

MAY 13 - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives and promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and to reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

MAY 14 - FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE: According to the Acts of the Apostles (1.15-26), Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas. Quoting a psalm, Peter told the 120 people gathered that they must choose a new apostle: someone who had been with them from the time of the baptism of the Lord until the resurrection, someone who could join them in bearing witness to these events. Two names were put forward and Matthias was chosen.

May 18 - Memorial of Saint John I, Pope, Martyr: John I became Pope in 523. At this time Italy was ruled by Theodoric the Goth, who had reversed his policy of tolerance toward Christians because of trouble between Rome and the emperor of Constantinople. When his subjects appealed to him, Theodoric organized a delegation to negotiate with the emperor and ordered a reluctant Pope John to head the mission and to act as mediator between Rome and Constantinople. John did win some concessions, but Theodoric was not satisfied. The Pope and his entourage were imprisoned and John died soon after, probably of starvation.

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



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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of Jesus reminds us that we are pilgrims on a journey, that we are “only passing through” on this earth. Meanwhile, like the apostles, we have work to do. In the readings from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles that they are witnesses. So too are we. Like the apostles, we are challenged to witness to Christ in our daily lives – in our homes, in our churches, in our local community, and, yes, even to the ends of the earth. What a wonderful privilege this is as sons and daughters of God!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: May 14th – May 18th

Monday -----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Catherine Howse
Tuesday -----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Thomas Farrell, Ann Collier
Wed. -----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Larry Hudson
Thursday -----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Conrad Willcott, William Blake
Friday -----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----	Sarah Willcott

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, May 19th and May 20th

St. Alban's-----	Sat. ---	7:00 p.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Muriel Hardie
St. Alban's-----	Sun.---	10:30 a.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Parish Family
Conne River----	Sun. ---	2:00 p.m.-----	St. Anne's Church-----	Florilda Collier

No Scent Policy: *No perfumes or scents make good sense.* Scented products can cause a variety of health problems such as, but not limited to sore throat, runny nose, sinus congestion, wheezing, shortness of breath, headache, mental confusion, inability to concentrate , flushing, irritability, nausea, muscle pain or migraine. ***We share the air, so go scent free on behalf of all our parishioners.***

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
May 12	Mary Strickland Patsy MacDonald	Monica Willcott	George Organ Nellie Collier Charlie Mayo	Jessica Savoury	Margaret Edith	Folk Group
May 13	Mary Organ	Bernie Collier	Mike Snook Clarence Davis George Davis	Mary Strickland	Jean Gould Mary Strickland	Folk Group
May 19	Mary Organ		George Organ Nellie Collier Charlie Mayo	Elizabeth Murphy	Maggie Pat	Lenora Lambert
May 20	Jenny Maggie		Mike Snook Clarence Davis George Davis	Valerie Hoskins	Anthony Kevin	Jessica Willcott

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory -----	\$875.00	St. Anne's Church – Offertory ----	\$178.85
Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$330.00	Stipends :Funeral-----	\$200.00
Donation: -----	\$1000.00	Certificate: -----	\$5.00

Gratefully acknowledged donation *In Loving memory of Edmund Sutton*, by Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

****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!!!

Church Window Project

We (The Parish Council) are happy to announce the project of replacing the church window frames has begun.

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

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to the students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend at St. Ignatius Church.

PRAYER FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, bless all those who are receiving you in Holy Communion for the first time.
May each one of them know your love and mercy in a personal way.
May all your people open their hearts to you and be transformed by this sacrament.
May we become a sign of your love for the whole world.
AMEN.

Banns of Marriage: There is a promise of marriage between Jason Howse and Amanda Snook. The wedding Ceremony will take place on Saturday May 26th, 2018.

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.”

And when evening falls upon us

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

The Angelus: The church bells that ring each day at 12:00 noon is the Angelus bell. One of the most beautiful moments in history was when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would become the Mother of God. In a thousand churches throughout the world, the Angelus bell rings at 12:00 noon. It is a reminder of a joyful event that has changed our lives.

This is a prayer for those who would like to say the Angelus:

Prayer: The Angel of the Lord appeared unto Mary

Response: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit

Recite the Hail Mary

Prayer: Behold the handmaid of the Lord

Response: Be it done unto me according to your word

Recite the Hail Mary

Prayer: And the Word was made flesh

Response: And dwelt among us

Recite the Hail Mary

Prayer: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

Response: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us Pray

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of your Son was made known through the message of an angel, may, by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father Brian

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.'*

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

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.