

LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper which marks the start of the Easter Triduum. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. It has a twofold purpose: it helps catechumens to prepare for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil, and it invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at Easter. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the Lenten readings.

March 4 - Memorial of Saint Casimir: Casimir, the son of Casimir IV, King of Poland, was born in Krakow in 1458. His grandfather, Wladislaus II Jagiello, was responsible for introducing Christianity into Poland. Educated by a very devout priest, Casimir felt called to a life devoted to God and so he rejected the trappings of royalty for a simple humble life. He was directly involved in government affairs and was renowned for his sense of justice and his care for the poor. Casimir is often depicted in artwork as having three hands, reflecting his reputation for extraordinary charity. He died of tuberculosis when he was 26 and was buried in Lithuania. Casimir is the patron saint of Lithuania and one of the patrons of Poland.

MARCH 6 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This day is sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world. It is celebrated in over 170 countries and is observed annually on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, and our community.

March 7 - Memorial of Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Martyrs: Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, a slave, were killed for their faith on March 7, 203. During the persecution of Christians by Emperor Severus early in the third century, several catechumens were arrested, among them Perpetua with her infant son, and Felicity who was pregnant at the time. Both women were baptized while under arrest and, refusing to renounce their faith, they – along with several other Christians – were flogged, led to the amphitheatre, exposed to the wild beasts, and beheaded. The martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicity is a powerful example of the new world created by the birth of Christianity.



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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. 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. – February 28 and Sun. – March 1

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Marie Haggerty

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

ConneRiver-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Mary K. John &
Broderick Drew

Weekday Masses Mon. March 2 – March 6

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John Howse & Randy Cranford

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Matilda Collier (Owen)

Wed -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Catherine Abbott

Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Albert & Lenora McDonald

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Deceased members of the Croft family

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – March 7 and Sun. – March 8

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Fabian Collier

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

ConneRiver-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church---Edwin & Lucy Jeddore
and their deceased children

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
February 28	Bernie C Loretta C	Edith O	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
March 1	Bernie C Loretta C	Valerie H Lydia W	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D
March 7	Bernadette C	Ann B	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
March 8	Bernadette C	Cindy B	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$830.00
St. Anne's Church	105.00
Diocesan Collection (CMIC Ash Wednesday)	530.00
Donation (Milltown-Head of Bay d'Espoir Thrift Store)	500.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Mass Stipend	225.00
Certificate	5.00

Thank you

A special thank you to the Milltown-Head of Bay d'Espoir Thrift Store for their generous donation to the parish.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Lenten Offering

Lenten Coin Folders are no longer available. If you wish to make a Lenten offering, please use an envelope provided at the tables near the main entrance. Please fill in your Name, Donation Amount and your Offertory Envelope # or indicate if you are signed up for EFT. Thank you for your continued support.

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

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.

2025 Charitable Donation Receipt: If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2025 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 during the Lenten Season at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 20th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel.

All are welcome!

