



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 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:

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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."

COLLECTION INFORMATION

October 15th, 2023:

Sunday Collection: 6263.00

Pre-authorized payments (Oct) \$10,031.00

MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 17-20, 2023

Tuesday, Oct 24th

Ann Tobin, r.i.p.

Elizabeth O'Brien, r.i.p.

Wednesday, Oct 25th

David Michaud, r.i.p.

Buddy MacLean, r.i.p.

Karl Knox, r.i.p.

Thursday, Oct 26th

Catherine "Tada" Boyd O'Neil, r.i.p.

James "Jim" O'Neil, r.i.p.

Friday, Oct 27th

Sarto Bradshaw, r.i.p.

Leonardus VanBerkel, r.i.p.

CWL members living and deceased.

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN

Let us pray for our deceased family and friends

Edward Joseph "Ted" Cogan, Antigonish

Darlene Marie "Dolly" Prosper, Paqtnkek

Catherine Elizabeth Gillis, Antigonish

Anthony Frank Chesal, Fall River

Michael Roderick MacLeod, St. Andrews

CWL MONTHLY MEETINGS

Sundays, October 29th and November 26th,
at 1pm in room 021.

KNIGHTS' NEWS

This month's note will summarize many of
the activities we are involved in:

Helping to sponsor Religious Education, St. James Hot
Meals, Friendship Corner, four scholarships to local
students (\$500 each), and Coats for Kids.

Church events and ministries: Hospitality, Eucharistic
Ministers, Lectors, Funeral Pall Bearers and Servers.
Parish Council Executive, Maintenance, Cemetery Care,
Silver Rose, St Joseph Icon, March for Life, and
the Men's Prayer Breakfast!

NEW POLICIES AT ALL HOSPITALS

With new policies taking place at all hospitals- we are
asked to respect the privacy and wishes of the patients
when it comes to visits from clergy or parish hospital
teams. If a patient wishes a visit,
they are to call the parish office.

THANK YOU

A Very Big Thank You to everyone who contributed to,
and supported at St. Ninian's CWL Bazaar
last Saturday!
October 26 has been reserved for the Bazaar next year.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2023-2024

Books will be available at the entrance to the
Cathedral. \$5.00 each (envelope provided).

150TH ANNIVERSARY SAINT NINIAN PRAYER CARD AND HYMN

Please refer to the prayer card located in the pews.

150TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets at the Parish Office. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

ANTIGONISH COMMUNITY GRIEF GROUP ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOME

First Meeting is Monday

October 23- Dec 11, 2023 at 7pm.

Gladys MacDougall and colleague support individuals
who have encountered Grief and or Loss in their lives.
They create a welcoming space to gather and
feel that you do not walk alone.

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

BE AMBITIOUS FOR THE HIGHER GIFTS - WEEK 2

A Charism is a supernatural grace bestowed upon each
of us by the Holy Spirit at Baptism so that we can bring
the love and healing presence of Christ to others. Each
one of us has received at least one unique charism.
When we exercise our charism(s) we experience real joy,
as well as, a sense of purpose and belonging. To learn
more and begin to discern which particular charism you
may have received we welcome you to check out page
five of the Online Bulletin.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: SEPT 27TH TO NOV 5TH

Due to the annual Life Chain being cancelled because of road construction, after morning Mass on Tuesdays, the rosary will be prayed for the intention of the sanctity of human life.

LIONS' PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Sunday October 29 from 9am-12pm at the Lions Den on 13 Highland Dr. Ext. Donations at door will aid families in need at Christmas.

"TO WHOM DOES ABRAHAM BELONG? AN EXPLORATION OF ABRAHAM IN ISLAMIC TRADITION"

The postponed Christian Culture lecture by Dr. Gabriel Said Reynolds, Professor of Theology and Islamic Studies at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, will be presented, virtually, this Sunday, October 22 at 7.30 pm. (Room TBA, but probably at StFX, Mulroney Hall 3030. A notice confirming this will be circulated tomorrow.) For those who cannot attend the virtual lecture, a zoom link will be provided upon request (wsweet@stfx.ca) Dr Reynolds will speak on "To Whom does Abraham Belong? An Exploration of Abraham in Islamic Tradition." In this lecture, he will discuss how the Qur'an presents a key figure in the 'Abrahamic religions' (Judaism, Islam, and Christianity), Abraham, and how the Qur'an presents Islam as faithful to Abraham's teaching.

SILENT AUCTION

Highland Academy of Learning, will take place Friday, November 17, from 7-10 p.m., at the Heatherton Community Centre (gymnasium) in Heatherton. Tickets are \$15 each and include entertainment by local fiddlers, light refreshments, prize draws and more. Auction items will include local crafts, Christmas section, baked goods, home decor, clothing, artwork, gift certificates and other surprises.

Tickets are available in advance
Call Clare at (902-870-4850) or at the door.

