

September 19 - Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr: Januarius' fame is centered on a relic, said to contain his blood, which is kept in the Cathedral at Naples. Since the fifteenth century, the flask containing the blood has attracted attention. Eighteen times a year, the solid mass in the vial becomes liquefied, sometimes seeming to bubble and froth. The relic is an object of devotion, and the activity is said to be miraculous. No natural explanation has been found for this phenomenon.

SEPTEMBER 20 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS:

In the early 1600's, Christian communities began to flourish in Korea under the leadership of lay people. In 1836, missionaries from France secretly entered the country. The Christian communities began to encounter hostility and, during the persecutions of the mid-19th century, over 10,000 Christians were killed. Andrew Kim, the first Korean priest, was one of these, and Paul Chong, a seminarian and catechist, was one of the many lay people who suffered. These and 101 other Korean martyrs (clergy and lay, young and old) were canonized in 1984.

SEPTEMBER 21 - FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE,

EVANGELIST: The apostle Matthew has two names in the Gospels: Matthew and Levi. It is commonly held that his name was Levi until Jesus called him to be a disciple; then he was called Matthew which, in Aramaic, means 'gift of God'. The Gospel bearing his name was composed around the year 85. In this Gospel, Jesus is shown as the fulfillment of God's Old Testament promises of a Messiah. Tradition holds that, after the Resurrection, Matthew preached in Ethiopia where he was martyred. Known as a tax collector, Matthew is a patron of customs officers and accountants.

SEPTEMBER 23 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

(PADRE PIO), PRIEST: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at the age of 16, taking the name Pio ('pious') and was ordained in 1910. He devoted himself to a life of ministry through sacramental reconciliation and celebration of the Eucharist. He said Mass humbly, heard confessions from dawn to dusk, and helped countless people who sought his counsel. During his life he was a man of prayer and suffering, and it is believed that he literally bore the wounds of the Lord Jesus. Padre Pio died in 1968 and was canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings focus on the importance of forgiveness. In the Penitential Act, at the beginning of every Mass, the Priest invites us to "acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries". Then there is a period of silence which provides time to reflect on one's sins. We then acknowledge our sins and the rite ends with a prayer for God's mercy. Whether it be on a personal level by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation or on a communal level during Mass, time and time again we ask God for forgiveness and we are mercifully forgiven. Following the example of God's compassionate readiness to forgive us, we in turn are called, as disciples of the Lord Jesus, to be always ready to forgive others, not just in words but from our heart. Each time we pray "The Lord's Prayer" we ask God to "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" – we ask God to forgive us to the extent that we forgive others. This is food for thought. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that there should be no limit to our readiness to forgive. In imitation of God's boundless generosity, let us always be ready to forgive, thus building up God's Kingdom of love and peace at home, in our church communities, and among all people.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat-September 16 and September 17

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Genevieve.Smith

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

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

Daily Masses Mon September 18 – Fri September 22

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Tony Collier

Tues-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Beatrice Walsh

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John Howse

Thurs-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Everest Barnes

Fri ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Muriel Benoit

Weekend Liturgy: Sat- September 23 and Sun- September 24

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Rosalie Stokes

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Sept 16	Patsy M	Monica W	Father Patrick	Finton O Gerard S
Sept 17	Patsy M	Cindy B	Father Patrick	William M Ivan O
Sept 23	Edith O	Edith O	Father Patrick	Kevin O Monica K
Sept 24	Edith O	Mark F	Father Patrick	Anthony W Perry C

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$642.00
St. Anne's	86.00
Mass Stipends	28.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Certificates	5.00
EFT (August 2023)	932.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

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

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 Mrs. Agnes Benoit 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.

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