



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025



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MASS TIMES

Tues-Wed-Fri: 9am
Thurs-6:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00pm-3:45pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Carleton MacNeil

FINANCE CHAIR

Tony Secco

CWL PRESIDENT

Toosje Van de Sande

KoC GRAND KNIGHT

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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."

COLLECTION INFORMATION

March 16th, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$5105.00

Initial Offering: \$10.00

Maintenance Fund: \$65.00

Pre-authorized payments March: \$10992.00

FOUNDATION-CEILING REPAIRS

Envelopes: \$12,370.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday -The Annunciation of the Lord

Paul MacDonnell, rip

Wednesday

Martina MacPherson, rip

Thursday

Phil Murley, rip

Friday

Danny Cogger, rip



SUPPORT

BLESSED CARLO YOUTH GROUP



Next weekend, during the Weekend Masses, the Blessed Carlos Youth Group will have tickets on beautiful Easter Baskets. Proceeds will go directly toward the much-needed ceiling repairs. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the Draw will be at Easter. Your support will make a big difference- and you might just take home a lovely Easter Basket as a prize!

RECTOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK WITH FORMED

Formed is a streaming service that helps dive into the beauty of the Faith at home, on the go, or from any internet-connected device. Sign up for FREE at <https://signup.formed.org/> by finding St. Ninian Cathedral Parish.

This week the Church celebrates the Feast of the Annunciation where Mary says "yes" to the Lord (Luke 1:26-38). Go to Formed and search Annunciation to learn more.

For adults: From the Mysteries of the Rosary series check out this beautiful and informative video on The Annunciation.

For youth: From Brother Francis watch The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray. This episode includes:

The prayers of the Rosary as well as the Apostles' Creed –each wonderfully visualized! And "I Love to Pray" –an energetic, catchy song that will encourage children to communicate with God anywhere and anytime!



FUTUREWORXS GRADUATES

Congratulations to the graduates of the Futureworxs Connex Program!

We wish you the best in your future endeavors!

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED

Sadie Gillis, Sydney formerly Antigonish

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

March 17th - April 16th

Tuesday - 9am Mass

Wednesday - 9am Mass

Thursday - 6:30 pm Mass

with Stations of the Cross

Friday - 9am Mass

WINTER/SPRING SQUARE DANCE/CEILIDH

St Ninian Place on Sunday, March 23, 2025, from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Featured performers will be Brian and Abby MacDonald, Junior Fraser, and Leona Williams.

Adults - \$10.00; Students by donation; children free.

All ages welcome. Light lunch provided

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SPRING FLING CEILIDH

March 28th 8pm-11pm

Come Dance the Night Away!

Entertainment by Colin Rankin, Junior Fraser and Leona Williams. Donation at the door. If you'd like, bring a sweet or a snack to share!

Brought to you by Catholics at X Society!

HEALING MASS

Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Next Mass: Saturday, March 29, 1:30 pm

Father Albert MacPherson, OSA, Augustinian Healing Ministry

CWL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

St. Ninian Place, April 26, 2025, 9am -3:30pm

Closing Mass at 4:00pm in the Cathedral.

Registration for the Conference is open to all members.

It costs \$35.00, including lunch which would be paid by the CWL. We encourage all members who can commit to this one day conference

to contact Toosje Van de Sande at 902-863-3234 or tcvan3@gmail.com by March 25, 2025

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST NINIAN FOUNDATION

SATURDAY MARCH 29 AT 10 30AM,

ST NINIAN PLACE. All are welcome.

Ceiling Repair

Much appreciation is given to everyone who contributed to the Foundation via envelope donations for ceiling repairs. If you still have an envelope, it's not too late

to donate. Please watch future bulletin notices about the upcoming Capitol Campaign.

Thank you for your support.

MY DEAR CLERGY AND MY DEAR PEOPLE,

As we enter this sacred Season of Lent, I invite you to reflect on our call to be 'Pilgrims of Hope,' as proclaimed by Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year 2025. In a world marked by poverty, oppression, and inequality, we are called to action through our support of Development and Peace Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of our Catholic Church in Canada.

Since its founding in 1967, Development and Peace has dedicated itself to addressing the root causes of these injustices by collaborating with partners in the global south and mobilizing our fellow Canadians to pursue justice and dignity for all. This Lent, let us join in solidarity with those who suffer the burdens of unjust debts, which they will never be able to repay.

