



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Epiphany of the Lord January 5th, 2025

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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

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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

December 24th, 25th, 27th, & 28th, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$8399.15

Christmas Offering: \$320.00

Christmas Flowers: \$275.00

Memorial Bows: \$1415.00

Cozy Cafe: \$525.00

Missals: \$81.00

Candles: \$350.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday

Donald Beaton

Wednesday

Florence Gillis

Thursday

Mike Muise

Friday

Steve MacLellan

Joe Murphy

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you considering returning to the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic?

A program for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church with adult programming or through Baptism or Confirmation will begin this January.

We already have several people interested, and we warmly invite you to take this step of faith with us.

For more information contact the Parish Office at admin@saintninina.ca, or 902.863.2338, or come in for a visit.

THE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

is located at 314 Main Street Antigonish, next to the John Paul Centre. The store that provides mainly low-priced affordable, pre-loved clothing for the Antigonish and surrounding communities.

There are also some other treasures, books, footwear, household items, pictures, and seasonable artifacts. The store is open Monday to Friday from 10 to 4, Saturday 10-2 and closed on Sunday and holidays. The store is operated by volunteers and it is the Catholic Women's League of St. Ninian Cathedral Parish that were the founders and manage the running today.

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

Bernie Doyle, Halifax formerly Salmon River
Jean McGee, Antigonish

Jeannie Grant Slade, Amherst formerly Antigonish

Ida Vermeer, Pleasant Valley

Jacqueline Sears, Halifax and Antigonish

WHAT IS JUBILEE 2025?

The theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The intention of the year is to offer all of us an opportunity to be "renewed in hope."

"God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome."
(Bull of Indiction)

This year's Jubilee also seeks to invite practice of patience, "a virtue closely linked to hope ... Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self centredness."

In addition, Jubilee 2025 coincides with the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Synodal conversation of Bishops from which emerged the Nicene Creed and the continued quest "of fitting ways to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me"
(Jn 17:21).

JUBILEE YEAR

"The anchor is well-known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon, the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross." -
Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

**CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU -
NATIVITY CAST & VOLUNTEERS DEC 24TH.**

A huge thank you and congratulations to our young people who brought the Nativity Story beautifully to life.

Cameron & Nate Barker (Narrators);

Leah Mattie (Mary);

Hunter Delorey (Joseph);

Kenlea Ludlow Kyte (Angel Gabriel);

Reuben Bating (Innkeeper);

Laughlin Ashley & Simon Bouchie (Shepherds);

Evelyn & Elain Baiju, Sherah Cabilatazan, Ashlyn &

Grace MacDonald (Angels);

Alfeus Cabilatazan, Eyon Baiju, and Nolan

MacDougall (Wise Men);

and our nine very young children who bravely came forward to take part in the play (sheep).

We are so proud of everyone!!! Thanks to Emery van de Wiel for the lovely music; to the parents who helped prepare the cast; special thanks to Gail MacKay who spent hours preparing costumes for all the cast, making props for the Play, and helping direct: and many thanks to Fr. Danny and the members of the Congregation for all your encouragement and participation.

-Leonarda MacNeil ofs.

OUR LIFE AS MISSION:

New Issue Now Available

The 14th issue, newsletter of the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish

https://www.themarthas.com/cmsb/uploads/olam-14_2024-12-19-issue.pdf

2025 WINTER/SPRING CEILIDHS

The Winter/Spring 2025 edition of Square Dance/Ceilidhs at St. Ninian's Place will begin on Sunday, January 19th, 2025. Howie MacDonald and MacMorin will provide the featured entertainment from 1:30 - 4:00 pm. Light lunch provided.

Admission: Adults: \$10.00

Students: by donation

Children under 12: free

Supported by MacGillivray Fuels

WEEKLY MEETINGS

KoC: January 5th, 7pm

Saint Vincent de Paul: January 7th, 7pm Rm 021

CWL: January 12th, 2pm Rm 021

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH GROUP

The Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Group will meet Sunday, Jan. 12 from 6-8 p.m. in Room 18, downstairs, St. Ninian Place. Youth in Grades 9 and up are welcome to join us every second Sunday for fun, snacks and fellowship. Future youth group dates are: Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 9, March 23, April 6, April 27. For information call or text Clare at (902)870-4850 or email clarelazzuri@gmail.com

THANK YOU! - FROM FR DANNY

Thanks to all who helped to make our liturgies so meaningful over the last two weeks, my deepest thanks: all liturgical ministers and those who decorated. Also, for the many expressions of love shown towards me with thoughtful gifts of goodies dropped off (I'm wearing them well), monetary gifts, gift cards and presents.

Appreciation to Barry's Towing who came to my rescue one evening! lol

To many who will continue to witness to their faith by acts of service to our Cathedral Parish and in the wider community, may we continue to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and followed the Lord, especially in this Jubilee Year.

LOST & FOUND

A heart shape pendant was found in the Cathedral before Christmas....the pendant has a kind words and a picture of a loved one who passed away. Please contact parish office if this is yours.

Message from Fr Danny

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a wonderful opportunity to reflect again on the gift of Jesus. Born into this world as the Prince of Peace and the Light of the world. Christ brings to all peoples and nations the message of God's unconditional love and care for everyone. No one is excluded! The Star the Magi followed was visible to all. That is, to everyone who had the sense of mind to look and take notice.

May this Jubilee Year give us moments of Epiphany in our own lives. May the Lord show His face to us each day and strengthen us in our holiness. May we embrace the call to live the joy of the gospel and bring hope to our world.

Such great Hope was given to us all during our beautiful and spiritual liturgies during this Season of Christmas. From the décor, the music, the lectors, servers, hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, and the response of all parishioners was truly uplifting.

How nice it was to see so many families gathered and celebrating at mass. We all must be so thankful for the weather, the falling snow on Christmas eve and the clear day for New Years. I had a wonderful time with my family—plenty to eat, (I love turkey) lots of visits, and cherished moments together. With Christmas and New Year's falling midweek, it was both busier and more confusing to keep track of the days, but the time together was all the sweeter. I am delighted to share some good news from my family: my nephew and his wife, who live in Surrey, welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world. Her name is Flora, and we are all overjoyed at her arrival.

It's great to have Fr. Elliot back home and I truly appreciate his help with masses. He is also busy on the weekend filling in for priests who are taking holiday time.

We are still in the Christmas Season which ends with the baptism of our Lord. The decorations will slowly be removed and stored away for another year.

Have a wonderful week. One filled with goodbyes and welcomes!

God Bless
-Fr. Danny