



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Presentation of the Lord
World Day of Consecrated Life
February 2, 2025



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8:30am-12:30pm - 1:30pm-4:30pm
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MASS TIMES

Tues-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."

COLLECTION INFORMATION

January 26th, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$5270.00

Diocesan Levy: \$60.00

Initial Offering: \$75.00

Pre-authorized payments January : \$10,592.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday

Jerome Sullivan, rip

Jean McGee, rip

Wednesday - Feast of St. Agatha

Al Masters, rip

Donna MacNeil, rip

Thursday - Feast of St. Paul Miki and companions

Barb Rovers, rip

Carrol Brosha, rip

Friday

Danny Bradshaw, rip

Special Intention for the Living



LENDING LIBRARY

Our Lending Library is now ready for you to borrow books! It is located outside the Parish office.

Simply write your name, title of the book and date borrowed and return, in the book.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Blessing of the Throat will take place after the 9am Mass Tuesday February 4th

CWL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday February 9th - 2pm

All Members are invited with a social to follow.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/ CARITAS CANADA

SHARE LENT 2025

Our Share Lent campaign, Turn Debt into Hope responds to Pope Francis's call to be "pilgrims of hope" in the Jubilee year. We are counting on you to get Canadians to contribute to a just future, where countries of the Global South are freed from crushing financial debt and repaid the ecological debt they are owed. Besides resources to download, we have posters, a mini-mag, stickers and brochures to help you bring the campaign to life. But you must order now to get them on time! To order:

<https://devp.org/en/order-form/>

LORD WE LOOK TO YOU TODAY TO PROVIDE PEACE AND COMFORT IN OUR MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES

Dr. John "Packy" McFarland, New Glasgow formerly
Antigonish
O.D. Kurian, India, father of Baiju Sabastian Kurian pf
Antigonish

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

takes place every Friday following the 9 am Mass till 3 pm. Come and spend some time with Jesus!
You will be glad you did.

JOURNEYING WITH CHRIST

Travelling Workshop February 8th 2-4pm SNP
What is a travelling workshop? It is like speed-dating, in this case, speed-dating Catholicism. There will be seven stations, and participants will move from station to station with new perspectives. The station facilitators will guide group dialogue and probe participants with questions on faith topics for about 25 - 30 minutes. Following the rounds, the station facilitator will report on common and contrasting findings from your topics to the whole group.

Arranged by Catholics at X.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus

Sunday February 2 at 7pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Tuesday February 4 at 7pm Room 021

Liturgy Committee

Tuesday February 4, 6:30pm

Pastoral Parish Council

Thursday February 6, at 6:30pm

Blessed Carlos Auctis Youth Group

Saturday February 8th 5-8pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Prayer Group:

Tuesdays - 6:30pm- Vestry- All Welcome

OCIA Gathering

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Tuesday at 7pm

Religious Education

Wednesdays - 6:30pm- 7:15pm

Rosary

Wednesday after 9am Mass

St. Ninian Choir Practice

Wednesdays- 6:30pm

Breaking Open the Word

Wednesdays after 9:30 am Mass

Flame of Love Rosary - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursdays after 9am Mass



90TH BIRTHDAY JOHANNA (ANNIE)VANOIRSCHOT

Meet & Greet Sunday Feb. 9th -
The Maples Retirement Living (31 Smith Way)
1-3pm. Best Wishes only please."

ANTIGONISH HIGHLAND SOCIETY

are inviting anyone that would like to learn a Gaelic
milling song. First practise is Saturday Feb 8th, 2pm
at the Peoples Place Library.
Hope to see you there.

65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY INVITATION

The family of Charlie & Julia Teasdale invites you to an
open house celebration of their 65th Wedding
Anniversary. Sunday, February 9th from 11:30am-1:30pm
at St Ninian Place. Please join us for a light lunch and a
very short concert of their favorite songs. No gifts
needed. Your presence is present enough.

ANTIGONISH PERFORMING ARTS

St.FX Immaculata Auditorium 7:30 PM
Saturday February 8
Duo Beija-Flor
Flute and Guitar- Debut Atlantic

"NO GREATER LOVE:

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" by Dr. Edward
Sri (Ascension Press). This a 5-week Lenten series in the
parish. It is both a bible study and biblical pilgrimage
through Christ's passion. Videos were filmed in the Holy
Lands. Materials need to be ordered in advance.
Contact religioused@saintninian.ca before Feb 9th.

The Presentation at the Temple
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 - 29TH WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

It is a day of prayer and celebration for people who have consecrated their lives to God through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Each year since 1997, on February 2, the liturgical feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Church invites us to celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life. The purpose of the day is to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels. The World Day for Consecrated Life was established by the Blessed John Paul II. In his Apostolic Exhortation Vita Consecrata, he referred to the consecrated life as constituting "'a closer imitation and an abiding re-enactment in the Church' of the way of life which Jesus, the supreme Consecrated One and missionary of the Father for the sake of his Kingdom, embraced and proposed to his disciples" (no. 22).

"Consecrated life" refers to the status of men and women whom the Church recognizes as having consecrated their lives as members of a religious institute, a society of apostolic life, or a secular institute, as well as individual women whom a Bishop has solemnly recognized as living the life of virginity. Religious institutes and secular institutes involve a profession of the evangelical counsels. Societies of apostolic life do not involve the taking of religious vows but living a common life in pursuit of the apostolic purpose proper to each society.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit- fruit that will last- and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." John 15:16

February 2nd is the World Day for Consecrated Life.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have chosen this path, dedicating their lives to faith, service, and guidance. Through their commitment, they teach us, inspire us, and show us the way.

Parishioners of The Diocese of Antigonish

Message from Fr Danny

We take time from the readings of Ordinary Time to celebrate this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple. We are reminded of our call to be the Light of Christ and bearers of light to all.

This Sunday, we welcome Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick, who will preside at the Mass celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, and the World Day for Consecrated Life.

This special occasion allows us to reflect on the contributions of religious men and women who have devoted their lives to God and service to His people. We give particular thanks for the Sisters of St. Martha who have been pillars of faith, education, healthcare in our parish. Growing up in Inverness, the Sisters of St. Martha ran St. Mary's Hospital, one of two in the town, while the Congregation of Notre Dame dedicated themselves to teaching. Their example of faith and commitment encouraged many to answer the call to religious life and the priesthood.

Although I'm often called to the hospital, I also get asked to bless homes. A few weeks ago, on a very cold night, I was invited to bless a home. When I arrived, the front door wouldn't budge! With the help of the family, I was brought in through the window – quite the entrance! Thankfully, no photos were taken, but we had a great laugh and shared a wonderful meal together. Although we did get the door open, but being a bit superstitious, I decided to leave by the same window. After all, better safe than sorry!

Last Sunday, we held our first Coffee Sunday gathering in the vestry. It was a wonderful time filled with coffee, muffins, heartfelt stories, and a connection among everyone who attended.

Please consider supporting the St. FX students who are hosting a two hour workshop on Saturday, February 8, in SNP.

Have a great weekend and stay warm.

*God Bless,
Father Danny*