

2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income		Expenses	
BELVEDERE ORPHANAGE FUND.	1,500.00	BANK SERVICE CHARGE	540.69
CANDLES	2,834.25	BELVEDERE ORPHANAGE FUND	1,500.00
CATECHETICAL PROGRAM	1,480.00	CHARITABLE DONATIONS - Other	2,065.00
CERTIFICATES	125.00	CHURCH SUPPLIES	5855.12
CHRISTMAS Offerings	2,841.10	DIOC. ASSESSMENT-Chase The Ace	491.14
DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS	4,357.30	DIOC. ASSESSMENT-St. of Acct.	18,239.97
DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS	4,840.00	DIOCESAN AND PAPAL COLLECTIONS	4,357.30
EASTER Offerings	1,078.00	DIOCESAN REMITTANCES	2,403.00
FUNDRAISERS	16,760.00	FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	15,429.19
HST REBATE	3,685.15	GIFTS/ DONATIONS/ AWARDS	3,486.34
OFFERTORY- ENVELOPES	66,771.70	GROCERIES & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	3,424.30
OFFERTORY - LOOSE	11,284.04	APPLIANCES-WASHER/DRYER	1,644.48
REIMBURSEMENTS	1,137.09	HEAT & LIGHTS- NL HYDRO	6,222.88
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES SALES	1,554.00	HEATING FUEL-CHURCH	7,413.07
SEASONAL OFFERINGS	8,776.85	HST RECOVERABLE	3,420.61
SPECIAL PARISH COLLECTIONS	150.75	INSURANCE EXPENSE	10,146.95
STIPENDS	7,785.00	MASS STIPEND PAYMENT	2,145.00
Total Income	136,960.23	MINISTRY EXPENSES	1,718.21
		POSTAGE,OFFICE SUPPLIES, ADMIN	3,840.41
		RECEIVER GENERAL	3,040.29
		RELIGIOUS ARTICLES EXPENSE	150.00
		REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	14,957.89
		SALARIES- CLERGY & LAY EMPL.	58,881.57
		SPECIAL/SOCIAL EVENTS	3,614.83
		TELEPHONE/INTERNET EXPENSE	2,636.83
		TRAVEL AND AUTO EXPENSE	3,771.14
		TV CABLE	889.99
		WHSCC of Newfoundland	509.92
		YOUTH RELIGION PROGRAM	2,365.18
		Total Expense	183,096.30

GROSS INCOME	136,960.23
GROSS EXPENSES	183,096.30
NET INCOME/LOSS	<46,136.07>

NOTES:

- Church Supplies--- includes missals, envelopes, candles, wine, breads, etc.*
- Fundraising Expenses---includes consolation and jackpot prizes for Chase The Ace*
- Heat & Lights- NL Hydro---- includes house and church*
- Groceries & Household supplies---- includes a purchase of a washer and dryer (\$1600.00)*
- Repairs & Maintenance---includes paint for outside of the church (the whole church was painted)
Paint for the inside of the house, new flooring for some of the parish house.*
- Special/Social events: Consists of our parish's 100th Anniversary & Father Brophy's 50th Anniversary*
- If anyone has any questions or concerns, please call the parish office at 538-3106,
or contact any member of the parish council*



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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we see Jesus in the synagogue in Capernaum, speaking and acting "as one having authority" – the authority of the God of Israel. Having astonished his listeners with his teaching, Jesus astonishes them even more by his actions when "a man with an unclean spirit" cries out for help. The man's loud cry sets up a scene in which the power of God, mediated through Jesus, overcomes the destructive forces which often take hold of human lives. Jesus' healing action, resulting in the man being made whole again, points to the greatness of the power of God over the power of evil. Throughout his ministry, Jesus' words and actions always go 'hand in hand', overcoming the forces of evil, leading people to a deeper faith in God, and building up the Kingdom. We too, through our words and actions, are called to do our part in leading others to God and in building up God's Reign here on earth.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Jan. 29th – Feb. 2nd

Mon. -----No Mass
 Tues.----- 7:00 p.m.----- Parish Chapel-----Gertrude Willcott, Pearl Collier
 Wed. ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Mercedus Snook
 Thurs----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Harold Willcott, Phyllis Felix
 Friday ----- 7:00 a.m.----- St. Ignatius Church ----- 'Candlemas' and blessing of the throats

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th

St. Alban's----- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- Kenneth Hoskins
 St. Alban's----- Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
 Conne River---- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.----- St. Anne's Church----- Broderick Drew, Mary K. John

