



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18th, 2025



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Monday- Friday:
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

May 4, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$4803.00

Cemetery Vault: \$1021.00

Cemetery Mass: \$5.00

Good Friday \$10.00

Easter \$10.00

Pre-authorized payments May: \$11,122.00

OFFICE CLOSED

Office will be closed May 19th for Victoria Day.

UPDATING OUR SYSTEM

If you have an Email address you would like to attach to your record at the Parish, please include it with your name on the outside of your envelope.

Thank You

POPE LEO XIV

Pope Leo XIV was born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 14, 1955. As a member of the Order of Saint Augustine(O.S.A.), in which he held various leadership positions, he dedicated many years of service to the Augustinian missions in Peru as a priest and seminary professor. He was eventually appointed Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, by Pope Francis. As a Bishop of the Church in Peru, he served as Vice President and member of the Permanent Council of the Peruvian Bishops' Conference. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as Prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops and elevated him to the College of Cardinals. Pope Leo XIV holds a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

PASTORS PICKS

Have you signed up at Formed Daily to receive daily reflections directly to your inbox. Start your day off right. Each Daily Reflection is a short video that features Dr.

Tim Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life. Dive deeper into the joys and mysteries of Sacred Scripture and enjoy the richness of the liturgical seasons as never before.

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.

MONTHLY HEALING MASS

May 31, 1:30 pm

Our Lady of Grace Monastery
with Fr Albert MacPherson
940 Monastery Rd., Monastery

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED

Fr. Stanley MacDonald, Antigonish

Fr. Jake Andrea, Mill Creek, Bras d'Or

Myrna Tozer, Bible Hill and formerly of Antigonish

Billy Bowman, Purl Brook

Helen Mitchell, Addington Forks

Archie Cameron, Mahoneys Beach

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday

Ann Cusak, rip

Doug Cameron, rip

Wednesday

Special Intention for the Living

Thursday

Special Intention for the Living

Friday

Hilda MacGillivray, rip

PENTECOST SUNDAY- CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS JUNE 8TH AT 10:30 AM MASS

We invite you to take part of the Pentecost Sunday celebrations by proceeding into the Church with other parishioners. We hope that this will be an extra special day celebrating faith and community.

If you wish to take part in the **Pentecost Procession**, please contact Parish Office.

ANTIGONISH DIOCESAN SOCIETY COLLECTION

The Antigonish Diocesan Society supports financially the education of our seminarians. Next weekend, May 24-25, envelopes will be available in the pews for a special collection to support priestly vocations in this way. All contributions are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

CWL NEWS

The June Meeting for St. Ninian's CWL will take place on Sunday June 1st. Since this is our last meeting before the summer break we will start with a pot-luck supper at 4pm.

All members welcome. If you plan to attend the June meeting and take part in the pot luck supper please contact

Ann or Betty by Monday May 26th, so we can plan accordingly.

Ann Callahan 902-863-2430

email : glitzysenois@gmail.com

Betty Farrell 902-863 0463

b-kfarrell@hotmail.com

ST. NINIAN PARISH FOUNDATION

St. Ninian Parish Foundation is preparing to launch a capital campaign to address the dire situation with the ceiling of our beloved Cathedral...fundraising efforts are urgent and more than \$750,000 is required. Stay tuned for our official launch and a variety of fundraising endeavours - if you would like to be involved, please reach out. In the interim, donations are always welcome.

Please see below for contact information:

~ website www.stninianparishfoundation.ca

~ mail PO Box 1021 Antigonish, NS B2G 2S3

~ e-transfer stninianparishfoundation@gmail.com

DYING WITH CHRIST - LIVING WITH HOPE

Read Bishop Kirkpatrick's letter:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope/>

CMDA Canada is offering the "Dying with Christ - Living with Hope" talks through live online sessions
May 22nd at 8 pm.

In addition to experiencing this transformative course, you'll be equipped to bring the program to your community settings, such as churches, community centers, or online platforms.

Register online: cmdacanada.org/event/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope-spring-series

To participate as a member of a group at St. Ninian's Parish contact Janet & Martien Bekkers CWL/KoC or Leonarda through: religioused@saintninian.ca.

