



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

4th Sunday of Lent March 10th, 2024

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LENTEN MASS TIMES

Tue, Thu, Fri: 9:00AM

Wednesday: Stations of the Cross followed by
Mass at 6:15pm

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: 3:15PM - 3:45PM

BAPTISMS:

Please contact Leonarda MacNeil, ofs at
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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."



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www.saintninian.ca

COLLECTION INFORMATION

March 3rd, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$8434.50

Pre-authorized payments (March): \$10,281.00

**Please remember to fill out the front page
of your Donation Envelopes**

Income Tax Receipt's are available

MASS INTENTIONS

March 12th-March 15th, 2024

Tuesday, 12th

Abigail MacDonald, r.i.p.

Ronald C. MacDonald, r.i.p.

Pat Lockhart, r.i.p.

Wednesday, 13th

Gerry Cormier, r.i.p.

Blaine Mattie, r.i.p.

Conrad Porier, r.i.p.

Thursday, 14th

Abigail MacDonald, r.i.p.

Steve Gaudon, r.i.p.

Michael & Gertrude Dalton, r.i.p.

Friday, March 15th

James Roderick MacKinnon, r.i.p.

Bob Layes, r.i.p.

Maggie Melanson, r.i.p.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION PALM SUNDAY

March 23rd-24th

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Wednesday March 27th

Way of the Cross & Mass

6:15pm

HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28TH

7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29TH

3:00PM

EASTER VIGIL HOLY SATURDAY

MARCH 30TH

8:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31ST

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN

Francis Albert "Sonny" Surette, Antigonish
Elizabeth Marie Windsor, formally Antigonish
Marie MacLellan, Antigonish
Meren Neary, daughter of Melissa & Justin

WELCOME TO ST. NINIAN!

If you are new to Antigonish or to our Parish, we welcome you and hope you have a positive experience in your worship with us. Check our website for more information on the cathedral parish, its various ministries, and services. Please feel free to contact us with questions, comments and feel free to visit the office from Monday - Friday from 9am-12pm. Registration forms are on the entrance table. Please drop completed form at the parish office.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION

Envelopes are at the back of the Church

TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY AT THE PARISH OFFICE

**Monday - Friday
9am-12pm**

LENTEN YOUTH NIGHT

Youth Grades 10 and up are invited to a Lenten Youth night, including pizza, a Lenten prayer reflection and plans for future youth gatherings,
THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 10, FROM 6-9 P.M.,
downstairs St. Ninians. Come get to know other youth of the parish and university faith community. And mark your calendars for the evening of Palm Sunday, March 24, for a special youth holy hour followed by fellowship. For information, contact Clare at clarelazzuri@gmail.com

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST

Scrumptious Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
made by the Knights of Columbus.

**Sunday March 17, 2024
8am-12noon**

POLISH UP YOUR DANCING SHOES

**Sunday March 10th, 2024
1:30pm-4pm**

Karen Beaton, Natalie DeCoste,
Junior Fraser & Betty Lou Beaton
Supported by MacGillivray Fuels

ST. NINIAN PARISH FOUNDATION

How do we fundraise? Where does the money go? The major fundraiser is the Memorial Bows at Christmas. People also donate by identifying the Foundation as a beneficiary in their personal wills. The donations do not rest with the Diocese but are held separately by the Foundation. In 2022 and 2023, the Foundation provided a grant to cover the cost of the beautiful handrail at the front exterior steps and a grant to pay for SNP flooring that was not covered by flood insurance. If you would like to know more about the Foundation, the AGM is being held on Saturday, April 13th at 10am in Saint Ninian Place. All are welcome! If you wish to contact us, please leave a message at the Parish Office.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Day of Discovery

Open and Free to All Women of the Parish

March 16, 2024 9:30am-1pm

St. Ninian Place Rm.18

Registration required & Lunch included

Meet our New Executive and new members. Enjoy the Friendship of seasoned members. Learn about the new structure of the CWL.

Share your ideas for the year ahead.

Please register by March 13th

Contact Toosje Van de Sande

Phone 902-863-3234 or email

tcvan@eastlink.ca

CWL 2024 BURSARY APPLICATIONS

St. Ninian's CWL Bursary applications are available at the back of the church. If you are a 2024 grade 12 graduate and meet the criteria, you are invited to complete the application and return it to St. Ninian's Place at the office clearly marked:

CWL Bursary application; c/o Kim Grant,
or mail it (address in application) by May 1st.

LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

March 24, 2024

Pancake and sausage breakfast at the Lions Den,
Highland Dr. The proceeds will go towards
a child needing surgery.