The Feast of the Presentation: Forty days after the birth of Jesus, He was presented in the temple by his parents. This feast is also known as 'Candlemas' Day. On this day, candles used in the church for the coming year are blessed. At the conclusion of the Mass of the Presentation, I will bless the throats of those who desire a blessing. Also, on Saturday night after Mass, I will bless the throats of those who stay behind for a blessing.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
January 27	Mary Strickland Patsy MacDonald	Christine Farrell	Nellie Collier Anthony Willcott Kevin Organ	Margaret Hoskins	Maggie Pat	Kennedy Willcott Tracy Perry
January 28	Mary Organ	Joanne Farrell	Clarence Davis Mike Snook Perry Cox	Valerie Hoskins	Christine Mary O.	Children's Choir Valerie Coombs
February 3	Mary Organ	Ann Benoit Audrey Collier	Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Christine Howse	Kevin Willie	
February 4	Jenny Maggie	Perry Cox	Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont Mary Organ	Calvin Collier	Margaret Edith	

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory -----	\$747.25	St. Anne’s Church -----	\$160.00
New Years Offering:-----	\$5.00	Initial Offering: -----	\$20.00
Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$142.50	Mass Stipends: -----	\$100.00
Certificates: -----	\$15.00		

Dues: Kevin Organ

Chase The Ace: Will be held at the RC Legion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 years and older. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Request for Income Tax Receipts:

Anyone needing receipts for income tax purposes are asked to put their name and /or 2017 envelope number on **an envelope** and place it in the wooden box at the back of the church or you can also place your request in the collection basket. *The receipts (in your own envelope) will be available on the table at the back of the church in the next several weeks.* Parishioners in Conne River are asked to place their envelopes in the collection basket.

FEBRUARY 2 - WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Today is also the “World Day for Consecrated Life”. The purpose of this day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ

February 3 - Memorial of Saint Blase, Bishop, Martyr: According to legend, Blase performed a miraculous cure on a boy who was choking to death and so has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat. During the persecution of Licinius in the early fourth century, Blase, who was an Armenian Bishop, suffered martyrdom. He is the patron of wild animals, wool-combers and of all who suffer from afflictions of the throat

FEBRUARY 2 - FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Today’s feast honours both Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the temple as well as Mary=s purification as she re-enters the temple to present her Son to God. The observance of this feast began in fourth century Jerusalem. In the Middle Ages, a tradition began of blessing candles and holding a procession of light on this day. As a result, this feast is also known as ‘Candlemas’ -- Christ our light has come to us. The Gospel presents this epiphany to us as Jesus is revealed as “a light of revelation to the Gentiles”. The challenge for us, as we welcome the light of Christ into our hearts and lives, is to become bright beacons in our world, radiating the warmth of Christ’s light to everyone we meet.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Help: During the week, several members of my family will come to help me pack up and get ready to go to my new parish. Over the years, over time, a priest gathers a lot of pictures, books, clothing, outdoor equipment, etc, etc. It’s almost too big a job for one man, and my family have always helped me to get settled away in a new home and a new parish. After all this time here St. Alban’s, it is a very moving time. Not only am I moving away, but moving, leaving, saying ‘Good Bye’ is more than difficult. I think of St. Paul when he was leaving..... The people were in tears when he said “I will never see your face again.” These words and the topic of John Henry Cardinal Newman’s last sermon to his Anglican flock come to mind. His last sermon was ‘The Parting of Friends’ For me, it may even go deeper than friendship, as many people here called me ‘Father’ and that word brings many good thoughts to mine.

A Fond Farewell to Father Brophy

An opportunity will be given to the people of our community to bid farewell to our parish priest, Father Brophy. This will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion on Wednesday, January 31 from 6 - 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Finger foods will be greatly appreciated.

Message from Bishop Daniels

Just before Christmas, the Government of Canada changed its requirements regarding applications for federal funding under its Canada Summer Jobs program. What must now be included is that “both the job and the organization’s core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights which the government specifies includes “the right to access safe and legal abortions” As a consequence we cannot apply for federal funding for summer employment for students which is our right as Canadians. We are asking every person of faith within the diocese to contact their Federal Member of Parliament to express concern about depriving Roman Catholics of our right as Canadians unless we betray our religious values.

