



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE

December 3, 2023

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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

BAPTISMS:

Please contact Leonarda MacNeil, ofs at
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MARRIAGES:

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ST. NINIAN PLACE (SNP) BOOKINGS:

Please contact the Parish Office

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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COLLECTION INFORMATION

November 26th, 2023:

Sunday Collection: \$10343.00

Pre-authorized payments (Nov) \$10,081.00

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 5-8, 2023

Tuesday, Dec 5th

Sr. Marie de Rosaire, r.i.p.

John Cameron, r.i.p.

Reg Daigle, r.i.p.

Wednesday, Dec 6th

Sr. Marie de Rosaire, r.i.p.

Ted Cogan, r.i.p.

Kay Artuso, r.i.p.

Thursday, Dec 7th

Alexander James Larkin, r.i.p.

Roddie MacLeod, r.i.p.

Antia Mac Eachern, r.i.p.

Friday, Dec 8th

Simon & Haddie Manette, r.i.p.

Preston DeCoste, r.i.p.

Blain Mattie, r.i.p.

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN

Let us pray for our deceased family and friends
Robert Morris "Bobby" Vacheresse, James River
Ann Elizabeth MacIsaac, Antigonish
Elizabeth Neary, Antigonish

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

December 23, 4pm Mass

December 24, 10:30am Mass

Christmas Eve Masses, 4pm & 8pm

Christmas Day Masses, 8:30am & 10:30 am

December 30th, 4pm

December 31st, 8:30am & 10:30am

January 1st, 10:30am

ST. NINIAN'S PARISH CWL ELECTIONS FOR 2024 - WE NEED YOU!!

If you have a passion for Faith, Service and Social Justice, **WE NEED YOU!** Please take the time to fill out the Nomination Form. They are at the back of the Church and attached to this week's bulletin.

For information, please contact
Ann Callahan at 902-863-2430.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Fresh Christmas Wreaths for Sale. Beautifully Decorated. Please contact Kenny Stewart at 902-870-3354 or Kenny Farrell at 902-863-4393

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

At this time parishioners are thinking about Christmas Gifts. Why not make a **donation** to the St. Ninian's Foundation and help the parish. The Foundation administers donations to fund parish projects for which there is no other source of funding.

This year there are large unexpected costs that have to be paid due to the spring flood at St. Ninian Place.

Tax receipts will be issued for a donation of more than \$25. Donations in memory of a loved one are especially encouraged. Donations to the Foundation may be dropped off at the parish office.

Please provide an address for the receipt.

2024 ENVELOPES ARE READY

Envelopes are ready to pick up! They are arranged in alphabetical order. Please pick up at the Parish Office and, if you like, pick up your neighbor's as well!

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Once again, St. Vincent de Paul is having its Christmas Cheer Campaign!

Deadline to call is December 10, 2023

902-863-8050

FINANCIAL GIFT IN MEMORY OF PARENTS

Your donation will be a living tribute to your parents.

Many Thanks

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

There have been many concerns and frustrations regarding the sound system. Father Danny learned this week that when this present system was installed, a delay was added to remove the echo so that the sound people heard at the front was the same sound at the back. During the renovations and art restoration, this unit was damaged and two small speakers at the back of the church had to be disconnected. In speaking with 'sound people' they all seem to agree that our speakers are placed too high. Therefore, new speakers can be ordered and attached to every second pillar at a better height level.

This, like everything today, is costly and any donations toward the cost will be truly appreciated. For donations, please place in an envelope marked Sound System!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION DECEMBER 16TH

Reconciliation will be held in St. Ninian Cathedral from 11- 1 PM . There will be two priests available for reconciliation in each of the confessionals during that time period.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bambinelli Sunday - December 17. Is a beloved two year tradition at the Cathedral in preparation for Christmas. The Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines. Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children and all of us to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral. At each Mass the Baby Jesus will be blessed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DECORATING THE CHURCH

This year we will be decorating the church early!!
Sunday December 3 at 3 pm!

We will be decorating the trees on the altar with memorial bows. During the Season of Advent we will see the number of bows grow and we can as a community remember these loved ones.

