SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

September 4 - Memorial of Blessed Dina Bélanger, Virgin: Born in 1897, Dina was the only daughter of wellto-do parents in Quebec City. A gifted student, Dina had remarkable musical talent and, after studying at the New York Conservatory, could have pursued a career as a concert pianist. However, she was always keenly aware of the role of others, notably her parents, in supporting her faithful response to the call of the Gospel. Dina professed final vows with the Religious of Jesus and Mary at the age of 25. Her spirit of praise and generosity inspired her motto, "to refuse God nothing". Her simple life in the convent as musician and educator is glowing testimony to the value of living daily our call to sainthood in whatever setting we find ourselves. Dina died on September 4, 1929, promising her family and friends to be a "beggar of love in heaven". She was beatified in 1993. Today, members of the Religious of Jesus and Mary are present in twenty-eight countries in four continents.

SEPTEMBER 8 - FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the fifth century. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus.

September 9 - Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest:: Born in 1580 near Barcelona, Spain, Peter Claver joined the Jesuits in 1600. Inspired to work in the missions in the New World, he was sent to Cartegena (now Columbia) in South America. Cartegena was then the centre of the slave trade and Peter tended to newly-arrived Africans with food, water, and medicine. For nearly forty years, he ministered to the slaves and pleaded with their owners to treat them humanely. Peter died in 1654 and was canonized in 1888. He is a patron of Columbia and of all missions to black people.

<u>From A Letter of Saint Ignatius</u>: Only in recent years, since I came to St.Alban's, have I learned of some of the writings of our own dear Saint Ignatius of Antioch. This is an excerpt from a letter to his much younger friend, Saint Polycarp, who was also a bishop.

"I was so happy to see your face. May I ever enjoy the sight of it in eternity. Press forward on your journey, and exhort all men to salvation. Always have great concern for the spiritual and daily needs of your flock. Let unity, the greatest of all good, be your preoccupation. Carry the burdens of all, as the Lord carries yours. Have patience with all in charity, as indeed you do. Give yourself to prayer continually. Ask for wisdom greater than you now have. Speak to each person individually, following Jesus example. Bear the weaknesses of all, like a perfect athlete of God. The greater the toil, the richer the reward. If you love only your good disciples, you gain no merit. Rather, you must win over the more troublesome by kindness. I'm everything, I am your devoted friend-I and my chains, which you have kissed.

Website Update

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



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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, Jesus challenges his disciples to come to terms with the mystery of the Cross. Because they are having difficulty with the fact that He must endure suffering and death, Christ teaches Peter and the other disciples this crucial principle of discipleship, "If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." This "taking up of the cross" is a daily, life-long calling. It is a call of dying to self and of absolute surrender to Christ. In today's world many Christians actually face death because of their faith. For most of us it simply means total commitment, being willing to face death or to suffer anything, even ridicule, rather than deny the Lord Jesus. It means standing up for Christ and making choices based on the teachings of our faith. Following Jesus is easy when life runs smoothly; true commitment to Him is revealed during difficult times. The Lord Jesus, by dying on the Cross, gave His all for each one of us. Let us take up our cross and give our all for him – not just with a willingness to die for Him, but with a commitment to live for Him!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Sept. 4th –Sept. 8th

Monday		No Mass
•		Adelia Morris, William Willcott
Wed 10:00 a.m	Parish Chapel	William Cox
Thurs 10:00 a.m	Parish Chapel	Gertrude Hoskins, Anthony Sutton
Friday 10:00 a.m	Parish Chapel	Stephen Mullaley

Weekend Liturgy:Saturday, Sept. 9th and Sunday, Sept. 10th

St. Alban's Sat 7:00 p.m	St. Ignatius Church Elizabeth MacDonald
St. Alban's Sun 10:30 a.m	St. Ignatius Church Parish Family
Conne River Sun 2:00 p.m	St. Anne's Church Genevieve MacNeil

SEPTEMBER 4 - LABOUR DAY: Labour Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September and is one of the special days observed as a 'Day of Prayer in the Dioceses of Canada'. Though this day is a time for relaxation, it is also an opportune time for reflection. Church teachings rightly remind us of the value of work. Among other things, work enhances our human dignity, it is needed in order to form and maintain a family, and it contributes to the common good of our local, national and global communities. This Labour Day, let us take time to reflect on the value of human work and the importance of recognizing, respecting, and defending the dignity of all workers. Let us pray too for all workers and also for those who are without work, that they may find gainful employment. Let us celebrate also the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

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 intersession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, behold, I cast myself at thy feet, nd 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 May, 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, Grant that our families too Will have places of prayer and peace

Holy Family of Nazareth, May our families never again Experience violence and division May all who have been hurt Find ready comfort and healing Holy Family of Nazareth, Make us more mindful of the sacredness of the family

and its beauty in God's plan

Jesus Mary and Joseph Please hear our prayer Amen

possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation. Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



<u>Congratulations</u>: The worshipping community of St. Ignatius Parish wish good luck and God's rich blessings for Megan Croke and Devon Strickland on the occasion of their recent marriage.

