



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY
December 17, 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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MARRIAGES:

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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 10th, 2023:

Sunday Collection: \$8620.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 12-15, 2023

Tuesday, Dec 19th

Ronald Gillis, r.i.p.

Special Intention for the Living

Wednesday, Dec 20th

Darlene Durant, r.i.p.

Elizabeth Neary, r.i.p.

Dale MacDonald, r.i.p.

Thursday, Dec 21th

Gerry & Greta MacDonald, r.i.p.

Neal Foshay, r.i.p.

Friday, Dec 15th

Marguerite Chisholm-Barker, r.i.p.

Paul Mattie, r.i.p.

Special Intention for the Living

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN

Let us pray for our deceased family and friends:

Bernadette Landry, Antigonish

Robert Eugene "Bobby" Landry, Black Avon

OFFICE HOURS

The office will close on December 22nd, 2023 and reopen on December 29th, 2023

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 childrens' ornaments decorate the trees.

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

WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

May the waters bring you peace and joy:

Anna Margaret Cameron

daughter of Elizabeth ("Beth") Mary MacNeil-Cameron and Tyson Charles Cameron

CONFESSIONS - DECEMBER 20TH

Reconciliation will be held in St. Ninian Cathedral on Wednesday from 6-7PM. There will be two priests available during that time period.

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 back of the Church and, if you like, pick up your neighbor's as well!

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!

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 our Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral. At each Mass the Baby Jesus will be blessed.

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.

CALCULATION OF DONATIONS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

With the approval of the Parish Finance Committee, the last day of income tax donations will be December 31 of the year. Any donations given in January will NOT be recorded as a donation for the previous year. It will be recorded as a donation for the year it was actually donated. The donations that are on hand on December 31st will be the donations recorded on your income tax receipt. Back dated donations after December 31 will not be accepted.

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 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Many thanks who supported our Wreath Campaign

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Saint Vincent de Paul are looking for queen beds and double beds. If you have any to give please call 902-863-8050

PARISH MEETINGS

Tuesdays

Prayer Group 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 CLASS SCHEDULE

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

IF CHRISTMAS IS HARD

If Christmas is hard,
If you've lost someone dear,
Just look in your heart,
And you'll know they're here.

The star in the sky,
The light falling snow.
The robin outside,
it seems like they know.

If this is a time,
When you're struggling through.
Just do what you can,
For what matters, is you.

There's no need to be merry,
There's no need to be bright.
Just do what you can,
It will be alright.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

2023

Saturday, December 23: 4pm
Sunday, December 24: 10:30am
Sunday, December 24th: 4pm
Sunday, December 24th: 7:30pm
(carols before 8pm Mass)
Monday, December 25th: 8:30am
Monday, December 25th: 10:30am
Saturday, December 30th: 4pm
Sunday, December 31st: 8:30am
Sunday, December 31st: 10:30am
Monday, January 1st: 10:30am



SONGS OF JOY & PEACE ON EARTH



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SAINT NINIAN

SATURDAY, DEC. 16TH
7:00PM

SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL

A CONCERT OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Message from Father Danny:

Much of the northern hemisphere is in time of extended darkness due to movements of the sun. Communities all over are also facing the darkness of injustice and sin. John comes to testify to the light, and we too are called to reflect the light of Christ to the world.

It's heartwarming to see how St. Ninian's parishioners dispel the darkness through generosity and compassion especially during the Advent season. The efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in responding to the needs of others, despite the busyness of the season, truly reflect the spirit of giving and selflessness.

The time and dedication spent in returning calls and meeting with clients by the members exemplify the true meaning of the season. Their success in making a positive impact on the lives of others is a testament to the kindness and generosity of those who contribute to their mission.

The response to flower donations, bows, quilt tickets, cook books and the overall good cheer in church and the office further highlight the positive and uplifting atmosphere created by the community. It's a beautiful example of how people come together to spread joy and light, inspired by the teachings of the gospel.

During this season of Advent, such acts of kindness and generosity serve as a reminder of the importance of compassion and giving, embodying the true spirit of the holidays. May these efforts continue to inspire others and contribute to making the world a brighter and more compassionate place.

May these acts of kindness that I witness by you each day remain in my heart, especially when trying to get a parking spot the shops or in long lines in stores!

Please don't forget to watch Tunes and Wooden Spoons as Mary Janet welcomes the Cathedral Parish to her program.

Next Sunday, I will be on Mass for Shuts with the diocesan CWL.

Have a great week, keep the light burning with your last minute shopping.

God Bless, Fr. Danny



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