The family whom the diocese sponsored into Canada have settled nicely into their new home land. Although continuing to miss their families they are adjusting well. They are here now almost 9 months; they both have jobs and their daughter is in daycare. The jobs they have are in the service industry, while they learn English in preparation for upgrading their skills as microbiologists which they were in Iraq.

They are preparing now for Ramadan, the holy month of the Muslim year. During Ramadan, the adults cannot eat or drink during daylight hours, they must read the holy Koran more often and spend more time in prayer. The intent of Ramadan is similar to Lent in the Christian calendar. Please pray for them as they will for you. Ramadan lasts from May 26 until June 26.

Fr. Brian Colbert

MAY 28 - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives and promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and to reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

MAY 31 - FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: This feast commemorates the meeting between the Blessed Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, both of whom find themselves with child. Each woman experiences an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth's response is to declare Mary and her child blessed; Mary's response is to utter the great hymn of praise, the *Magnificat*. Found in Saint Luke's Gospel (*Luke 1.39-56*), the whole event is one of rejoicing in the wonders that God has done.

June 1 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR: Justin was a convert to Christianity and was called "The Philosopher". He used his knowledge of philosophy to explain Christian doctrine. Eventually, he was brought to trial and martyred about the year 165. The official account from court records still exists and shows how Justin and his companions, when brought before the Roman prefect, declared themselves to be Christian, refused to sacrifice to the gods, and were subsequently condemned to death. Justin's writings include one of the earliest descriptions of the Mass.

<u>June 2 - Memorial of Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter, Martyrs</u>: Marcellinus and Peter lived in Rome during the time of the Emperor Diocletian. Legend has it that, while in prison, they converted their jailer and his family. Both Marcellinus and Peter were put to death for their faith about the year 304 and are commemorated in the canon of the Mass. There are accounts of miracles which resulted when their remains were moved to a monastery in Germany in 827.



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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of Jesus reminds us that we are pilgrims on a journey, that we are "only passing through" on this earth. Meanwhile, like the apostles, we have work to do. In the readings from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles that they are witnesses. So too are we. Like the apostles, we are challenged to witness to Christ in our daily lives – in our homes, in our churches, in our local community, and, yes, even to the ends of the earth. What a wonderful privilege this is as sons and daughters of God!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: May 29^{th-} June 2nd

Monday3:00 pm	St. Ignatius Church	Funeral Mass for Clarence Collier
Tuesday 3:00 pm	St. Ignatius Church	Funeral Mass for Bradley Windsor
Wed		No Mass
Thurs 7:00 p.m	Parish Chapel	Magdalene Collier, Lila Cox
Friday 10:00 a.m	Parish Chapel	- Mercedus Snook, Elizabeth Harding

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th

St. Alban's Sat 7:00 p.m	St. Ignatius Church Robert Snook
St. Alban's Sun 10:30 a.m	St. Ignatius Church Parish Family
Conne River Sun 2:00 p.m	St. Anne's Church John Joe & Mary Hannah Drew

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
May 27	Jenny Maggie	Christina Farrell	Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Juanita Organ	Christine Mary Organ	Julie Ann Chrissy Farrell
May 28	Mary Strickland	Mary Organ	Necia Dollimont Mary Organ George Davis	Ralph Blake	Edith Juanita	Mary Organ
June 3	Mary Strickland	Pat Pittman	Christine Howse Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith	Christine Howse	Brenda Jeddore Maggie	Kennedy Willcott Tracy Perry
June 4	Mary Organ	Lydia Walsh	Clarence Davis Mike Snook Perry Cox	Genevieve Tremblett	Anthony George	Children's choir Valerie Coombs

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – offertory	\$981.00	Lenten Folders: \$19.50
Diocesan: Pope's Pastoral Works	\$232.00	Chase The Ace Proceeds: \$297.50

Chase the Ace: On Friday nights from 7-9 pm at R.C. Legion, St. Alban's. Consolation Prize is 20% of ticket sales for that night. <u>Tickets are \$5.00 each & must of age 19.</u>

Card Party: The Knights of Columbus will be holding a card party on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 8:00 pm at St. Alban's Lions Club. *Cash Prizes to be won!!!!*.

<u>Billets:</u> St. Ignatius Parish will be celebrating Father Brophy's 50th Anniversary of Priesthood on June 21st. unfortunately; there are no accommodations available for his friends and family from away. We are therefore looking for billets, for one night only. If you need more information, please call the parish office at 538-3106/3196.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Bradley Windsor their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God Bless you and console you.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Roy Drake their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God Bless you and console you.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Clarence Collier their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God Bless you and console you.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Marriage Preparation Course: During the summer we celebrate the 'Marriage Season'. At present, several couples from our parish are preparing and looking forward to the happy day when they promise each other in love before their family and friends and before God. A weekend of marriage preparation has been set aside for June 16th and 17th. The couples will meet with Father Brophy on Friday night, June 16th and with a young married couple on Saturday morning at 10:00 am. At 12:00 noon, they will celebrate, not with champagne, but with soup and sandwiches.

Flower Saddle Arrangements for Headstones

In recent years many family members have adorned headstones of loved ones with flower saddles. These saddles can be very expensive but unfortunately, due to strong winds in the area, many of these saddles get blown off the headstones. It has almost been impossible for cemetery workers/volunteers to place them back on the correct headstone. The Parish Council is now asking, that if you do buy these saddles, please write on the bottom of them (in permanent marker) the name of deceased. Since there are many similar names in the cemetery, please also write date of death. (Ie Martha Smith d. Dec 2, 1910)



Collection for the Food Bank: Each year on a couple of occasions, we try to have a collection for the Food Bank. We will receive your gifts of food at the weekend Masses on Father's Day, both in St. Alban's and in St. Anne's Church in Conne River, we will receive your gifts of food. At the Mass, after the gifts of bread and wine and the collection have been brought forward, I will ask the people to come forward with their donations of food. Our gifts are always so very welcome at the Food Bank, and the people who rely on these gifts must still eat even during the summer months. I wish to thank the people of the parish who so willingly and generously support those who may be struggling to make ends meet. God Bless You.

Receiving First Holy Communion: This weekend is a very special time for several boys and girls in our parish. On Sunday, some of the little ones from our parish will receive the Body of Christ for the first time. This is a very important moment in the life of any child, for on this occasion, they will receive Jesus himself into their hearts for the very first time. We rejoice with these little ones and I ask only that the parents bring their little ones faithfully to Mass and that their children will grow every more deeply in love for Jesus who loves them so much. We rejoice with these little children who will make their first Holy Communion:

Somer Abbott	Carson Collier	Logan Collier
Trista Cox	Jorja Felix	Emma LeRoux
Mark MacDonald	Ava Organ	Jackson Rose
Noah Willcott		

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.