



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Feast of All Souls November 2nd 2025



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PARISH OFFICE

Monday- Friday:
8:30am-12:30pm - 1:30pm-4:30pm
121 St. Ninian, Antigonish NS
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MASS TIMES

Mon-Fri: 9am
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00pm-3:45pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Carleton MacNeil

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Our Mission Statement

"St. Ninian Cathedral is the Episcopal Seat for the Diocese of Antigonish, Nova Scotia. We humbly welcome all who wish to nurture their faith through sharing the Word, breaking the Bread, and celebrating God's love for us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to worship and serve God through prayer and service to God's people, and by striving to live our lives in the likeness and image of God."

MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday: Charles Borromeo
Hugh and Carmel Landry - RIP
Souls in Purgatory- RIP
Michael and Gertrude Dacton - RIP

Wednesday:
Leah Duffy - RIP
Mabel and Leo Duffy - RIP
Edgar and Anthony Burke - RIP

Thursday
Gerard Decker - RIP
Anne Theresa Meagher - RIP
Patsy Pitts - RIP

Friday
Bernadette George - RIP
Danny DeCoste - RIP
Henry Bekkers - RIP

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL SOULS:

Wednesday, November 19th at 6:30PM

FOR, WHOM WILL TOLL THE BELL?

Volunteers wanted to assist with ringing the bell before funerals. Stop by the office if you're interested.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH GROUP

Friday, November 14th from 6-8pm
Room 017 SNP

All youth ages Grade 9 and up are encouraged to come join us for faith-based fun and fellowship.

MAID - A CATHOLIC RESPONSE:

On Sunday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls, when we pray for those who have died and reflect on how we, as Christians, view death, it was considered an appropriate time also to highlight our opposition to MAiD. Bishop Kirkpatrick has requested that every parish affirm that all life is sacred from conception to natural death and that Medical Assistance in Dying, also known as MAiD, is contrary to our Christian faith.

Brochures titled 'A Catholic Response to Medical Assistance in Dying' are now available on our website:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/medical-assistance-in-dying-a-catholic-response/>

REST IN PEACE:

Heather MacDonald, Halifax
Rose Connolly, North Grant
Jackie Kell, Antigonish

EXPLORING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:

Tuesdays from 3:30–4:30pm
SNP.

Join us for conversations about Catholicism.

PIPING AND DRUMMING LESSONS CONTINUE:

Mondays at 6pm: Chanter and pipes
Thursdays at 6pm: Pipes and drums
Bottom floor SNP.
1-hour beginner piping and drumming lessons for all ages.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP IN CELEBRATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING:

November 23rd, after both Masses

If anyone can donate muffins or fruit for this social time, please contact the parish office. If you can spare some time to help facilitate future monthly coffee socials, please let us know.

BOOK OF ALL SOULS:

We have placed our book of the names of the deceased at the main doors of the cathedral where you can place the names of your deceased loved ones. During the month of December we will remember them in all of our masses.

ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR HIGHLAND ACADEMY OF LEARNING:

Friday, Nov. 7, from 7-10 p.m
Heatherton Community Centre.

Entertainment by Mary MacIntosh, great items to bid on throughout the evening, prize draws, food and cash bar. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or in advance at the Respect Life Centre, 27 St. Andrew's St. For information call Clare at (902)870-4850.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:

Saturday November 8th, 8:30AM.

SNP.

Guest speaker Angus "Tando" MacIsaac.

**Tickets: \$25 at parish office (902-863-2338) and
from Kenny Stewart (902-870-3354)**

Proceeds go toward improvements to St. Ninian Place

BRENT MACLEAN AND FRIENDS

RETURNS:

November 2nd, 2:30pm.

SNP

Featuring Tracey Wallace, Lisa Hallett, and Cairista and
Patty MacIsaac. Free admission.

DRINKING WITH THE SAINTS:

Saturday, November 1st at 7pm.

SNP.

\$25 per person

CAMPAIGN NEWS:

The St. Ninian Parish Foundation is happy to send out its second monthly news letter about the campaign to raise \$750,000 for the repair of the ceiling. We started in February and are happy to report that as of the end of October we have received \$368,262 in donations and pledges. Pledges from parishioners amount to \$114,960 over three years. In total that is an increase of over 40,000 from the end of September. We are very grateful for those donations and are working hard to collect more. Pledge cards maybe dropped off at the parish office or put in the Foundations box on the right of the main door to the cathedral. You can visit us Saturday mornings at the farmers market to look at the Lego model of the cathedral and where you can ask any questions you may have.

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

October 26th, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$6977

Cemetery: \$280

Candles: \$497

Diocesan Levy : \$24

Pre-authorized payments (September): \$11,342

PASTOR'S PICKS:

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Eternal Rest presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.

We pray that through Eternal Rest, God may give you greater peace, solace, and perspective. In addition to watching the film series, visit [EternalRest.org](https://eternalrest.org) for practical resources, including 60+ videos of experts answering common questions about end-of-life medical care, funerals, legal documents, grief, and more.

Sign up for Formed FREE at
<https://signup.formed.org/> by finding St. Ninian Cathedral Parish.

INTRIGUING IMPLICATIONS OF AI:

Nov. 25, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

St. Ninian Place, Antigonish

This year's Vicar of the Founder Lecture features Fr. Philip Larrey, PH.D., a Catholic priest, author, and professor of philosophy at Boston College, and former Chair of Logic and Epistemology at the Pontifical Lateran University in the Vatican. His scholarly work focuses on the philosophy of knowledge, critical thinking, and the impact of the digital era on society.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Sunday after 10:30am Mass

Vestry Prayer Group

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm

Religion Classes

Wednesday at 6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday at 7:00pm

Rosary

Wednesday after 9am Mass

Flame of Love Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday after 9am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after 9am Mass until 3pm



Prayer for those who've died

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Dear God of Mercy, I pray this day for all souls, both known and unknown to me, who, although touched by death, have not yet entered Your Heavenly Kingdom.

Message from Fr Danny

Today we remember in prayer all of those called home to the Kingdom. This feast is a celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. It is only because of the Lord's rising from the dead that the bonds of death have been broken and we are given a share of His Risen glory.

Since last All Soul's Day, we have celebrated seventy-nine funeral Masses. Each represents a unique story — moments of sadness, joy, and above all, resurrection, may they rest in peace. I cannot help but think and be thankful for the many parishioners who assisted in lunches and being present with family for hours in SNP, as well as the CWL and KOC who let prayers at the wakes and the servers and sacristans present and the liturgies.

Halloween has arrived and as I write this, I'm hearing the weather may not be great. There was one Halloween with my sister and younger brother went out with neighbours in a snowstorm. By the time we got home our masks were likely in PEI, but we made it.

This week, the piping and drumming lessons began with great success. It's never too late to join — all are welcome to take part and share in the spirit of music and community.

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Happy Halloween, Father Danny