

APRIL 30 - 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. 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.

MAY 1 - INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY: Today, International Workers' Day is celebrated in many countries. This is a day to recognize the value of human work, to defend the dignity of working people, to encourage all to be responsible in their work, and to celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

MAY 2 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR: St. Athanasius was born in Alexandria, Egypt, towards the end of the third century. As a deacon, he was chosen by his Bishop (Saint Alexander) to go with him to the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. There Athanasius was recognized as the foremost defender of the Church's Faith, especially in the battle against Arianism, a heresy that denied Christ's divinity. He succeeded Alexander as Bishop of Alexandria and was esteemed by everyone "as a virtuous, holy man, an ascetic, a true bishop". For almost fifty years he bore the whole brunt of the Arian assault, often virtually alone and undefended. Though he did not die a martyr, his life was martyrdom in the truest sense. Preserved by Divine Providence through a lifetime of trial and danger, the stormy life of Saint Athanasius closed in peace on May 2, 373.

MAY 3 - FEAST OF SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES: Philip and James were apostles of Jesus. Saint John's Gospel records several conversations between Jesus and Philip which show that the latter was present throughout the Lord's public ministry. James, the son of Alphaeus, wrote the Letter of James which is part of the New Testament and he is often referred to as James the Less because he was younger than the other apostle James. Historians write that he was a Christian of high repute who died a martyr's death by stoning about the year 62.

MAY 6 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANÇOIS DE LAVAL, BISHOP, PATRON OF THE BISHOPS OF CANADA: François de Montmorency Laval (1623-1708) was the first bishop of Quebec City. Born in France to a noble family, he was educated by the Jesuits and was ordained a priest in 1647. He was made a bishop in 1658 and arrived in New France the following year. In 1663 he founded the Seminary of Quebec (now Laval University) in order to supply priests for his vast diocese which extended to all the French-speaking territories of North America. François was an outstanding educator and administrator, a generous benefactor, a caring bishop, and a pious man. He was beatified by Saint John Paul II in 1980 and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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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

Daily Masses Mon May 1 – Fri May 5

Mon -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Martha Eavis
Tues -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Alfred & Marie Collier.
Wed -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Jaydon Strickland
Thurs-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Benny Long
Fri ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----George Organ

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – May 6 and May 7

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch- Joclyn Crant
St.Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—***ParishFamily***
Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church- Gerald John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
April 29	Patsy M	Ann B	Father Patrick	
April 30	Patsy M	Valerie H	Father Patrick	
May 6	Edith O	Pat P	Father Patrick	
May 7	Edith O	Cindy B	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$892.65
St. Anne's	97.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Holy Thursday (Parish Collection)	5.00
Easter Offering	10.00
Diocesan Collections (Good Friday-N of the C in Holy Land)	5.00
Parish Dues	100.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

May: Month of the Holy Rosary

May is one of the two months that the Catholic Church recognizes as a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the month of May, Fr. Patrick will be reciting the Holy Rosary before each Mass service on Saturday evenings. On Saturday evening, the Holy Rosary will begin at 6:40 p.m. followed by the Mass service at 7:00 p.m..

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: The Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank now has its own telephone #: **(709) 538-7936**. Messages can be left on an answering service. Please leave your name and telephone number and someone will return your call during the hours of operation. Thank you. Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

Some items that are in need include teabags, coffee, and canned vegetables. Thank you for your continued support.

Spring Cleanup: There will be a Community cleanup of St. Ignatius Cemetery on Saturday, May 6, starting at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to come out and help.

Announcements:

- Beginning May 1, the church will be unlocked during the hours of 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.
- The collection and offertory will resume beginning with the weekend services on May 6 and May 7.
- The Parish Council of St. Ignatius has positions available for anyone who may have an interest in joining.