

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP-----DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On September 21, 2016, our diocesan family was invited by the Government of Canada to co-sponsor a refugee family. This family from Iraq came to the diocese and, in the ensuing 12 months, became active members of the community in which they live. They have learned English, became self-sufficient requiring no financial support, adjusted to a new language and culture, and became grateful members of our Canadian society. They are very thankful for the support they received from the Diocese, Parishes, government agencies, and the individuals who have made them part of our Canadian life. Although they have much more to do in adjusting to a new and different lifestyle, our commitment to this family ends on September 21, 2017. They have made friends in their new life and are learning how to live in freedom in Canada. The Diocese and the committee who were involved in the relocation of this family are grateful for the support, encouragement, and welcome you have extended to our refugee family. But our work is not yet done. Pope Francis, in his upcoming Message on the occasion of the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees [14 January 2018] says this:

Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Matthew 25:35-43). The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future. This solidarity must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience – from departure through journey to arrival and return. This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.

Our Diocesan family is being asked to help a second Refugee Family. I know in my heart that once again each of us will do all that we can to welcome this Refugee Family. The family we are asked to sponsor is from Syria, presently refugees in Turkey, with two children under the age of two. They should arrive in several months. The committee who helped our original family are willing once again to commit themselves to accompany this new family; assisting them with the basic necessities of life; helping them find an apartment, clothing, employment, transportation, food, all that is necessary for infants to develop into happy and healthy children. I am deeply grateful that the committee members have agreed to take on this work for one more year. Thanks to your generosity when we were planning to welcome our first Refugee Family, we have sufficient monies to meet our financial obligations as we co-sponsor our second family. So, while I am not approaching you for financial assistance, I am asking you to pray for God's richest blessings on this important work. Thank you for your prayers.

As I wrote in my 2016 Christmas letter, one of my proudest moments was witnessing the welcome that our first Refugee Family received from the people of Clareville (by means of a thunderous and joyful standing ovation) and over and over again from people throughout the Diocese. God has given us an opportunity to once again welcome refugees in His name.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend R. Anthony Daniels
Bishop of Grand Falls



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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching us that we should be concerned about the quality of life within our Church community. This quality of life is reflected by our life of love – love of God and love of neighbour. We are all connected to each other, and what we do affects the rest. We are called, therefore, to always work for the fulfilment of all, through love. As one family in Christ, and not just individuals in Church, we need to be open to one another, to face up to tensions and misunderstandings, and to mend bridges. The life of the Christian community is one of the most important ways in which the Gospel is proclaimed. Reaching out to one another in love will result in the quality of life desired by the Lord Jesus. It is, in the end, this quality of life which will commend the Gospel of the love of God to others outside the community.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Sept. 11th –Sept. 15th

Monday----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Theresa Farrell, Mary Morris
Tuesday----- -----No Mass
Wed. ----- No Mass
Thurs.----- 7:00 p.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Angus Hoskins,
Friday ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Catherine Howse, Gerald Organ

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, Sept. 16th and Sunday, Sept. 17th

St. Alban's----- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- Johnny Organ
St. Alban's----- Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
Conne River---- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.----- St. Anne's Church----- Pauline and John N. Jeddore

September 12 - Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Mary: This feast honouring the name of Mary was instituted by Pope Innocent XI in the seventeenth century. Because God is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her name is one of honour, a holy name, a maternal name, and a name responsive to the needs of the Church.

SEPTEMBER 14 - FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: This liturgical feast has been celebrated since early times. Adopted by the Church in Rome during the seventh century, the feast commemorates both the dedication of the original Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in 335 and Christ's victory over death.

Prayer for Health

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I come to ask you for the gift of restored health, that I may serve you more faithfully and love you more sincerely than in the past. I want to be well and strong if it is your will and rebound to your glory. If, in your divine wisdom I am to be restored to health and strength, I will strive to show my gratitude by a constant and faithful service rendered to 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.*

PRAYER TO ST. ANNE

Remember, O glorious and Good Saint Anne, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, behold, I cast myself at thy feet, and beseech thee, by thy great prerogative of being the Mother of the Queen of Heaven and the Grandmother of Jesus, come to my aid with thy powerful intercession, and obtain from Almighty God through the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, this special favor which I beg of thee.....Cease not to intercede for me until, through Divine Mercy, my request may be granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace one day to behold my God face to face and with thee and Mary and all the Saints praise and bless Him through all eternity. Amen.

Bus Lane: During the school week, from Monday to Fridays, people are asked not to drive along in front of the school. In other words, that lane is reserved for buses and for students and teachers to walk safely to and from the school. All cars are asked to use ONLY the main church parking lot for vehicular traffic.

Reading the Word at Funeral Masses: At every Mass, the Word of God should be read with the greatest clarity and reverence and dignity. At every Mass, the Word of God should be proclaimed well. At Funeral Masses, the family and the people attending are most attentive to the Word to find comfort and peace at a very difficult time in their lives. I will speak to both funeral directors in our parish, and a list of readers will be provided so that the family of the deceased can choose readers who have had experience and training in reading of the Word of God. This way, the family do not have to choose family members to read the Word of God.

A prayer to the Holy Family: This is a beautiful prayer to the Holy Family, and we could say this prayer, asking God to bless and help our own family.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
In you we contemplate
The splendour of true love
To you we turn with trust

Holy Family of Nazareth,
Make us more mindful
of the sacredness of the family
and its beauty in God’s plan

Holy Family of Nazareth,
Grant that our families too
Will have places of prayer and peace

Jesus Mary and Joseph
Please hear our prayer
Amen

Holy Family of Nazareth,
May our families never again
Experience violence and division
May all who have been hurt
Find ready comfort and healing

SUMMER HOLIDAYS BLESSING

Lord God,

We put ourselves into your hands

And pray that you will bless us

And our families during the wonderful months of summer.

