

March 17 - Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop: At age 16, Patrick was carried off in a pirate raid and sold as a slave in Ireland. He was made a swineherd, living in solitude on a mountain. This radical change in his life forced him to rely on his Christian training, and his prayer and asceticism marked him forever. After six years, Patrick escaped and returned to his parents in Britain. Later, he returned to Gaul to study for the priesthood, eventually becoming a bishop. After some time, Patrick returned to Ireland as a missionary. By the time of his death in 492, Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland, and churches and monasteries had been established to receive the constant stream of converts. Patrick is best known for evangelizing the Irish

March 18 - Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem: Cyril was born in Jerusalem about 315. He became a biblical scholar and a cleric in the Church of Jerusalem. Ordained about 342, he became Bishop of Jerusalem in 350. His famous Lenten instructions, *Catecheses*, outline his beliefs and the theological traditions of the Jerusalem community. Cyril died in Jerusalem in 387, having contributed greatly to the theological understanding of the early Church.

MARCH 19 - SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF CANADA AND PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH: Joseph was a village carpenter and a descendant of King David. Embarrassed by Mary's pregnancy, Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife. His thoughts of rejecting her were banished and he was faithful to his responsibility as her husband and as foster father of Jesus. Saint Joseph, a model of faithfulness, was declared patron of the universal Church in 1870 and is principal patron of Canada.

Easter Flowers

Parish members wishing to contribute towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers for the church may do so by putting an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket. If the flowers are being donated "In memory of" please indicate this, as well as your envelope number and/or name.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER

Pastor: Father Tom Duffenais ***Administrative Assistant:*** Doug Lambert

P. O. Box 38, St. Alban's, NL A0H 2E0

Parish House and Office: Phone 538-3106: Priest (709)674-1503

Email: st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca ***Website:*** www.stignatiusparish.nl

Office hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Gospel story of the Transfiguration is an awe-inspiring indication of the resplendent glory that belongs to Jesus as God's Son. However, from this point on in the Gospel, Jesus moves steadily towards his death for Jesus' glory comes only through suffering and dying. As followers of Jesus, we too must be prepared and willing to renounce glory in exchange for suffering and death to new life.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – March 15 and Sun. – March 16

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Edith Collier

St.Alban's-Sunday – 4:00p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----***Parish Family***

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church-----Frank & Elizabeth Drew

Weekday Masses Mon. March 17 – Fri. March 21

Mon - No Mass

Tues - 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Beatrice McDonald

Wed - 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Josephine Walsh

Thurs- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Glen Collier

Fri-----No Mass

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – March 22 and Sun. – March 23

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

St.Alban's-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----***Parish Family***

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church-----Keith Drew

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
March 15	Bernie C Loretta C	Pat P	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
March 16	Bernie C Loretta C	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O
March 22	Bernadette C	Cameron P	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
March 23	Bernadette C	Connie W	Father Tom Genevieve T	Logan B Nicolas C

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$948.00
St. Anne's Church	106.00
Diocesan Collection (Catholic missions in Canada)	505.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Mass Stipend	30.00
50/50 Fundraiser	3230.00
EFT (February 2025)	845.00

Congratulations to Valerie Coombs, winner of the February 2025 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1615.00)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

2024 Charitable Donation Receipt: If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2024 parish contributions, put your ENV # and NAME on a blank unsealed envelope and place it in the designated spot on the table at the back of the churches in St. Alban's and Conne River. Those envelopes will be collected by the office, the income tax receipt will be issued, put in the envelope and sealed. It will then be placed in the designated spot for RECEIPT PICKUP in both churches and you can collect it the following Sunday. Thank you.

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. beginning on March 7th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel. All are welcome!

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 Tom at 709-674-1503 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 like to bring them Holy Communion....Father Tom Duffenais

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.

Ecumenical Services: The Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches will gather together during Lent on Wednesdays at **1:00 p.m.** for Lenten services. All are welcome to take part in these Ecumenical services to prepare for Easter. The dates and location are:

March 12 - Anglican Church, Milltown-Head of Bay d' Espoir

March 19 - St. Ignatius Church, St. Alban's

March 26 - Anglican Church, Morrisville

April 2 - Anglican Church, Milltown-Head of Bay d' Espoir

April 9 - St. Ignatius Church, St. Alban's

Lenten Folders: Coin folders and Lenten offering envelopes are available at the main entrance of the Church. Thank you for your continued support to the parish.