***JULY 23 - WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:*** Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on January 31, 2021 to highlight the importance of providing adequate pastoral and spiritual attention to the elderly and to call upon communities to manifest the closeness of the Church to them (especially in this time of pandemic). It is to be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.”

***July 24 - Memorial of Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest:***  Born in 1828, Sharbel Makhluf joined a monastery at the age of 20 . He lived there for 27 years as a monk and then spent 23 years as a hermit in the desert, living a life of fasting, prayer and manual labour. Famed for his holiness, wisdom, and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he died in 1898 and was canonized in 1977.

***JULY 25 - FEAST OF SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE:***The apostle James, son of Zebedee and brother of John the Evangelist, was a fisherman. He and his brother were particularly close to Jesus, evidenced by their presence at the raising of Jairus’ daughter, the Transfiguration, and in the Garden of Gethsemane. James was beheaded by order of Herod Agrippa, making him the first of the apostles to be martyred. He is known as James ‘the Greater’ and is a patron saint of Spain and of pilgrims. In northwestern Spain he is venerated at Santiago de Compostela, a famous mediaeval pilgrimage destination.

***JULY 26 - FEAST OF SAINT ANNE AND SAINT JOACHIM, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:*** Devotion to Saint Anne existed in the 6th century in the Church of Constantinople and early in the 8th century in Rome. Popular devotion increased in the 13th and 14th centuries, as seen by the number of Churches bearing her name. At the request of some English Bishops who were petitioned by parishioners, Pope Urban VI made her feast an annual celebration. Joachim has been honoured in the East from earliest days, but in the West only since the 16th century. The names of Joachim and Anne were entered into the Roman calendar in 1584.

***JULY 29 - MEMORIAL OF SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS, DISCIPLES OF THE LORD:*** In the 2021 Decree on the celebration of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus, the Congregation for Divine Worship said, “In the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.”

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***SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

In today’s Gospel, Jesus uses three parables to teach us about the Kingdom of God. The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat helps us to realize that only the Lord of the harvest – whose grace is at work in a hidden way in every human heart – can sort out the good from the bad when all is gathered at the end. We who are blessed with the gift of faith ae challenged to prepare for the final harvest by becoming an exemplary crop ourselves.The Parable of the Mustard Seed demonstrates the importance of faithin believing that God’s Kingdom, with its humble beginnings within the boundaries of Palestine some 2000 years ago, continues to grow worldwide.. The Parable of the Yeast tells of the hidden designs of God being worked out in history, resulting in good fruit as a result of God working in many people. All three parables have a clear message for the Church of today, helping us to understand truths about the Kingdom of God and what the coming of God’s life-giving reign should mean to us.

  *LITURGICAL SCHEDULE*

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat-July 22 and Sun July 23**

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.Ignatius Church- Theresa Pittman & Betty Hoskins St.Alban’s-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—***ParishFamily***

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

**Daily Masses Mon July 24 – Fri July 28**

Mon -7:00 p.m.Parish Chapel--------------Genevieve Farrell

 Tues-7:00 p.m.Parish Chapel-----------------Jason Sutton Wed -7:00 p.m.Parish Chapel----------------Bernard Howse

Thurs-7:00 p.m.Parish Chapel---Lawrence & Angela Organ, Murray Organ, and Mildred Organ

Fri ----7:00 p.m.Parish Chapel----------------Michael Farrell

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat-July 29 and Sun-July 30**

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch--Clifford & Lorraine Hoskins and Brian Organ

St.Alban’s-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—***ParishFamily*** Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church---Wade Augot

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| **Ministries’ schedule for Weekend Masses**  |

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| ***Date*** | ***Sacristan*** | ***Reader*** | ***Eucharistic******Minister*** | ***Collectors*** |
| **July 22** | Patsy M | Kiera H | Father Patrick | Finton OGerard S |
| **July 23** | Patsy M | Mark W | Father Patrick | William MIvan O |
| **July 29** | Edith O | Gerry C | Father Patrick | Kevin OMonica K |
| **July 30** | Edith O | Lydia W | Father Patrick | Kevin O Ivan O |

**Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church $618.35 St. Anne’s 144.00

Mass Stipends 22.00

Stipends (Baptism) 25.00

Certificates 5.00

**Thank you for your continued support to the parish.**

**Announcements:**

* Due to an increase in costs, mass intentions purchased with a Mass card will now cost $7.00. Mass intentions without a Mass card will remain $5.00.
* The Parish Council of St. Ignatius has positions available for anyone who may have an interest in joining.
* **St. Anne’s Day:** St. Anne’s Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 26th. Father Patrick will be having a Mass celebration on that day at St. Anne’s Church in Conne River at **1:00 p.m.** All are welcomed to attend.
* **Cemetery Mass:** Will be held in the St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Cemetery on August 3, 2023 (weather permitting) at 6:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather the service will be moved indoors to the main Church.

***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**.**

**Congratulations on your Baptism**

We welcome into our parish community Maria Evelyn Tibbo of Conne River, baptized on July 16th, 2023 at St. Anne’s Church. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

**Condolences**

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St.Anne’s Church extend to the family of the late William “Bill” Byrne 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.