

SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

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CONFESSIONS: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Saturdays: 3:15PM - 3:45PM Leonarda MacNeil, ofs religioused@saintninian.ca **BAPTISMS**: Please constact Leonarda MacNeil, ofs at **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**: religioused@saintninian.ca Emery van de Wiel emeryvandewiel@hotmail.com MARRIAGES: Please contact Fr. Daniel MacLennan at **FRONT DESK:** pastor@saintninian.ca admin@saintninian.ca

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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1st Sunday of Advent November 27th, 2022

COLLECTION INFORMATION

November 20th

Sunday Envelopes Loose Money Total Collection	\$ 6,311.00 <u>\$ 661.95</u> <u>\$ 6,972.95</u>
Other: Envelopes: Candles:	\$ 725.00 \$ 64.05
# of Envelopes Received	199

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Pre-Authorized Debit:

For the month of November 2022, we will receive 96 donations totaling \$8,696.00 equaling \$2,174.00 weekly.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grade 2 (1st Communion):

Next Class November 27, 11:30am to 12:15pm, Rm #21 St. Ninian Place (lower level)

Grade 3 to Grade 8:

Started October 5th. Classes are from 6:30PM to 7:15PM in Saint Ninian Place

Children's Liturgy:

Sunday Mass at 10:30AM. Please pray for our Candidates

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24th: 4:00PM and 9:00PM (Carols starting at 8:30PM)

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25th: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

Symphathy to the family of...

+ Tom Keefe

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY- SEEKING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are a vital part of the liturgical celebrations. Training is provided. Please contact Janice Fraser at 902 863-3605 or speak to Fr. Danny.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday following the 9am Mass until 3pm. If there is a funeral exposition will begin at noon.

Please come and spend some time in adoration before the Lord!

MIRACULOUS MEDALS

Miraculous Medals are available at the entrance. These medals are consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and were blessed at Our Lady of the Cape, Canmore Shrine by Bishop McGratton.

DEACON HENRY VAN DE WIEL

With Deacon's permission, we share he is facing a health setback and will only be assisting at Mass on Saturday evenings. Prayers for a speedy recovery are most appreciated.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

December 17th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM December 21st from 7PM to 7PM

CEILING EXAMINATION

This week, we had two men specialists from Historic Plaster Conservation Services inspecting the church ceiling. It is necessary to assess the health of the plaster in order to proceed with our restoration efforts. A full report will be available within the next month.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Congratulation to all our students celebrating their confirmation this weekend:

Ryan Arsenault Ethan Branzuela Gorman Chisholm Marliese DeCoste Joshua DeCoste Sadie Delorey Samantha Doiron Hayley Farrell Madeleine Kearns Thomas Lazzuri

Mairi Lukeman Emerson MacDon-ald Nora MacDonald Alexa MacInnis Monet MacKay Carmen MacMaster Cameron Mattie Bryden Novak Maggie-Sarah Novak

Evan O'Brien Zachary Oliver Jesse Partridge Myah Penney Cooper Roach **Rowen Sangster** Carly Stewart **Trent Stewart** Liam Sullivan **Reed Sullivan**

<u>REFLECTION</u>

In today's second reading, we heard St. Paul say: 'Let your armour be the Lord.' Hence, we might pray as follows:

Circle me, Lord. Keep protection near; keep danger afar.

Circle me, Lord. Keep hope within; keep doubt without.

Circle me, Lord. Keep light, keep darkness afar.

Circle me, Lord, Keep peace within; keep strife without.

Circle me, Lord. Keep love within; keep hate without.

Amen.

POSTER CONTEST FOR YOUTH: "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a poster contest for youth ages 5 -7, 8-10 and 11-14.

This Contest is a fun and easy way for youth to be involved in their faith. Posters must reflect the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme with a visual image.

Posters can be completed at home and returned at Religious Education Classes or to Leonarda MacNeil at the parish office. Deadline for submissions is December 15, 2022.

NATIVITY PAGEANT AT CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Youth and young children are invited to take part in the pageant during Mass. Family members can assist wee ones. Watch for more information during the weeks of Advent.

Break Open the Word

"Break Open the Word" gives parishioners an opportunity to reflect on Sunday gospels. This group will be back during advent season on Wednesdays at 9:30AM in Room 17. All are welcome!

SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES: HOPE IS A STAR DECEMBER 17TH, 7PM SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL

We are very excited to announce the return of the Saint Ninian Cathedral Concert Series. This year, we will be celebrating Christmas through music in "Hope is a Star." The Saint Ninian Choir will be featured, along with the Antigonish Choral Assemble, Nova Brass, and more. Admission by donation.

VENERABLE OBJECTS: THE MATERIAL CULTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN ANTIGONISH

Please join students in Dr. Barry MacKenzie's CATH 298 class (Catholicism in Canada) for the official opening of their new exhibit. On display at the Antigonish Heritage Museum, this studentcurated exhibit brings together nearly forty different objects from various local collections. Ranging from artifacts connected to early Bishops of Arichat/Antigonish, Catholic societies, and local church -run institutions, to others related to the faith of Dutch immigrants and the Mi'kmaq, and much more, the exhibit tells the rich story of Catholics in the County through these "Venerable Objects." Official opening on Tuesday, December 6th at 7pm. All are welcome.

SPOTLIGHT ON CWL

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

November is membership month. By paying your dues, you are uniting with more than 72,000 Catholic women across Canada who stand up for Christian faith, social justice, and service. Please remember to renew your membership fee of \$35.00. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be dropped off in the Sunday collection. If you would like to receive a Christmas gift of membership to your wife, mother, grandmother, or daughter, membership gift certificates are available for purchase. Please call Irene LeForte (902) 863-5579.

All women of the parish are invited to attend the "Welcome Home" Tea on Sunday, Dec. 4th at the John Paul Centre at 1PM. There will be entertainment, door prizes, and conversation.

2023 CALENDAR OF SAINTS AND ANGELS

Calendars arrived and will be available for pick-up (with cash payment) at the Parish Office. You can also pick up your calendar after weekend masses: Saturday after the 4PM mass and Sunday after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM masses. Calendars are also available at 5c-\$1.00.

"THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE AND CENTRE OF OUR FAITH"

Did you know there 145 Church documented Eucharistic Miracles represented in 17 countries? The first documented miracle took place in Lanciano, Italy in 750AD at the church of ST. Francis. The Monstrance containing the Holy Relics is still on display today in the Valsecca Chapel, Italy. St. Ninian Parish will host a display of 35 documented Eucharistic Miracles beginning this weekend, the 1st Sunday of Advent, and will end on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Each week 11-12 posters will be displayed on the windows of the Church. You are invited to take a few minutes before or after Mass to read about them.

KOC CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Knight's of Columbus, Council 1105 are selling Christmas wreaths again this year. The prices are \$15 for undecorated and \$20 for decorated. To order, you can call Kenny at 902-870-3354.

OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC LONC

is a star

Saturday Dec. 17th 7:00 St. Ninians Cathedral

Featuring Antigonish Choral Ensemble

Nova Brass