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION NOVA SCOTIA

is organising a provincial March for Life on May 22..
At 1 PM, Marchers will walk from the meeting point of St. Mary's Cathedral on Spring Garden Rd. to outside Province House where we will peacefully witness to the dignity and humanity of preborn children and pray for an end to abortion. If any youth wish to attend this event, we ask that they RSVP to ruth@campaignlifecoalition.com

ANTIGONISH SCOTIABANK MINI PITCH

Grand Opening hosted by Make Your Move Antigonish.
This event will invite community to join in and celebrate the opening with many opportunities to play!

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Saturday, June 7th (rain date: June 8th) 12:00PM - 1:00PM:

Sensory Friendly Hour 1:00PM - 4:00PM:

Everyone welcome!

LIONS PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Sunday May 25, from 9-12 at the Lions Den 13 Highland Dr. Ext. Proceeds going to our local Antigonish Imagination Library.

STEUDEVILLE ATLANTIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Inviting high schoolers into a life changing encounter with Christ! July 11-13, 2025 at Dalhousie University.

For more details visit

<https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic>

Or call Sarah Robinson of Saint Peter's Port Hood to register your youth with the Diocese of Antigonish group that will be attending. 902-302-2324 or sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com

Fundraising opportunities are available!

MOTHER OF SORROWS PIONEER SHRINE

The Gift Shop will be opening on May 18, 2025.

The shop hours are 10am to 4pm

7 Days per week starting on May 18, Sunday.

Work being done here at the Shrine has been enabled by generous contributions by many of you. Every project we do is a step closer to getting identified projects done in order of priority.

Sincere thanks and we look forward to seeing you this season.

Board & Management

Mother of Sorrows

Pioneer Shrine

NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK

May 11th-18th

National Family and Life Week provides an opportunity for the Catholic faithful across Canada to be beacons of hope, promoting life, and living out the call to love one another at home, in communities, and in the world. To

learn more:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/about-in-hope-national-family-in-life-week/>

MEETINGS

MAID

Thursday May 22nd - 7:30pm Room 021

Blessed Carlos Youth Group Meeting

Sunday May 25th 6pm -8pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

OCIA Gathering

Monday at 7pm

Vestry Prayer Group

Tuesday 6:30pm

Breaking Open the Word

Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Flame of Love Rosary - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday after 9am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after 9:30 am Mass until 3pm

Message from Fr Danny

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, we continue to experience the presence of the Risen Lord in our lives. In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the efforts of the apostles to bring the gospel to far out places. They are filled with the Holy Spirit and are eager to bring people into an experience of the resurrection. The Book of Revelation relates the vision of St. John and how God proclaims "See, I'm making all things new." That is what Easter is all about. The Resurrection brings about new creation.

How wonderful it is to see and learn about the new Pope Leo through the media. Pope Leo is an Augustinian priest, and his order has run monasteries for many years. Fr. Antolin, the Parish Priest in Eskasoni and also an Augustinian, met and spoke with Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, now Pope Leo, at several Augustinian Chapters throughout the world.

I recently learned that Pope Leo XIV used to visit his fellow Augustinians in Ballyboden, which is the next parish over from Ballyroan—where I served for two years. There is also some thinking that with the Augustinians at the Monastery, that maybe the Pope visited the area. That connection brought back a story I once heard: a man said he didn't know any of his relatives, and his friend replied, "Win the lottery and you'll meet them all!" lol.

Our diocese lost two wonderful priests this week: Fr. Jake Andrea and Fr. Stanley MacDonald. Both were kind, outgoing, and deeply loved priests. They had a great love for athletics and connected with people through their energy, humour, and compassion. How grateful for the gift of their priesthood and the many lives they touched. May they rest in God's peace.

Last Sunday the Cathedral was full, and how wonderful to see so many families and parish celebrating First Holy Communion, Mother's Day, and Vocation Sunday. The children looked beautiful and were all touched by the response from the parish community.

This Monday I will be boarding a plane for home! Not Deepdale but Ballyroan in Dublin City. I will be taking my holiday and have left you in the capable hands of good priests. I'm looking to reconnecting with my parish, and schools. There are two baptisms also planned for my return. Have a great holiday weekend and see you when I get back!

*God Bless,
Father Danny*