



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE  
December 10, 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

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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

### December 3rd, 2023:

Sunday Collection: \$8441.00

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

## MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 12-15, 2023

### Tuesday, Dec 12th

Pauline Bradshaw, r.i.p.

Roy & Myra Diggins, r.i.p.

Kevin Mac Donald, r.i.p.

### Wednesday, Dec 13th

Ted Cogan, r.i.p.

Special Intention for the Living

Ruby Cameron, r.i.p.

### Thursday, Dec 14th

Anita MacEachern, r.i.p.

Blain Mattie, r.i.p.

John "Jackie" Beaton, r.i.p.

### Friday, Dec 15th

Hugh V. Gillis, r.i.p.

Ludmila Flak, r.i.p.

## THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN

Let us pray for our deceased family and friends

**Neil Foshay**, Halifax formally from Antigonish

**Barry Bowen**, Antigonish

**Henry Delorey**, Trenton and Tracadie

**Brian Mac Neil**, Antigonish

**Charles Daniel "Charlie" Gallant**, 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

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION DECEMBER 16TH

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

## CHILDRENS' ADVENT TREES

There are bundles of paper ornaments and ribbon available at the back of the church which will be distributed to all children. The five pillars of Advent are,

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Faith. Children are encouraged to write how they feel during Advent. The children can put them on the two trees

at the back of the church.

We will watch during Advent how the children's ornaments decorate the trees.

## WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

May the waters bring peace and joy:

**Louise Claire Neudorf**

daughter of Josée Liette (Gallant) Neudorf and

Jesse Kenneth Neudorf

## 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

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION BOX

The donation box for St. Vincent de Paul is now available at the Cathedral entrance to the right-side aisle.

The Society appreciates all donations.

Thank You.

## CAN YOU HEAR ME?

There have been many concerns and frustrations regarding the sound system. Father Danny learned 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!

## HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday To Mary "Agnes" Kennedy, Antigonish.

You have been blessed with a century's worth of wisdom and experiences!

### 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.

### FLORAL TRIBUTE THIS WEEKEND

Flowers have donated in memory of our beautiful mother, the late Mrs. Margaret Helen (Roach) George. Although our family lives near and far, we are immensely thankful to share this beauty with you all.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

VON is pleased to offer its 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 1 pm to 5 pm. Prizes will be drawn on Saturday, Dec. 16th at 9pm

### ADVENT CONCERT AT ST. MARGARET'S

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

### PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

on Sunday December 17 from 9 am-12 pm at the Lions Den Highland Dr Ext.. Proceeds at the door will go to the Antigonish Emergency Fuel Fund.

### 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.

### ADVENT MISSION

An Advent Mission is taking place at Our Lady of Grace Monastery at 6:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, December 11th, 12th and 13th. Details are on the attached poster.

### 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  
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 [religioused@saintninian.ca](mailto:religioused@saintninian.ca).

Thank you

#### Religious Education Classes:

Confirmation class Sunday Dec 10th is the last for this term. Classes resume January 7th, 2024  
Grade 7 & 8 classes finish Wednesday Dec 13th, 2023  
Grade 3-6 classes are finished for this term. They will resume January 10th, 2024.  
Grade 2 Classes are finished for this term. They will resume January 7th, 2024

### 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

### CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is membership time for St. Ninian CWL. Dues are \$35.00 and can be paid either via CWL envelope (which can be found at the back of the Church) or e-transfer. For e-transfers, please send your \$35.00 to [stniniancwl@gmail.com](mailto:stniniancwl@gmail.com) and in the message box please include your name, mailing address and phone number. This is an easy option as we now have Auto Deposit!

### CWL CHRISTMAS DONATION MEETING AND SOCIAL

On Sunday, December 10 at 1pm please join us for our annual Donation Meeting and Social in SNP 018. We will have a short meeting to approve our annual community donations and spend some time with each other celebrating the Christmas Season. There will be door prizes along with Christmas music and cheer! We hope you can join us!

# SONGS OF JOY & PEACE ON EARTH



TIGH DHE  
SAINT NINIAN

SATURDAY, DEC. 16TH  
7:00PM

SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL

A CONCERT OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC

## *Message from Father Danny:*

For the next two Sundays, the gospels encourage us to encounter Christ through the ministry of John the Baptist.

John humbly preaches from the banks of the Jordan River and uses his popularity to point the way to Jesus.

As we look forward to the coming of Jesus, may our preparations for the season find in us the love and joy of our King.

The emphasis on joy, community and celebration during Advent is a wonderful way to connect with others and reflect on the significance of the season. Whether through shared meals, festive decorations, or attending concerts that showcase the spirit of Christmas, these activities can contribute to a sense of togetherness and anticipation.

Friday evening, I attended Lennie Gallant's 'Innkeepers Christmas' concert in the Pomquet Parish Hall. Thanks to Ed Benoit for the tickets!

Next Saturday please join the Cathedral Parish for 'Songs of Joy and Peace on Earth' concert.

This too will be a wonderful concert as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. The music is respectful and sacred to the Cathedral and donations are accepted at the door to cover costs.

On Sunday of next week, we welcome Mary Janet MacDonald of YouTube Baking Cinnamon Roll Fame. Mary Janet, will have her live show "Tunes and Wooden Spoons" with songs from the choir

and Toosje will bake Olliebollen. It's a Dutch fritter that's delicious!

What a great way to celebrate 150 years and sales of the cookbook!

God Bless,  
Father Danny



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