



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Feast of the Holy Family December 31, 2023

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 9AM - 12PM
St. Ninian Place
(902) 863-2338

****The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd. Normal operations resuming on Wednesday, January 3rd.****

MASS TIMES

Tue-Fri: 9:00AM
Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:15PM - 3:45PM

For more information, please refer to our website:
www.saintninian.ca

 facebook.com/stninian.cathedral

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30th: 4pm
Sunday, December 31st: 8:30am
Sunday, December 31st: 10:30am
New Years Day Monday, January 1st: 10:30am

COLLECTION INFORMATION

December 24th, 2023:
Sunday Collection: \$15,703.00
Christmas Day Collection: \$11,957.00
Pre-authorized payments (Dec) \$10,081.00

CONGRATS

Congrats to Amanda Garvie and Scott Baillie who got married this weekend. May this new chapter be full of joy!

2023 recap

Baptisms: 23
First Communions: 23
Confirmations: 4
Marriages: 10
Funerals: 89

2023 was a year of tremendous change for Saint Ninian Parish. While we celebrated a beautiful Christmas and New Years in 2022, the beginning of 2023 started off with a big challenge: the flood in Saint Ninian Place forced us to restructure our office, rethink our operations, and pull together as a community, beyond our faith, to rebuild some of our community hall. Throughout this process, we also said goodbye to Paula Kirk, who served the parish for many years, as she welcomed her retirement. This meant the reassignment of duties, while we grappled with the financial strain the flood brought about to the parish finances. We thank the parish staff, and specially Cathy Walsh for her many hours of volunteer work. Despite some setbacks, we will look back on 2023 as a year of much learning and progress: we welcomed new parishioners from near and far; we launched our 150th Anniversary year with many community and spiritually minded activities and events; hosted a beautiful Christmas concert, and learned from the challenges we faced. For 2024, we wish to continue learning and growing with each other and from one another as a parish and as people. May you and your loved ones welcome this new year with love, kindness, and gratitude.

- the parish staff

Message from Father Danny:

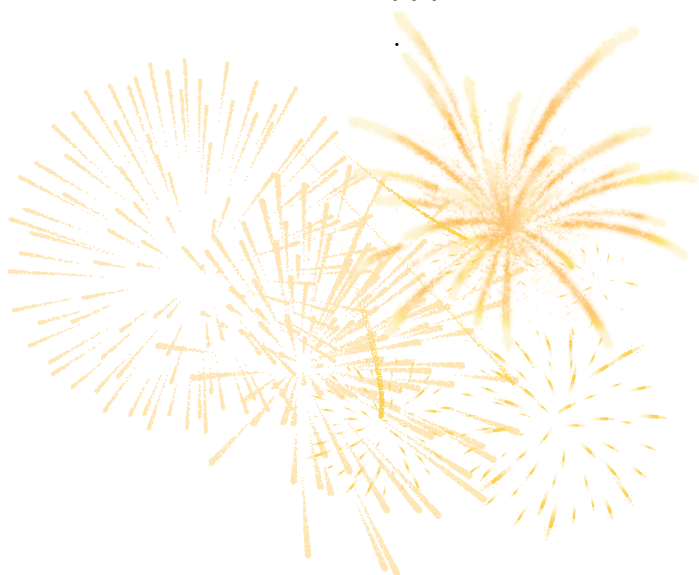
This Sunday the church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family and on Monday, January 1, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of obligation in Canada. These feasts, during the Christmas Season, are a reminder of God's love to us through the work of family and the heart of the home, our mother. Families, whether by birth or by choice, thrive when members of all ages encourage each other and draw on their own experiences for the betterment of others. Like Jesus, each of us is part of the larger system of support.

This Christmas the church decorations, liturgies, and the beauty of the cathedral with its wonderful and joyous celebrations brought much joy and peace not only to me but to all. These meaningful celebrations and the significant turnout truly made us all feel the spirit of Christmas.

After the masses here in Antigonish I drove to Halifax and spent time with family and friends. Thank you all for your support and generosity shown through cards, food, gifts and kind words. May the New Year, 2024, continue to bless us all with happiness, health and peace.

May Mary, the Mother of God guide our prayers and action throughout 2024.

God Bless and Happy New Year!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Way back in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan? In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God. The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Mary's relative Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it. For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith. Visit loyolapress.com for more saints stories.

"SONGS OF JOY & PEACE ON EARTH"

Emery van de Wiel, Artistic Director, and the Parish staff would like to thank everyone who came out to our Christmas concert "Songs of Joy & Peace on Earth." This event raised over \$2,000.00 (after expenses), which will be donated to community organizations focusing on food, shelter, and health. More information coming in the new year.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the Saint Ninian Senior Choir, the Antigonish Choral Ensemble, Carol Anne MacKenzie, Mary Beth Carty and friends, as well as Impact Sound for making this possible.

PARISH MEETINGS

Tuesdays

Prayer Group will start again January 9th, 2024. St. Vincent de Paul (first Tuesday of the month) at 7pm

Wednesdays

Saint Ninian Choir rehearsal at 7pm in the church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Confirmation class resumes January 7th, 2024
Grade 3-6 classes resumes January 10th, 2024
Grade 2 Classes resumes January 7th, 2024