THREE DAYS BUT ONE FEAST CELEBRATING THE TRIDUUM IN THE PARISH

The Triduum liturgy is the culmination of the entire year and it makes sense that the community's Sunday experience influences its anticipation of Triduum. If our assemblies are not engaged by music, preaching, hospitality, or other sacramental encounters at the Sunday liturgy, they are not likely to seek out more of the same.

It is common to think of our Sunday liturgies as "Little Easters," particularly because we celebrate the Risen Christ in every liturgy. Perhaps we also could consider Easter Sunday, and thus Triduum, as "One Great Big Sunday" that is integrally connected to all other Sundays of the year. This larger framework can inform how we plan, prepare, celebrate the Triduum, and balance the dialogue between Easter Sunday and all of the Sundays of the liturgical year.

With this in mind parishes and individuals are invited to join a Livestream talk Three Days but One Feast- Celebrating the Triduum in the Parish offered by Fr. Bill Burke, Pastor of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney. This talk will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 7:00pm, at St. Joseph Church, Port Hawkesbury. This presentation will be available to watch live on our Diocesan Website (antigonishdiocese.ca). Pastors, parish pastoral councils, liturgy committee members and all interested parishioners are invited to login for this event.

PARISH MEETINGS

Tuesdays

Prayer Group at 6:30pm in the Vestry
All Are Welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul (first Tuesday of month) at 7pm

Wednesdays

Saint Ninian Choir rehearsal at 7pm in the church

St. Ninian Parish Foundation

October 24, 2023, 7pm - new boardroom

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Confirmation Classes - start Sunday Oct 22nd
6:00pm-7:15 St. Ninian Place lower level (Rm 21)
Grade 2 classes Sunday 11:30am -12:15. St. Ninian
Place Rm 21
Grade 7 & 8 classes Wednesdays 6:30pm -7:15 St.
Ninian Place Lower Level
Grade 3-6 classes Wednesdays 6:30pm -7:15
Antigonish Education Centre
All inquiries contact Leonarda MacNeil at
relgioused@saintninian.ca.

*A message from
Fr. Danny...*

This gospel makes a distinction between the political and the spiritual realms and implies that we have duties to both. We have a responsibility to engage in the political lives of our communities, to advocate for the marginalized as Jesus did. Being church in this world today is not easy but with the spirits help, we can discern a way forward. The world seems to be in a crisis, the question always arising of what can be done?

Like everything - it starts at home- be kind, be loving, be forgiving.

My few days in Toronto went very well. On Sunday I presided at the 11:30 mass at The Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Etobicoke and performed the baptism after mass for my grand nephew. It was lovely to spend time with family for a joyous event.

On the drive from the airport to home I was expecting to see vibrant autumn leaves but the turnover seems to be slow this year. Perhaps these years we will have the opportunity to enjoy the leaves longer.

This week the Thanksgiving display was removed from the sanctuary, and I wish to thank Toosje and Casey for their donations of vegetables and preserves that gave the display so many colors, bringing joy and life to our Cathedral.

Have a wonderful week,
God Bless, Fr. Danny



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Be Ambitious for the Higher Gifts - Week Two

And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, pastors and teachers; to knit God's holy people together for the work of service to build up the Body of Christ, until we all reach unity in faith and knowledge of the Son of God and form the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Charisms are supernatural gifts which enable every Christian to bring the healing presence and love of Jesus to others. We experience real joy and a sense of purpose when we exercise our charisms. We are more effective and fruitful because the Holy Spirit has ordained and sanctified our mission. We are called to exercise our charisms at work, with family and friends, in the parish and in the broader community. Charisms generally manifest when we have developed a close relationship with God, and when we meet the person who needs the gift because charisms are always for others.

Do you recognize any of the following charisms in yourself, your family, or your friends?!

Encouragement: is the classic spiritual direction or counselling charism. The person with this charism will focus on the individual, not the crowd. They are used powerfully by the Holy Spirit seeing you in your uniqueness and focusing on healing and building you up to be the person God created you to be. A person with this charism, such as St. Francis de Sales (who wrote, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, the first major work on lay spirituality) is drawn to work extensively with individuals rather than a group. Yet even if speaking to a group, any and all listeners will believe the person is speaking directly to her or him alone. (Possible expression of this gift: counsellor, coach, teacher, parent, helping professional)

Intercessory Prayer: empowers the sustained, intense prayer of a Christian for others as the means by which God's love and deliverance reaches those in need. Those with this charism tend to see remarkable - even miraculous - answers to their prayers. Like St. Therese of Lisieux, they have a tremendous confidence that God hears and will answer their prayers, and they find praying for others energizing. (Possible expression of this gift: rosary/novena, Eucharist adoration, healing-prayer team, parent/grandparent)

Music: The charism of Music empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's creative goodness to others through writing or performing music for the delight of others and praise of God. It can be any genre of music played in a secular or religious setting that stirs the heart to the presence of God. For a person with this charism, like St. Gregory, who collect and support sacred music to accompany the liturgy (the Gregorian Chants), music is prayer, and it moves others to prayer as well. (Possible expressions of this gift: professional musician, music therapist, or worship leader)

Source: *Fruitful Discipleship*, Sherry a Weddell