



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 29th, 2024

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**MASS TIMES**

Tue-Fri: 9:00AM  
Saturday: 4:00PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

**CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays: 3:15PM - 3:45PM

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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."



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**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH FOR TRUTH AND**  
**RECONCILIATION**

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**September 22nd, 2024**

Sunday Collection: \$6146.00

Candles: \$136.00

Needs of the Canadian Church: \$719.00

Maintenance Fund: \$5.00

Ceiling Restoration : \$500.00

Easter Offering: \$35.00

Pre-authorized payments (September): \$10,852.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday - St. Theresa of the Child Jesus**

Betty Tulkens, rip

**Wednesday: Holy Guardian Angels**

Shaun Smith, rip

**Thursday**

Special Intention for the Living (2)

**VICAR OF THE FOUNDER LECTURE SERIES**

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

**Friday, October 4th**

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

**Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick** will celebrate

Mass at 12 pm at St. Ninian Cathedral.

Light Refreshments and Discussion  
to follow at St. Ninian Place.

Dr. Darlene O'Leary, Coordinator,  
Martha Justice Ministry will offer  
a presentation

on Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
will be after the 12pm Mass.

**There will no 9 am Mass**

Josephine & Andrew Pluta, rip

Emilia & Walker Jazienicki, rip

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Following the success of the 150th anniversary celebrations, the Parish Pastoral Council is establishing a Social Committee. This committee will be responsible for organizing parish events, fostering community engagement and enhancing fellowship among parishioners. If interested in contributing to the social life of our parish and helping to coordinate activities, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

**THIS DAY OF BAPTISM**

May God who loves us all, smile lovingly upon this child, so innocent and small, and may He guide this child through the years ahead as blessings light the pathway where those tiny feet are led.

**Thijs Anthony MacDonald**, son of Riley and Michael

**Lucy Alexandra van den Heuvel**,

daughter of Melanie and Jordan

**Hudson Angus MacGillivray**, son of Suzanne and Jamie

**SEPTEMBER 30 IS THE NATIONAL DAY**  
**FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION.**

October is Mi'kmaw History Month.

October 5-6 is the annual collection for the  
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

How can we journey in Truth and Reconciliation?

Pray for reconciliation and healing.

Read letters and documents important to the journey  
of reconciliation. Support the annual collection,  
with a parish envelope or a donation online.

Visit our website:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation/>

**MENS PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Join us Saturday November 2, at 8:30 am for a

Men's Prayer Breakfast in St. Ninian Place.

We are honored to welcome **Dr. Barry MacKenzie** as our  
guest speaker. A devoted father with deep faith,

**Dr. MacKenzie** offers both an historian's insight and  
spiritual guidance, drawing from his strong foundation in  
faith and respect for the lessons learned from the past.

Tickets are available at the parish office or

by contacting Kenny Stewart at 902-870-3354.

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship, prayer,  
and reflection! \$25.00/ticket

**OPENING MASS SEPT 29TH 10:30AM FOR THE**  
**2024-2025 CATECHETICAL YEAR**

All Grade 2 to 8 students, Confirmation candidates,  
parents and families are asked to come Sunday Sept 29th  
at 10:30am to celebrate the Eucharist together as we  
embark on a new year of learning more about God and  
our faith.

**ST. NINIAN PARKING**

Please use the the east side parking lot Monday to Friday.

Stfx rents the SNP and west parking areas during the  
week. Parishioners who need longer parking time on the

East side during the week are asked to obtain a free  
parking pass from the Parish Office and display it in their  
vehicle. There is no parking in the Cathedral Main  
Entrance driveway during a funeral.

This area is reserved for funeral coach and family  
members.

Parking has been an issue and will continue to be.  
We kindly ask for your patience and understanding.

**THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS**  
**WILL BE HERE**  
**ON OCTOBER 22ND**

**10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BLESSED**  
**CARLO ACUTIS**

1. Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy.
2. Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings saying: "I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven."
3. From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, his parents weren't especially devout. His mom, said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her first Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding. As a young child, Carlo went to Mass as often as possible at the parish across from his elementary school.
4. Carlo's witness of faith as a child led adults to convert, the Acutis family au pair converted from Hinduism to Catholicism because of Carlo's witness. She witnessed Carlo's love and concern for the poor.
5. Carlo wasn't afraid to defend Church teaching. Many of Carlo's high school classmates remember Carlo giving defense for the protection of life when there was a classroom discussion about abortion.
6. Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities.
7. Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and he used his computer skills to put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that has gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents. They were on display in the Cathedral last Advent and will be made available again.
8. Carlo loved playing video games. His mother recalls that he liked Nintendo Game Boy and GameCube as well as PlayStation and Xbox. He had conversations with his gaming buddies about the importance of going to Mass and confession.
9. Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi. His body lies in repose in a glass tomb in Assisi where he can be seen in jeans and a pair of Nike sneakers.
10. Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to Carlo's intercession. The miracle involved the healing of a 21-year-old girl from Costa Rica who was near death after injuring her head in a bicycle accident. The first miracle involved the healing of a 3-year-old boy in Brazil in 2013 who had been diagnosed with a malformation of his pancreas since birth.

**PARISH MEETINGS**

**Tuesday**

St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00pm

Vestry Prayer Group: 6:30pm, October 8th

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: 9:30am

Saint Ninian Choir Rehearsal : 7:00pm

New Members Welcome

**Thursday**

Liturgy Meeting : Oct 3, 7:00pm Board Room

**DO YOU WANT TO LEARN S'MORE ABOUT**  
**YOUR FAITH?**

Come and enjoy a sweet treat at the fall launch  
of our Youth Group



Sunday October 6th

7-9pm



Located outside of St. Ninian's Cathedral by the  
breezeway, behind the sacristy.

(Inside of weather doesn't co-operate)

**ANTAGONISH COMMUNITY LIVING**  
**WITH GRIEF GROUP**

All are warmly welcome

Saint Ninian Place

Starts October 21st - Dec 16th

Gladys MacDougall and colleague support individuals  
who have encountered Grief and or Loss in their lives.

They create a welcoming space to gather and feel  
that you do not walk alone.

To Register, contact Gladys MacDougall at  
902-870-4884 or email: [macdougallgladys@gmail.com](mailto:macdougallgladys@gmail.com)  
Registration is Free!

**FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND**  
**CWL BAZAAR**

Saturday-Sunday October 19-20, 2024

Join us for a weekend filled with fun for all ages!

**Saturday, October 19th:**

Explore a variety of tables featuring homemade jams  
and jellies, a pantry table, and knitting, sewing, crafts,  
and jewellery for sale.

**Children of All Ages come dressed in your**  
**Halloween Costumes for games, crafts, cupcake**  
**walk, treat bags and loads of fun!**

Visit our \*lunch counter\*

for BBQ hotdogs, ice cream, and drinks.

**Sunday October 20th:**

Enjoy a delicious \*\*Roast Pork Dinner\*\*  
200 Tickets Available at the Parish Office  
\$25.00/ dinner \$15.00/ under 12 years

We hope to see everyone there for a weekend of  
community, food, and fun!

# *Message from Father Danny:*

Today's gospel contains some very disturbing words, and the life of a Christian is black-and-white an all or nothing commitment. We know that Jesus does not want us to remove parts of our body that cause us sin; rather the goal is to become whole in our pursuit of holiness.

As we move into fall, we are reminded of God's goodness reflected in creation—the colours of the leaves, the crisp air (if the wind is blowing right), and the changes in the weather. It's a time that invites us to slow down and appreciate what we have. While the news may often bring stories of fighting and hardship, we are blessed to experience a time where things seem peaceful in our own community.

That being said, the work in our parish continues! All parish committees remain busy, religious education has begun and everyone seems to be engaged. The CWL and KOC continue their efforts to support our parish life, and I encourage all of us to continue to be active in our ministries and welcome those who wish to become more active in parish life.

I am pleased to welcome Jong Jarina, who has joined St. Ninian Cathedral as a part-time custodian. Jong will be helping maintain our beautiful Cathedral and SNP to ensure that it remains a clean and welcoming space for parishioners and visitors. Filipino Cleaners have volunteered their time in cleaning monthly.

Thank you to both Jong and the Filipino Cleaners.

It is so uplifting to see so many young people attending Mass. I pray that the visit of the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will inspire more to take an active role in their faith.

On Sunday I had an overnight in Deepdale. The quiet of the family home brought back memories of a home that was so alive with noise of radio, phone ringing, visitors, the smells of food and the chats about school. The contrast between the present quiet and the past liveliness brought a mix of emotions, a reminder of life, to make the best of everyday!

*God Bless,  
Fr. Danny*