



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Vocation Sunday
May 11th, 2025



Leo XIV

"Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV.
Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as the 267th Bishop of Rome.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

May 4, 2025
Sunday Collection: \$4184.00
Priests Pension: \$10.00
Good Friday \$215.00
Easter \$245.00

Pre-authorized payments April: \$11122.00

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

On this Mother's Day let us remember Mary Mother of God and pray for all mothers. As Catholics we can honour Mary during the month of May with special devotions whether it is in praying the Rosary, a crowning of Mary with a wreath of flowers, or spending time learning about her "Fiat" or yes to God. May is a great time to check out what Formed has to offer to help us in this learning about Mary and her role in our salvation. Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? Lectio: Mary with Dr. Brant Pitre is an 8-part series that examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary. Also, on Formed, there are numerous videos, books, short reflections, and you can follow along with various recitations of the Rosary. There are even Rosaries narrated by famed sportscaster Vin Scully of the Dodgers!

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.

PARISH FINANCE AGM

The meeting was held on Wednesday night where the financial statements were presented and discussed.

Copies are available in the parish office.

The generosity of parishioners was acknowledged and continues to be appreciated.

UPDATING OUR SYSTEM

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

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

Maureen Hull, Antigonish
Mary EA Connolly, Guysborough Intervale
Tony McVicar, Antigonish
Myrtle Mac Donald, James River
Rita Landry, Pomquet
Mike Boyle, Bayfield
Patricia "Tish" Mac Lellen, Clydesdale
Archie Cameron, Mahoney's Beach

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday

Tony Chesal Sr. rip

Wednesday - St. Matthias

Special Intention for the Living

Thursday

Roxanne & Brendan Decker, rip

Friday

Jacqueline Sears, rip

GOD BLESS MOTHER

Holy God, you compared your own love for your people to love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on all mothers who share in your creating love by the gift of their children.

We thank you for the joys and sorrows of their lives, the giving and sharing, and especially for your love that has formed us in your image.

Listen to our prayers and bless all mothers who nurture and sustain us.

Give them patience in abundance, and let them find joy and satisfaction as they guide their families.

Glory and praise to you, God through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, and who reigns with you in the glory of heaven, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BLESSED CARLO YOUTH GROUP

will not meet this Sunday, May 11, due to Mother's Day. The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 25, from 6-8 pm.

CWL NEWS

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who helped make the CWL Diocesan Convention a meaningful and successful event.

Your prayers, presence, hospitality, and generous support were deeply appreciated by delegates and guests alike. A special thank you to the volunteers who shared their time and talents so graciously. Your efforts reflect the true spirit of faith and service in our parish community.



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. Our email address in last weekend's bulletin contained an error. Please see below for correct 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 (3 evening program). May 15 & 22 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: religious@saintninian.ca.

SUNDAY CEILIDHS THANK YOU

The organizing committee for the Sunday afternoon Ceilidhs at St Ninian's Place wishes to thank both volunteer workers and attendees for their support throughout the 2024-2025 season. In the Fall, we were able to turn a profit of \$844.00. The Winter/Spring season netted us a profit of \$1286.00, which was remitted to the Roof Repair Fund. We hope to continue in the upcoming season to provide an opportunity to enjoy Celtic music and dance, (if so desired), as well as an afternoon of fellowship for both young and "not-so-young" attendees.

See you in the Fall!!

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

VON

Antigonish is currently seeking volunteers to join our team.

If you have time to deliver Meals on Wheels, Nursing Supply Delivery, assisting with the Adult Day Program or Client Transportation please call 902 863 5700 ext2 or

email css.antigonish@von.ca.

We would love to hear from you!

SACRAMENT OF 1ST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

We congratulate our young parishioners on their First Holy Communion. May God Bless them and grant them peace and health on their faith journey!



Elain Agnes Baiju
Kaitlyn Bakelaar
Victor Bowie
Joanna Boyd
Lauren Brown
Tyler Delorey
Alexis Durant
Wesley Farrell
Chase Gilfoy
Ruth Lukeman
Grace MacDonald
Olivia MacDonald
James MacIntosh
Emily MacIsaac
Allie MacIsaac
Mairi MacLaughlin
Peyton MacLellan
Lyla MacLellan
Simon MacLennan
Freyla MacNeil
Andi Lee Mattie
Elise Melanson
Lilly Murphy
Bo Neaves
Ryann O'Neil
Danton Phinney
Jelena Ruebener-Quik
Claira Sears
Islay Syer
Jace Van de Sande



MEETINGS

CWL Meeting

Monday May 12, at 7pm

MAID

Thursday May 15 - 7:30pm Room 021

Blessed Carlos Youth Group Meeting

Sunday May 25th 6pm -8pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

OCIA Gathering

Monday at 7pm

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATION SUNDAY

Loving Father, you sent your Son so that all might come to know the truth and be saved. With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you continue his work through the Church. Your Son reminded his disciples that the harvest was indeed plentiful but the labourers few. Following his instructions, we beg you to call many to ordained ministry and religious life. Grant them the grace to hear you and to respond wholeheartedly. May Mary Immaculate the mother of your Son, and the patroness of our diocese, intercede for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Message from Fr Danny

Jesus is our Shepherd, but he does more than simply watch, he laid down His life for us. We are called to be like sheep, living in a community with one another and listening to Jesus who calls us by name.

Last Saturday, the 4PM Mass a celebration with graduates and faculty from St.FX was held. It is not the same Baccalaureate Mass as many recall, with a packed cathedral of students and the candle lighting ceremony, however those who attended and took part are active in their faith and feel welcomed in the church. It is essential that we continue to support young people with our very presence. University Chancellor, Mila Mulroney, was present and always elegant and gracious.

I will be away again this coming Saturday in East Bay to preside at the wedding of the daughter of a university friend. I presided at his wedding a few years back and had the joy of baptizing his daughter, so it is a blessing to be part of this next chapter in their family's life.

We held the AGM for the Parish Finance Committee this week. I want to acknowledge the good and steady work of the committee. These are always challenging times—our buildings are aging, repairs are more frequent, and costs continue to rise. Their careful stewardship is deeply appreciated.

This Sunday we celebrate First Communion—a joyful occasion! It's always heartwarming to see the young boys and girls dressed so beautifully and surrounded by excited, supportive families. Celebrations like these truly help to spread and deepen the faith.

Sunday is also Mother's Day—a time to express our gratitude to all mothers, and to remember with love those who have gone before us.

And have you noticed the new domes on the Xaverian building at St.FX? The Xaverian building is the oldest on campus and most recognizable!

There was black smoke from the Sistine Chapel on Wednesday however I am confident that by this weekend we will have a new Pope. The biggest challenge will be remembering the new name during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Have a blessed week....

*God Bless,
Father Danny*