MEALS ON WHEELS

VON is pleased to offer our Frozen Meals on Wheels Program delivered to your door in Antigonish and surrounding areas. Our meals are home-style and cost \$6. Our dedicated team of volunteers delivers each week on Tuesdays with a minimum order of 5. Gift certificates are available. For more information please call, 902 863 2547

CACL'S FESTIVAL OF TREES

You are invited to visit CACL's Festival of Trees at the CACL/Legion lobby - weekdays 9am to 7pm & Saturdays 1pm to 5pm. Prizes will be drawn on Saturday, Dec. 16th at 9pm.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Poster Contest

Reminder Religious Education Students
Deadline December 8th

ADVENT CONCERT AT ST. MARGARET'S

in Arisaig at 2 pm on December 10. Featuring Arisaig Fiddlers, St. Ninian's Choir and other guests.
Donations accepted at the door

MEMORIAL BOWS 2023

Envelopes are available at the Parish Office to Honour a Loved One.

All proceeds are in support of
St. Ninian Parish Foundation.

Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$25.00



ANTIGONISH COMMUNITY GRIEF GROUP

ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOME

These meetings will run until Dec 11th, 2023 at 7pm.

To Register, contact Gladys MacDougall at 902-870-4885 or email: macdougallgladys@gmail.com
Registration is Free!

COOKBOOK TEA AND SOCIAL

We would like to extend a huge thanks to ALL who contributed to a very successful launch on Sunday! We now only have 60 cookbooks left out of the 250 cookbooks that will be here before Christmas.

If there are enough extra orders, we can re-print again in early January.

Again, the success of this fundraiser is because of the support from: the recipe donors, the people who purchased cookbooks and quilt tickets, donations of delicious desserts, workers, cookbook committee and McDonalds Restaurant for generously donating coffee for our event!

Our hearts and our bellies are full!

PARISH MEETINGS

Tuesdays

Prayer Group meets in the Vestry at 6:30pm
We will meet Dec 5th and 12th. Then we will start again January 9, 2024.
St. Vincent de Paul (first Tuesday of the month) at 7pm

Wednesdays

Saint Ninian Choir rehearsal at 7pm in the church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking for a Spare Grade 3 Catechist Wednesdays 6:15pm to 7:15pm Antigonish Education Centre
We need a Grade 3 Catechist for classes from Nov 22nd to possibly Dec 6, 2023 and from March 20th to potentially April 3, 2024.

The individual would need to provide a Criminal Police Check & Vulnerable Sector Check, and complete an Information sheet for the Diocese (as per Safe Ministry Protocols). Please contact Leonarda MacNeil at religioues@saintninian.ca.

Thank you.

SONGS OF JOY & PEACE ON EARTH



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SATURDAY, DEC. 16TH
7:00PM

SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL

A CONCERT OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Message from Father Danny:

Jesus offers the summons to "Be watchful! Be alert! Birth, life, death, resurrection - these are parts of one narrative. As we prepare for Christmas these next few weeks, let us always be mindful of great transformations still to come.

We are already into December and this Season of Advent; this year is short with only twenty-two days. Decorating for Christmas will begin earlier to accommodate those who help with the liturgical environment.

As the season progresses the Memorial Bows will be added to the trees and we will witness each Sunday, the golden bows, growing and adding more beauty and colour.

Last weekend was truly a weekend of celebrating 150 years. Filled with joy, square dancing, and sweet treats it was a way to bring people together for lasting memories.

These occasions allow us to appreciate our history and the moments that have shaped us!

I also want to acknowledge the CWL of the parish who give so much time and attention to all our celebrations. This is a reminder that these women, not only have a good time socializing and bring the community together, but also through faith, give of themselves and through social action respond to the message of the gospel.

Please consider joining the CWL of St. Ninian Parish who have been instrumental in the building of this parish for over 100 years.

It was nice to see the KoC in the Christmas parade reminding us to put Christ in Christmas and also to hear our St Ninians Choir.

This Saturday I will be in Sydney for the taping of Mass for Shut-Ins.

The mass will be televised on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

God Bless and Happy Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Patron of the Town of Antigonish
Father Danny



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ST NINIAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
NOMINATION FORM - 2024

EXECUTIVE:

Past-President Elizabeth Kell
President: 1. _____
2. _____

Vice-President: 1. _____
2. _____

Secretary: 1. _____
2. _____

Treasurer: 1. _____
2. _____

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Faith: 1. _____
Prayer & Catholic Teachings 2. _____

Service: 1. _____
Helping those in need 2. _____

Social Justice:
Defending Christian Values 1. _____
2. _____

Please place completed form in box at entrance to church by December 3, 2023.
Any questions please contact Ann Callahan at 902-863-2430.