

APRIL 29 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN,

DOCTOR: Born in Siena, Italy, in 1347, Catherine joined the Dominican Third Order in 1365 and spent some years in seclusion from the world, fasting and praying. A few years later she felt called to bring Christ's love to others. She cared for the poor and tended the sick, was a renowned peacemaker, and corresponded with people from all walks of life. She is especially remembered for her spiritual reflections. This great Christian mystic died in 1380, was canonized in 1461, became patroness of Italy in 1939, and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. She is co-patroness of Europe.

APRIL 30 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARIE DE L'INCARNATION,

RELIGIOUS: Marie was born in Tours, France, in 1599. As a young woman, she received revelations concerning the Incarnation, the Sacred Heart, and the Blessed Trinity. After seeking spiritual direction, she decided to enter the Ursuline monastery in Tours. Encouraged by a dream, Marie set sail with two other Ursulines and arrived in Quebec City in 1639. She composed catechisms in Huron and Algonquin. Marie died in Quebec on April 30, 1672, was beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 22, 1980, and was canonized by Pope Francis on April 2, 2014. She was the first missionary woman to the "New World".

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.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the vine and its branches to illustrate the unity and relationship that exists between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus is the vine and we, his followers, are the branches that grow from the vine. Just as a vine has no fruit without its branches, so too a branch does not yield fruit "unless it abides in the vine". We remain more firmly rooted in Jesus and grow in our relationship with him by spending time in prayer, listening carefully to the Word of God, and nourishing ourselves through the Eucharist. If we are to "bear much fruit" as his disciples, we must allow Jesus to permeate our very being on a daily basis, thus opening ourselves to becoming more and more like him. Grounded in faith in Jesus we are then able to give of ourselves for the good of others, bearing fruit by loving others as Jesus loves us.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Apr. 27 and Sun. – Apr. 28

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Donald Snook

St.Alban's-Sunday-4:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----**Parish.Family**

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Erica Ann Stride

Daily Masses Mon. Apr. 29 – Fri. May 3

Mon -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Felix Hoskins & Shelley Taylor

Tues -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Genevieve Smith

Wed -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Wilfred Organ

Thur -11:00 p.m.Parish Chapel-----Edith Collier

Fri -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Benny Long

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – May 4 and Sun. – May 5

St.Alban's-Sat-7:00p.m.St.Ignatius.Church----Clifford & Lorraine Hoskins and Brian.Organ

St.Alban's-Sun-4:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Cecil (Mary) & Johnny Organ

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—**Church Family**

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Apr. 27	Edith O	Monica W	Father Tom Patsy M	Finton O Gerard S
Apr. 28	Edith O	Valerie H	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O
May 4	Mary S	Pat P	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
May 5	Mary S	Cindy B	Father Tom Genevieve T	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$869.00
St. Anne's	105.00
Diocesan Collection (Popes Pastoral Works)	5.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Easter Offering	5.00
Mass Stipends	17.00
Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement	1500.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

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 Tom at 709-674-1503 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 Tom Duffenais

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.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Wayne Hoskins of St. Alban's their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.