

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.

No Scent Policy: *No perfumes or scents make good sense.* Scented products can cause a variety of health problems such as, but not limited to sore throat, runny nose, sinus congestion, wheezing, shortness of breath, headache, mental confusion, inability to concentrate, flushing, irritability, nausea, muscle pain or migraine. *We share the air, so go scent free on behalf of all our parishioners.*

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

Children's Sunday Liturgy: *The children's liturgy takes place each Sunday morning, during Mass. Appropriate ages are 4+ years.*

Family Mass: A family Mass takes place in our parish, the last Sunday of each month. This is a special Mass for families and all families are encouraged to attend. The next family Mass will be on February 24.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: On the first Friday of each month, there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the parish Chapel at 10:30 am. Mass to follow at 11:00 am.

Holy Communion at Home: If you or someone you know who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, you are asked to please inform Father Patrick or phone the parish office @ 538-3106. The Body of Christ is often such an important part of people's lives, so when they are sick or unable to come to Mass, I would gladly bring them Holy Communion.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Following his baptism, Jesus "returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil". The story of Jesus= temptations in the desert affirms his full humanity. After his baptism, but before he began his ministry, he was tempted just as we are. But in the end, Jesus prevailed. The challenge for us, when tempted to sin, is to respond as Jesus did, not succumbing to temptations, but relying upon God=s grace and allowing this grace to support and sustain us. It is the living story of our faith, our baptismal commitment, which we reaffirm in this lenten season.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: March 11th – March 15th

Mon - 11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----Ann Collier (Mike), Thomas Farrell
Tues.- 11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----Philomena Barnes, Kate Collier
Wed. - 11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel ----- Kenneth Willcott, William Cox
Thurs - 11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel ----- Johnny Organ
Fri. - 11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel ----- Michael Walsh

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, March 16th and Sunday, March 17th

St. Alban's- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.-St. Ignatius Church-----	Juanita & Levi 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 -----	Damien & Melva Benoit

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 pm at St. Ignatius Church, beginning on March 8th.

LENTEN MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ANTHONY DANIELS

Please take a copy of the Lenten message from the tables at back of the church.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Collectors</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Music</i>
Mar. 6 Ash Wed.	Mary S. Patsy M.	Ann Benoit	George Organ Willie M. Pat Pittman	Margaret Hoskins	Patsy Edith	Jessica Willcott Valerie C.
Mar. 9	Mary Patsy M	Gerry Cox	George Organ Willie M. Pat Pittman	Edith Organ	Jenny Mary W	Folk Group
Mar. 10	Jenny Maggie	Cindy Benoit	Clarence Davis Mike Snook Perry Cox	Calvin Collier	Kevin Brenda	Folk Group
Mar. 16	Jenny Maggie	Christina Farrell	George Organ Willie M. Pat Pittman	Margaret Hoskins	Patsy Edith	Julie Ann Catherine B.
Mar. 17	Ann Theresa		Clarence Davis Mike Snook Perry Cox	Ralph Blake	Anthony George	Jessica Willcott

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church-----	\$826.00	St. Anne's Church-----	\$154.75
Diocesan-Ash Wed -----	\$5.00	Chase The Ace Proceeds	\$175.00
Candles :-----	\$176.50	Baptism Stipend: -----	\$25.00
Funeral Stipend: -----	\$400.00	Mass Stipends: -----	\$115.00
Parish Dues: -----	\$25.00		

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.

World Day of Prayer: will take place in our parish on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 in the chapel (attached to the parish residence) Details to follow later.

Income Tax Receipts: are available upon request.

ST. ALBAN'S WINTERLUDE 2019

St. Alban's Winterlude 2019 will be taking place from March 14-17. Check out Channel 12 for details or St. Alban's Recreation, Parks & Special Events Committee Facebook page. Looking forward to everyone participating!

Baptismal Congratulations: We welcome into the parish community, McKenzie Wilma Deborah Locke who will be baptized at St. Ignatius Church on Sunday. We wish McKenzie and her family all God's blessings.

END OF WINTER BREAK-----FUN AND FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

For those of you who tickets, the supper will be going ahead on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 pm, at the St. Alban's Legion.

Prayer and Lent: A very beautiful and rewarding activity in the home may be family prayer. Lent is a special time when praying as a family may be most fitting. Family prayer need not be long, and should be suitable for the age of the children. A place of prayer may be the first requirement. After the supper meal, around the dining room or kitchen table, with a holy picture, a crucifix, a candle, a prayer book, etc. Some families have a prayer corner where there is a more permanent place of prayer. The prayer time can begin with the sign of the cross, a prayer for a family, the Our Father, a short reading from the Gospel, petitions for the family and loved ones, etc. Praying together will unite and strengthen a family and instil virtue and strength and love in children.

Looking forward to Lent: Lent is the beginning of the most solemn season of the church year. We recall the forty days which Jesus spent in the desert, without food, fasting and praying. Each and every Christian is asked to take seriously this time of fasting, penance and prayer. Listed below are a few ways that you could enter with greater fervor into this Holy season.

You could attend the daily Mass in the little chapel

You could attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights

You could try to pray together as a family each evening

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.



Income Tax Receipts: Anyone needing receipts for income tax purposes are asked to put their name and /or 2018 envelope number on **an empty envelope** and place it in the wooden box at the back of the church or you can also place your request in the collection basket. *The receipts (in your own envelope) will be available on the table at the back of the church the following week.* Parishioners in Conne River are asked to place their envelopes in the collection basket

Steubenville Atlantic registration is now open! If any pastor/administrator, parent or student grade 9 and up is interested In finding out more about Steubenville Atlantic which takes place in Halifax the first weekend of July, you are invited to contact Father Brian at 709-427-6075 or ocybrian@gmail.com or Ann Marie at 709-486-5851 or annmariey@hotmail.com. This is a world-class gathering of Catholic youth that takes place every summer both here in Canada and in the United States. To get more general information Google 'Steubenville Atlantic' and find out what's happening this summer.
