasis of this day shifted to celebrating Peter and his successors as Bishops of Rome, and expressing gratitude for their service. The feast brings to mind “ the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ’s flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity” ( *Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, February 19, 2012* ), continuing in an unbroken line down to our present Holy Father, Pope Francis.

**FEBRUARY 23 - MEMORIAL OF ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP, MARTYR:**

Polycarp is one of the Fathers of the early Church. A disciple of the apostle John, he was a leader of the second generation of Christians, those who themselves were not eyewitnesses to the death and resurrection of Our Lord. Polycarp was very influential in the catechesis and initiation of new Christians, and was named Bishop of Smyrna. He was martyred for his faith about the year 155, at the age of 86.

**Charitable Donation Receipts:**

will be available within the next couple of weeks to anyone using parish envelopes and needing a receipt for income tax purposes. Please put your name and **2021 envelope number** on an empty 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. (**NOTE:** If you contributed using EFT, just put EFT below your name.)

***Thank you for your generous financial support during 2021. We hope that you will continue to contribute to our parish financially in the coming years.***



## St. Ignatius Parish



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### ***SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

Today's Gospel, a continuation of last week's Gospel, challenges us as followers of Jesus Christ to live out in our lives the Great Commandment of Love – to love all people, be they friend or foe, as God loves us. Though this ideal will no doubt be difficult to realize, nonetheless, it is one which we are called to attain. Jesus indicates specific ways to help us make this Commandment our rule of life: “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” These example of love, as well as others put forth in the Gospel passage, are by no means easy to achieve. However, like the Apostles and the early Christians, we draw our strength from the selfless life of the Lord Jesus and its culmination in his death on the Cross. As disciples of Jesus, we must never turn away from this ideal of selfless love; it is to become the measure of our lives. The Gospel ends, as it began last Sunday, pointing the way to true happiness – when we identify with God's generous ways and God's unconditional love, our joy will be great. The words which Jesus speaks at the end of today's Gospel confirm this: “A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

### ***LITURGICAL SCHEDULE***

***Daily masses Mon February 21 – Fri February 25***

Mon – 11:00 a.m. Private-----Edward Farrell

Tues – 11:00 a.m. Private-----Harold LeRoux

Wed – 11:00 a.m. Private-----Francis MacNeil

Thurs-- 11:00 a.m. Private-----Ann Collier ( Michael )

Fri----- 11:00 a.m. Private-----Edith Collier

***Weekend Liturgy: Sat – February 26 and Sun—February 27***

St.Alban's-Sat 7:00 p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----Joe 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-----Leonard John

**Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Music</i>
<b>Feb 19</b>	Edith O Monica K		Father Patrick	
<b>Feb 20</b>	Edith O Monica K		Father Patrick	
<b>Feb 26</b>	Mary S Patsy M		Father Patrick	
<b>Feb 27</b>	Mary S Patsy M		Father Patrick	

**Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church	\$2570.00
St. Anne's Church	90.00
Candles	120.00
Initial Offering	185.00
New Year's Offering	65.00
Advent Folders	30.00
Mass Stipend	15.00
Ecclesiastical Student Fund	25.00
Parish Dues	20.00

*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

**Please Note:** Chapel Mass will remain private until further notice.

**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

**New To Our Area: Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank**

Location: St Alban's Community Centre

Opening Date: Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022-02-09

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.

**Prayer For The Sick**

God of love

Ever caring, ever strong

Stand by us in our time of need

Watch over our parish members Anne Collier Hoskins  
and Edmund Collier who are ill,

Look after them in every danger,

and grant them your healing and peace

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