May we all help make our home a place of relaxJoy, love and peace and safety

May we be generous and considerate,

not thinking only about ourselves,

But helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Sept. 9	Mary Strickland	Elizabeth Barlow Thomas Collier	Anthony Willcott Kevin Organ Francis MacNeil	Edith Organ	Kevin Willie	Folk Group
Sept. 10	Mary Organ	Joanne Farrell	Perry Cox Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont	Mary Strickland	Margaret Ellen	Folk Group
Sept 16	Mary Organ	Edith Organ	Anthony Willcott Kevin Organ Francis MacNeil	Margaret Hoskins	Christine Mary Organ	Julie Ann Chrissy
Sept. 17	Jenny Maggie	Perry Cox	Perry Cox Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont	Valerie Hoskins	Edith Juanita	Children's choir Valerie Coombs

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – offertory -----	\$1019.75	St. Anne's Church – offertory ----	\$121.00
St. Anne's Church – offertory -----	\$147.00	Baptism Stipend -----	\$75.00
Religious Articles: -----	\$18.00		

Chase The Ace: Chase the Ace has resumed. It 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.

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.

Weddings: Please allow at least 6 months notice before the date of the wedding. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement. Please contact the parish office for more information.

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

Website Update

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The St. Ignatius Parish website is up and running and updates are done on a regular basis. The bulletin is posted there each week. Please help share the word, especially to friends and family who are living away. You can visit the website at www.st.ignatiusparish.net

Getting Youth involved: Several interested parents from our community gathered for a discussion on how to bring the young people more and more into the life of the Church. All these parents and young children, and they would like for all our young people to love the Mass more deeply, and to be more engaged and involved. Young people bring new life and energy to a parish, and we wondered if young people could bring new music to our Masses, with their own instruments and their won songs. Maybe young people could help in Church by reading or helping by serving at the altar. Jesus said: “ Let the little children come to Me.” But we feel we should try to move out more and more to our young people, and in this way have them feel that they have a place and they matter very much to Jesus and to us.

Pray for a sick priest: Father Frank Alyward has cancer of the bones. In the past, he has asked his brother priests to pray for him. He asks now for the people's prayers. Father Frank has given up his parish and has returned to King's Cove where he grew up, and where some of his family still live. He would be comforted if he knew that some people were praying for him.

Father Andrew Cuschieri Award: In 1987, Father Andrew Cuschieri, a professor at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, gave \$10,000.00 to the Diocese so that the interest could be awarded each year to a worthy Youth recipient. This year, 2016-2017, the Ad Hoc Committee has chosen Malorie Osmond from Joe Batt's Arm as this year's recipient.

Thank you to all who were nominated.

Fr. Brian Colbert

Pastoral Days: During the coming week, from Monday evening until Thursday noon, we will hold our Pastoral Days in Grand Falls. The priests of the diocese and the pastoral leaders will meet with our Bishop to discuss important matters of faith. This is a time for quiet prayer, when we celebrate morning prayer together and we conclude with a Mass. It is a lovely time of growth in knowledge and brotherly and sisterly affection. During our sessions this week we will discuss Euthanasia, which means Assisted Suicide. Our discussions will be led by Dr. Moira McQueen, who is the director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. As you know, assisted dying has been legalized in Canada, and this has very far reaching consequences for Christian and non-Christians people alike. For example: Should a priest attend a person who is about to be euthanized? How do we deal with doctors or nurses who

refuse to be part of assisted dying? On Wednesday afternoon, Sister Margie Taylor will speak to us about human trafficking. As you can see, there are important and difficult topics which touch us and affect the Church in the modern world.

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But helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen*

Who decides the Time of Death ? Sheila Elson lives in St Anthony , and she is the mother of a sick child . Her daughter, Candice has several medical conditions including Spina Bifida and Cerebral Palsy . During a hospital stay in St Anthony last November when Candice was very sick , her mother said that a doctor told her that her daughter , who is 25 years old , was dying , and that she had the option to end her life . In the presence of the sick woman the doctor said assisted suicide was legal in Canada . The mother said " I was shocked and I told him I wasn't interested. He told me I was being selfish" . One thing that made the mother upset was that the doctor suggested assisted suicide in the presence of her daughter while the young woman was in earshot . God has given life, and life is sacred from before the time of birth, even life in the womb, and God should decide when it is time for us to die as well.

The Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre: Possibly the most important shrine in Canada is the Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre. In 1658, a labourer, Louis Guimont was suffering from terrible back pain. He came to help with the construction of the first chapel dedicated to Saint Anne. He was immediately and miraculously healed. Some years later in 1665, an Ursuline nun wrote "There is a village here called the 'The Little Cape', where there is a Church dedicated to Saint Anne. Here, Our Lord is working great marvels in favour of the holy mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Here, the paralyzed walk, the blind can see, the sick are healed from every kind of illness." Even today, Saint Anne de Beaupre is a

place of grace and miracles. Each year, up to one million pilgrims and visitors go there to ask the help of Good Saint Anne.

Baptismal Congratulations: We welcome into the parish community, Jenna Lisa Doreen Peach who will be baptized at St. Ignatius Church on Sunday. We wish Jenna and her family all God's blessings.

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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.