

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.

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. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the Lenten readings.

FEBRUARY 22 – 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 23 - Memorial of St. Polycarp: 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.

Distribution of Ashes: Will occur at St. Anne's Church in Conne River during the Sunday service at 2:00 p.m. on February 26th. Ashes will also be distributed at the weekend services on February 25th and February 26th at St. Ignatius Church for those who could not attend the Ash Wednesday service.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, as the Sermon on the Mount draws to a close, Jesus gives us the ultimate challenge: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect". Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does. We are not called to be perfect in the sense of doing everything correctly, but we are called to reach out in love to others as Jesus did, to respond to others in a loving and kind way, to be concerned about the welfare of others. By imitating God's love, we are on the way to perfection.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Please Note: There will be no Chapel Mass at 11:00 a.m. on the morning of Ash Wednesday. The Mass intention will be said in St. Ignatius Church at 7:00 p.m.

Daily Masses Mon February 20 – February 24

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Alfred & Marie Collier

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Jenny Nugent

Wed - 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church----Walene Benoit

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Michael Davis

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Joe Willcott (Betty)

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – February 25 and February 26

St. Alban's--Saturday 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church—Peter Oliver

St. Alban's-----Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church—***Parish Family***

Conne River---Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—Gerald John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Music</i>
Feb 18	Edith O	Gerry C	Father Patrick	
Feb 19	Edith O	Valerie H	Father Patrick	
Feb 25	Mary S	Monica W	Father Patrick	
Feb 26	Mary S	Cindy B	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$750.00
St. Anne's	107.00
Mass Stipends	5.00
Diocesan Collection (Ecclesiastical Student's Fund)	25.00
Initial Offering	5.00
E.F.T. January 2023	860.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

Funerals	\$200.00
Weddings	\$200.00
Baptism	\$25.00

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Gerard MacDonald their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 24th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel. All are welcome!

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

Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank

Location: St Alban's Community Centre

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.

2022 Charitable Donation Receipt If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2022 parish contributions, put your ENV # and NAME on a blank unsealed envelope and place it in the designated spot on the table at the back of the churches in St. Alban's and Conne River. Those envelopes will be collected by the office, the income tax receipt will be issued, put in the envelope and sealed. It will then be placed in the designated spot for RECEIPT PICKUP in both churches and you can collect it the following Sunday. Thank you.

Lenten Folders:

Available on the table at the main entrance of the Church. Thank you for your continued support to the parish.