ORDINATION OF DEACON DAVID RANKIN

Deacon David Rankin, warmly invites all to his ordination to the priesthood on Friday, May 31,
(the Feast of the Visitation) at 3pm here at
St. Ninian Cathedral. There will be a light reception to follow at St. Ninian Place. All are also invited to his First Mass at 4pm on Saturday, June 1 at his home parish, St. Mary Church in Mabou.

DENOUNCING OIL POLLUTION IN NIGERIA

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our Mini-magazine and watch the video at devp.org/lent. March 17 is Solidarity Sunday. You can support the collection in parishes throughout our diocese, or give online at <https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/>

PARISH MEETINGS

Tuesdays

Prayer Group 6:30pm Vestry. All are welcome.
St. Vincent de Paul (first Tuesday of the month)
at 7pm

Wednesdays

Religious Education Meeting March 13 @ 2pm
Saint Ninian Choir rehearsal at 7pm in the church

Thursdays

Breaking Open the Word, at 9:30am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Grade 2 Sunday March 17th

Grades 3-6 Wednesday March 20th

C.A.R.E. AGM

C.A.R.E. will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on **March 25th at 7pm in Saint Ninian Place.**

C.A.R.E. has had a busy couple of months, and is expected to welcome another family in the coming months.

We are excited to share last year's achievements, and look into the future with renewed hope and plans.

All welcomed!

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT

Antigonish Heritage Museum

Come enjoy Irish tunes, tap your toes, and sing along!
Mary Beth Carty with Heather MacIsaac & Lilly Carty

Saturday - March 16, 2024 , 2-4 PM

Admission - Good will offering with the proceeds going to the Heritage Association Endowment Fund.
All funds raised will be matched
by an anonymous donor.

LENTEN PRAYER

As we enter another week of our Lenten journey we pray, God our Father, in your unfailing love and goodness, hear us as we bring to you our prayers for the world
and for all people.

LENTEN TALK

Listening - How do we listen?

POSTPONED to March 14th at 6:30pm - 7:30pm
SNP, room 18.

This presentation, by Kim Grant, will help us explore our communication and listening skills when we seem to be challenged by so many distractions and generational gap.

Message from Father Danny:

We do not always look for God as we should; sometimes we choose darkness over light. But God never stops seeking us. God is always calling us with love, trying to get into our hearts in a way that will keep us close.

With the increasing of daylight, we pray for the grace to always have in our hearts the love and light of Christ.

The diocese has received wonderful news announcing the date of Ordination for David Rankin from St. Mary Parish, Mabou. David will be ordained to the priesthood here at St. Ninian Cathedral on Friday, May 31, at 3PM.

Hopefully you continue to notice the improvement to the sound system. This week we had sound technicians in and improving the quality of the sound. The echo in such a large building continues to be a challenge. You may remember that during the renovation the carpet was removed in the sanctuary and the hardwood floor underneath was repaired. Therefore, the sound has nothing to absorb it and the echo now is difficult to eliminate.

The 'Soups of the World' was a tremendous success and not only fed the body but also the soul with the interaction of the many cultures we have in town and county. We were delighted to see St. Ninian Place full and smiles and laughter on so many faces. This Saturday I am looking forward to another 150th Event, 'Drinking with The Saints'.

I hope I'll make it to Mass on Sunday. lol
Sunday we are having another Square Dance and Ceilidh. This event has been such a success and enjoyment for all. Please feel free to come, just to listen to the great music!

Next Sunday is St. Patrick's Day and we will celebrate the Irish with a pancake breakfast in St. Ninian Place, with the KOC in the kitchen. I am not sure if 'green' pancakes are on the menu.

Have a blessed week.

God Bless,
Father Danny

Message from 150th Committee

Part of our 150th anniversary celebrations – 150 years since the dedication of the Cathedral in Antigonish.

We are holding events all throughout the year to celebrate. Our celebrations are centred on showing how we have a living faith community here in Antigonish, how we honour our history and that we are a community that is welcoming to all peoples.

Our soups around the world was an opportunity to build community and welcome all to join in our celebrations of this major milestone.

Held on March 3, 2024 at St. Ninian's Place

Many soups around the world – Italian (1), Indian (2), Philippines(1), Germany (1), Ireland (1), Nfld (1), Acadian (1), Ukraine(1), Scotland (1), Holland (2), England (1)

for a total of 13 soups!

Donations of bread – everything from rolls to sour dough bread, biscuits and all other kinds of other breads, such as corn bread – at least eight more individuals were generous enough to donate bread to accompany the soups.

Dessert by Alessandro D'Aquino – delicious Tiramisu
Estimated Attendance: well over 200 attendees which exceeded our goal of about 100 people

People attending were also very generous – it was donations at

the door and we raised over \$1800.00.

We would like to thank all those who donated their soups, breads, desserts and their time and money to help us celebrate our

150th anniversary. We also like to invite people to stay tuned

for other events and celebrations to come.

150th Anniversary Committee

