

LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper which marks the start of the Easter Triduum. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. It has a twofold purpose: it helps catechumens to prepare for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil, and it invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at Easter, the greatest Feast of the Liturgical Year. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the Lenten readings.

FEBRUARY 17 – ASH WEDNESDAY

On this day we begin our Lenten journey. *Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and of abstinence from meat.* As Catholics, we observe the Lenten fast by limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals. *The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church. All are welcome!

Congratulations on your Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Makiya Rose Pelley-Stride and Brooklyn Vida Hill. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

2020 Parish Envelopes should be discarded and not used during 2021. If you are using old envelopes, please pick up a box of 2021 envelopes at the back of the church. Don't forget to record your name opposite the number you take. Thank you.

Thank you for your generous financial support during 2020. We hope that you will continue to contribute to our parish financially in the coming years.

Prayer for protection

Lord God, I **pray** for Your **protection** as I begin this day. You are my hiding place, and under Your wings I can always find refuge. **Protect** me from trouble wherever I go, and keep evil far from me.



St. Ignatius Parish



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues his healing ministry. A leper's request for healing is filled with confidence in Jesus' ability to heal, "If you choose, you can make me clean". Jesus' response is immediate as he stretches out his hand and touches the leper with the words, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Once again, Jesus' words and actions are in harmony, mediating the power of God over the forces of evil and demonstrating that the combination of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. It was true in the time of Jesus; it is equally true for us today. Though we may not always be able to heal people physically, we can help to heal others who are often emotionally distraught and who are trying to cope with difficult circumstances in their lives. By our kind and compassionate words and actions, in imitation of Jesus Christ, let us do just that.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily masses will remain private Mon Feb 15- Fri Feb 19

Mon – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Thomas Farrell

Tues – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Joan & Charles Willcott

Ash Wed – 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church---Alfred & Marie Collier

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Chesley Willcott

Fri- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel----- George & Pearl Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat Feb 20 and Sun Feb 21

St. Alban's-Sat 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Peggy Skinner

St. Alban's-Sun 10:30 a.m. St. Anne's Church-----**Parish Family**

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Jonjoe & Mary Hanah

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Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
Feb 13	Teresa/Ann	Edith O	Father Patrick	
Feb 14	Teresa/Ann	Mark W	Father Patrick	Julie-Ann Perry C
Feb 20	Edith/Monica	Pat P	Father Patrick	Folk Group
Feb 21	Edith/Monica	Cindy B	Father Patrick	Folk Group

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$ 792.00
St. Anne's Church	122.00
Initial Offering	4.00
New Year's Offering	6.00
Baptism Certificate	25.00
Mass Stipend	10.00
Living with Christ Missals	114.00
Diocesan Collections	145.00
Electronic Funds Transfer (January)	930.00

Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Because of caution around the spread of Covid-19, changes have been approved by the Bishop with regard to how ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday. They are as follows:

After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest will address those present, reciting **once** the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return".

The procession to receive the ashes will follow as we do for the Eucharist with the right side beginning the procession. The priest will cleanse his hands, put on a face mask, and using a different swab for each person the ashes will be placed on each person's forehead without saying anything further.

During the procession please ensure you are maintaining a 6 ft distance.

WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH 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

Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, Newfoundland and Labrador District

The NL District of the 4th Degree is planning a **Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification** for Saturday, **March 20, 2021 at 10:00AM** using the application GoToMeeting.

Any Third Degree member in good standing is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to our country Canada through active membership in your local Fourth Degree Assembly. Certain members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity that has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.

Please contact your local Knights of Columbus Council, or the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller of your local Fourth Degree Assembly for further information.

Membership in the Fourth Degree allows a Knight to display pride in his country, while continuing to serve his community and Church. **Please consider joining the Fourth Degree now.**

St. Ignatius Parish will be starting A 50/50 Fundraiser
 Tickets \$5.00 each drawn on the 28th day of each month
 Tickets can be purchased from members of our parish Council

This monthly fundraiser will be used to help cover the cost of the annual insurance fees, the diocesan assessment as well as help contribute to covering the monthly expenses of the Parish. Each month we continue to use funds earned during the Chase the Ace Fundraiser however it is our goal to reserve that fund for emergency funds and repairs as needed for the church.