When a new priest comes: When a new priest comes to a parish, what can you expect? You expect, you desire, you want a new priest to guide you to the Holy, to bring you ever closer to the Almighty, to lift up, to inspire, to share the Good News with the people, to be Father to all the little ones and the big ones. A priest will come among you to baptize the children, to bless the young couples in marriage, to visit the sick, to assist those who are dying and to offer prayers for those who have died. A priest will offer the Mass for you and feed you with the Body of Christ and the Word. For those who are burdened with sin, he can forgive you. You expect a lot from a new priest coming into a parish. Could he expect from you your faithful and loving support, especially around the Table of the Lord.

Contest!!!!

Youth from 12-18 years of age are invited to send ideas (draw a picture, describe in 10 sentences or less) for a video game "**What Caring for Human Life Looks Like.**" All ideas are welcome!!! First prize is your choice of either \$100.00 Steam or iTunes card, second prize \$50.00 Steam or iTunes, third prize \$25.00 Steam or iTunes card. Top prize winner claims their name on opening screen of video game . Contest closes Jan. 31st 2018 and winners will be announced on Feb.28th 2018. See contest details on line at <http://www.centreforlife.ca/lifecontest/>. Any questions please email info@centreforlife.ca

They will make music: The parish has recently bought a number of small music instruments for our little ones. At the end of Mass, during the closing hymn, the children will be asked to come to the altar, and they will receive a tambourine, a triangle, rattles, shakers and other small instruments which they may play as the priest leaves the altar and goes to the back of the church. All through the closing hymn, they will be able to play their instruments while walking down through the church. When they reach the back of the Church, they can leave their instruments on the table. Please encourage your child to be part of our music group. Thank you and God Bless you.

Cremation in the Catholic Church: Many people are inquiring about cremation in the Church, and some people are choosing to have their body cremated after death. The first thing all must know is that cremation is permitted in the Catholic Church. Some large cities are finding difficulty in obtaining large pieces of ground for new cemeteries and cremation may be a partial solution to this problem. Also, some people die far from home, and the cost of sending home the body in a casket is very expensive compared to sending an urn with a loved ones ashes. Cremation should take place after the funeral Mass. The ashes of the deceased person should be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. As in life, the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, so in death the ashes of the deceased person should not be scattered but should be buried in a holy place where we await the resurrection to new life.

What They say about our church: The most beautiful treasure of the South Coast of Newfoundland is our Church here in St. Alban's. It is breathtaking. It is a joy to bring visitors to our Church, as they are overwhelmed at the workmanship and its gracious dignity. Sometimes a stranger helps us to appreciate something we overlook or take for granted. Here are a few comments from our visitor's book which is at the back of the Church:

"A beautiful Masterpiece" "Awesome, His Holy Presence is Here" "The most beautiful Church." "Absolutely amazing Work." "Glad to be home, I love my church."

Isn't it a wonder that all this work was done with hand tools only, as there were no power saws or electricity when this church was built. Each morning when I go to open the Church, the same thought comes to me: *'Oh, Lord, I love the beauty of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.'*

When we find fault: There is a famous billboard on a very crowded highway which reads: "You aren't stuck in traffic, you are traffic!!" How easily we distance ourselves from problems, in our politics, in our churches, in our world. We feel we are stuck in a political or religious situation where we find it difficult to talk to the other person. But we may have become too rigid, too self-righteous, too stuck in our own ways to even try to understand the point of view of another person. We see things like injustice, bigotry, racism, greed, violence, murder and war, but we may be part of the problem ourselves. Like the man said **"Nobody is shot by a gun that wasn't shot before with a word."**

Children's Sunday Liturgy: The children's liturgy takes place each Sunday morning, during Mass. Appropriate ages are 4+ years.

Baptism Registration Form: This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at www.stignatius.net Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca the parish office to have a registration form emailed to you. **Please contact the parish office during the months of pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation.** Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

FUNERAL:	\$200.00
Wedding:	\$200.00
Baptism:	\$25.00

Readers at Funeral Masses: One of the most sacred parts of a Funeral Mass is the reading of the Word of God. Family members and friends of the deceased person look for comfort and hope in sacred scripture. If the proclaiming of the Word of God is not done well, those listening feel they have lost something precious. At our Funeral Masses, the proclaiming of God's Word should be done by our regular readers. These people have been formed over time by the Word of God, and in many cases, they are better suited to proclaim the Word and the intercessions. Both funeral directors have received a letter from the parish asking their assistance in this matter. Thank you and God bless you.

Grace before meals: *"Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*