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.

Baptismal Congratulations: We welcome into the parish community, Thomas John Paul Howse and Lanayah Audrey Priscilla Lambert who will be baptized at St. Anne's Church on Sunday. We wish Thomas and Lanayah and their family all God's blessings.

Swimmin' Women: We were all delighted to hear that Jessica Willcott won a gold medal in I.M. competition , which means 'Individual Medley'. In this race, excellence in four different strokes are needed: The breast stroke, the butterfly, the backstroke and freestyle. In this race, the swimmer must excel in all four different strokes if she wishes to be in the winners circle. This is a Summer Club Provincial Swimming competition which was held in Gander. Competing against swimmers from all over Newfoundland. Jessica won gold in the finals. In two other events, she also won silver and bronze medals. We were so happy for her, as many of Jessica's competitors in these events has access to a pool for practice, even daily. Jessica is very special to us all that she helps at our weekend Masses by playing the organ and singing. God bless you, Jessica. *Reach for the stars.*

Labour Day: Bay D' Espoir is a wonderful place in Newfoundland to live. One of the reasons is that there is work here. We have a fish plant. There is a lot of work in aquaculture, as this

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion	Altar	Music
				Minister	Servers	
Sept. 2	Jenny Maggie	Ann Benoit Audrey Davis	Anthony Willcott Kevin Organ Francis MacNeil	Mitchel Willcott	Maggie Pat	Mary Organ
Sept. 3	Mary Strickland	Philomena Sutton	Perry Cox Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont	Mary Organ	Jenny Brenda Davis	Tiffany Hoskins
Sept. 9	Mary Strickland	Elizabeth Barlow Thomas Collier	Anthony Willcott Kevin Organ Francis MacNeil	Edith Organ	Kevin Willie	Folk Group
<u>Sept.</u> <u>10</u>	Mary Organ	Joanne Farrell	Perry Cox Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont	Mary Strickland	Margaret Ellen	Folk Group

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – offertory ------\$1045.00 Baptism Stipend ----- \$25.00 Funeral Stipend------ \$200.00

Card Party: The Knights of Columbus will be holding a card party on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at the St. Alban's Lions Club at 8:00 pm. Cash Prizes. Come out for an evening of fun.

Chase The Ace: Chase the Ace has resumed. It will be held at the RC Legion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

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area is recognized as the heart and center of aquaculture in our province. Many people in this area work with Newfoundland Hydro. Many people are employed in government offices, and in education, and the medical field. We rejoice with those who work, for through our work we continue God's work of creation. Work also gives dignity and purpose to life, enabling us to grow into full maturity in our chosen vocation. When our first parents sinned, God said, almost as punishment: "By the sweat of your brow, you shall earn your bread". But Jesus sanctified work, for he laboured many years as a carpenter. It is through our work and working side by side with our fellow worker, that we achieve sanctity.

Is our Summer really Over? The beautiful summer has slipped away so quickly and now we return to our day to day activities. Parents know all too well that the little ones are off to school again. Teachers and students will be returning to class this week. We wish them God's richest blessing. Also, for many people, the campers are parked by the door, and the boat is hauled up, and the cabin only sees the family now and again. I am hoping that families, the young and the old will joyfully gather for our beautiful Masses in our beautiful Churches. As the man said *"Leave your cell at home and take your selfie to Church."*

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOUR DAY WEEKEND!!

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

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.

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 relaxation, Joy, 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

<u>Who decides the Time of Death ?</u> 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.

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Baptismal Congratulations: We welcome into the parish community, *Logan Jerome Power* who will be baptized at St. Ignatius Church on Sunday. We wish Logan and his family all God's blessings.

PRAYER TO ST. ANNE

Good St. Anne, you were especially favored by <u>God</u> to be the mother of the most holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Savior. By your power with your most pure daughter and with her divine Son, kindly obtain for us the <u>grace</u> and the favor we now seek. Please secure for us also forgiveness of our past sins, the <u>strength</u> to perform faithfully our daily duties and the help we need to persevere in the love of <u>Jesus</u> and Mary. Amen.

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.

The Five Finger Prayer: You may find this prayer helpful. And it is always close to you. All of us could make this five finger prayer a part of our lives.

Your thumb

is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'

The <u>next finger</u>

is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

The Fourth Finger

is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble Or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

And lastly comes our little finger

the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says " The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind You to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

The <u>next finger</u>

is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators.. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need