Together with this year's theme, we can participate in the global Turn Debt Into Hope campaign. I urge you to take two simple yet profound actions: First, sign the global petition to cancel the unjust debts of impoverished countries. Second, on Solidarity Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, please give generously to Share Lent, our annual fundraising campaign supporting the transformative work of Development and Peace in over 30 countries.

As we journey through this Lenten season, let us embody Christ's compassion by turning our collective hope into tangible help for those in need. Your generosity can help transform lives and foster lasting change.

Please visit devp.org/give to contribute and join us in this crucial mission. Together, let us Turn Debt Into Hope. If you have not yet ordered the free Share Lent materials for your parish, you can do so at

Resources Lent 2025 | Development and Peace - Caritas Canada (devp.org)

If you have any questions about the campaign or the Share Lent materials, you are invited to contact our Regional DPCC animator, Adah Ogbe, at aogbe@devp.org. Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

Faternally,

+ Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick
Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick
Bishop of Antigonish



ST. NINIAN CWL BURSARY

Applications are available at the back of the church. If you are a 2025 grade 12 graduate and meet the criteria, you are invited to complete the application and return it to St. Ninian's Place at the office clearly marked: CWL Bursary application; c/o Kim Grant, or mail it (address in application) by May 1st.

LIONS BREAKFAST SUNDAY MARCH 30

Pancake and Sausage breakfast for Sunday March 30, from 9-12. Donations at the door will go towards local needs of the community.

HANDMADE MARKET ON SATURDAY APRIL 5TH

from 10 to 2 at the Heatherton Community Centre. There will be vendors with baked goods, jewellery, wood crafts, photography, house plants, garden & flower seeds, Easter themed decor and much more. There will also be corn chowder and biscuit for \$5.00 along with a beverage that can also be purchased. If you wish to participate, please contact Malcolm at malliemac131@gmail.com

THIS LENT, TURN DEBT INTO HOPE

2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them."

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is responding to this call through the global Turn into Hope campaign.

Here are a few ways you can join. Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent.

MEETINGS

Blessed Carlos Auctis Youth Group

Sunday March 23rd at 6pm - 8pm

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday March 25 at 7pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday March 26 at 7pm

AGM Foundation Meeting

Wednesday March 29th at 10:30am

WEEKLY EVENTS

Prayer Group:

Tuesday - 6:30pm- Vestry- All Welcome

OCIA Gathering

Tuesday at 7pm

Breaking Open the Word

Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Flame of Love Rosary - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday before 6:30 Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after 9:30 am Mass until 3pm

Message from Fr Danny

In this Sunday's Gospel passage Jesus is teaching His disciples never to let their lives be so out of control or far from God. Our annual observance of Lent, forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, or doing good, is as an opportunity to meet God who satisfies the longings of the human heart. This is the time to experience God's mercy and to offer forgiveness to those who have offended us. The time to be kind and give others another chance. Christ can enter our lives fully when we leave ourselves open to true life and love.

As we move in the spring, it's wonderful to see how the weather is changing and so much daylight. The snowbank by the office area is certainly taking a beating. This allows for more parking spots!

Last Saturday and I had an amusing experience with some students, one of them whom I know, who asked if I could drive him and his friends to an Irish party and if I would drive a 'clown car'? I asked, "what is a clown car?" It turns out a clown car is just any vehicle packed with so many people that when they start getting out to looks like in endless stream of clowns emerging. Imagine, the Rector of the Cathedral explaining that to a police officer! However, it was kind of them to ask! lol.

Time is going so quickly, only two weeks left of classes for university students.

Wednesday morning, I had the honour to be guest speaker for the Futureworks Graduation Ceremony held in SNP. These mature students have been preparing to re-enter the workforce and have been using and renting SNP for their classes. I extend my congratulations and good wishes for their future success.

On the same evening, one hundred people gathered in SNP to take part in a talk on MAID by Dr. Louis Groarke and Dr. Will Sweet. The event drew a diverse crowd, including some students and seniors, though 21-55 age group were missing. The talks and questions were thought-provoking and shows the need for continued discussion on this issue.

Every now and then we need to escape the burdens and heaviness of life, therefore I hope to see you at Sunday's ceilidh!

*God Bless,
Father Danny*