

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues his healing ministry. A leper's request for healing is filled with confidence in Jesus' ability to heal, "If you choose, you can make me clean". Jesus' response is immediate as he stretches out his hand and touches the leper with the words, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Once again, Jesus' words and actions are in harmony, mediating the power of God over the forces of evil and demonstrating that the combination of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. It was true in the time of Jesus; it is equally true for us today. Though we may not always be able to heal people physically, we can help to heal others who are often emotionally distraught and who are trying to cope with difficult circumstances in their lives. By our kind and compassionate words and actions, in imitation of Jesus Christ, let us do just that by.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Feb. 12th – Feb. 16th

Mon. -----10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Angus Hoskins
Tues.----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel-----rescheduled----- Phyllis Felix, Harold Willcott
Ash. Wed. ----- 7:00 p.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- Juanita Organ
Thurs----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Elizabeth Organ (Edgar)
Friday ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Kenneth Willcott

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, February 17th and Sunday, February 18th

St. Alban's----- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- Jaydon Strickland
St. Alban's----- Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
Conne River---- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.----- St. Anne's Church----- Kevin Kelly

Welcome Father Patrick: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Father Patrick to St. Ignatius Parish. We hope your stay here will be pleasant as you settle into our community and the community of Conne River to teach the Word of God. May your faith and spirituality be embraced by many.

WELCOME FATHER PATRICK!!!

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
February 10	Jenny Maggie	Pat Pittman	Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Ann Benoit	Brenda J. Maggie	Folk Group
February 11	Mary Strickland Patsy McDonald	Mary Organ	Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont Mary Organ	Ralph Blake	Anthony George	Folk Group
Feb. 14 Ash Wed.	Mary Strickland Patsy McDonald		Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Jessica Savoury	Pat Willie	Children's choir Valerie Coombs
February 17	Mary Strickland Patsy McDonald	Elizabeth Barlow Thomas Collier	Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Edith Organ	Christine Mary Organ	Kennedy Willcott Tracy Perry
February 18	Mary Organ	Lydia Walsh	Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont Mary Organ	Genevieve Tremblett	Jean Gould Mary Strickland	Tiffany Hoskins

*** New Altar Servers and Communion List available on table in back of church

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory -----	\$1216.65	St. Anne's Church -----	\$219.00
New Years Offering:-----	\$20.00	Initial Offering: -----	\$19.00
Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$95.00	Donation: -----	\$100.00
Diocesan: Ecc. Student:-----	\$181.00	Funeral Stipend: -----	\$200.00
Mass Stipend Cards:-----	\$90.00	Advent Folder: -----	\$9.50

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.

Request for Income Tax Receipts:

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.

Catholic Missions in Canada Collection

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper which marks the start of the Easter Triduum. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. It has a twofold purpose: it helps catechumens to prepare for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil, and it invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at Easter, the greatest Feast of the Liturgical Year. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the Lenten readings.

This is a reminder that the Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) collection takes place on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Please ask the parishioners to be very generous with their donations as CMIC has been extremely generous to our parishes and diocese. Thank you.

FEBRUARY 11 - WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: This day is also "World Day of the Sick". On this day we are reminded that the ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church, and that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. The feast highlights the healing ministry of the Church and recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions, and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY: On this day we begin our lenten journey. *Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and of abstinence from meat.* As Catholics, we observe the lenten fast by limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals. *The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older.*

February 17 - Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order: The Order of Servites, a religious community relying solely on charity for support, was founded in 1240. Between 1225 and 1227, seven men from the city of Florence, Italy, joined the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin. Inspired by visions of Our Lady, they decided to dedicate themselves to lives of prayer and service. Later they withdrew to a deserted mountain where they built a Church and a hermitage, living a life of extreme austerity and becoming known as the

Servants of Mary, or Servites. Of the original seven, all but one became priests. Only the lay brother, who lived to be 110, saw the order fully recognized in 1304.

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 one's 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.

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.

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.

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.*

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STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

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