

SEPTEMBER 4 - LABOUR DAY: In Canada we celebrate Labour Day on the first Monday of September. Though this day is a time for relaxation, it is also an opportune time for reflection. Church teachings rightly remind us of the value of work. Among other things, work enhances our human dignity, it is needed in order to form and maintain a family, and it contributes to the common good of our local, national and global communities. This Labour Day, let us take time to reflect on the value of work and the importance of recognizing and respecting the dignity of all workers. Let us pray too for all workers and also for those who are without work that they may find gainful employment.

September 4 - Memorial of Blessed Dina Bélanger, Virgin: Born in 1897, Dina was the only daughter of well-to-do parents in Quebec City. A gifted student, Dina had remarkable musical talent and, after studying at the New York Conservatory, could have pursued a career as a concert pianist. However, she was always keenly aware of the role of others, notably her parents, in supporting her faithful response to the call of the Gospel. Dina professed final vows with the Religious of Jesus and Mary at the age of 25. Her spirit of praise and generosity inspired her motto, “to refuse God nothing”. Her simple life in the convent as musician and educator is glowing testimony to the value of living daily our call to sainthood in whatever setting we find ourselves. Dina died on September 4, 1929 and was beatified in 1993. Today, members of the Religious of Jesus and Mary work in many parts of the world, in over 20 different languages.

SEPTEMBER 8 - FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the fifth century. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary’s personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus.

September 9 - Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest:: Born in 1580 near Barcelona, Spain, Peter Claver joined the Jesuits in 1600. Inspired to work in the missions in the New World, he was sent to Cartagena (now Columbia) in South America. Cartagena was then the centre of the slave trade and Peter tended to newly-arrived Africans with food, water, and medicine. For nearly forty years, he ministered to the slaves and pleaded with their owners to treat them humanely. Peter died in 1654 and was canonized in 1888. He is a patron of Columbia and of all missions to black people.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

Pastor: Father Patrick Osuji **Administrative Assistant:** Doug Lambert

P. O. Box 38, St. Alban's, NL A0H 2E0

Parish House and Office: Phone 538-3106: Priest 280-4904

Email: st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca **Website:** www.stignatiusparish.net

Office hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, Jesus challenges his disciples to come to terms with the mystery of the Cross. Because they were having difficulty with the fact that He must endure suffering and death, Christ teaches Peter and the other disciples this crucial principle of discipleship, “If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” This “taking up of the cross” is a daily, life-long calling. It is a call of dying to self and of absolute surrender to Christ. In today’s world many Christians actually face death because of their faith. For most of us it simply means total commitment, being willing to face death or to suffer anything, even ridicule, rather than deny Him. It means standing up for Christ and making choices based on the teachings of our faith. Following Jesus is easy when life runs smoothly; true commitment to Him is revealed during difficult times. The Lord Jesus, by dying on the Cross, gave His all for each one of us. Let us take up our cross and give our all for him – not just with a willingness to die for Him, but with a commitment to live for Him!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat-September 2 and September 3

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Beatrice.McDonald

St.Alban’s-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—**ParishFamily**

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church- George Melvin Drew

Daily Masses Mon September 4 – Fri September 8

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ben Cornick

Tues-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Steven Coleman-Sadd

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Susie Collier (Hubert)

Thurs-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ross Willcott & Larry Hudson

Fri ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----William “Bill” Byrne

Weekend Liturgy: Sat- September 9 and Sun- September 10

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Peter Farrell

St.Alban’s-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—**ParishFamily**

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church--John.Nick&.Pauline Jeddore

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Sept 2	Mary S	Pat P	Father Patrick	Finton O Gerard S
Sept 3	Mary S	Lydia W	Father Patrick	William M Ivan O
Sept 9	Monica K	Gerry C	Father Patrick	Kevin O Monica K
Sept 10	Monica K	Valerie H	Father Patrick	Anthony W Perry C

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$738.00
St. Anne's	47.00
Candles	140.75
Mass Stipends	17.00
Baptism Stipend	25.00
50/50 Fundraiser (August 2023)	3115.00

Congratulations to Marilyn Barnes Hoskins, winner of the August 28, 2023 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1557.50)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

New School Year

As the new school year begins, the Parish Community of St. Ignatius and St. Anne's would like to extend prayerful best wishes to all students, teachers and parents for a successful year of learning experiences. To those pursuing post secondary studies or starting work placements, may God's blessing be upon your new endeavours.

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.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St Anne`s Church extend to the family of the late Joseph Guy McDonald of Conne River their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

Announcements:

- **Daily Mass held in the Parish Chapel will be returning to 11:00 a.m. commencing Monday, September 4, 2023**
- The Parish Council of St. Ignatius has positions available for anyone who may have an interest in joining.

Visitations In Central NL: Fr. Patrick will be in Grand Falls-Windsor from Monday, August 14 until Friday, August 18. If anyone from the Bay D'Espoir area has a family member or someone they know residing in a retirement complex or healthcare facility and would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the Parish office at (709)-538-3106 on Monday or Tuesday, August 14 and August 15 to arrange a visitation. Please leave a message and your call will be returned. The required information will be the person's name, residing address, a preferred time for the visit, and telephone number if applicable. Visitations can be arranged for facilities located in Grand Falls-Windsor, Bishops Falls, and Botwood.

SOWING THE SEEDS