



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time  
March 2, 2025



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## PARISH OFFICE

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## MASS TIMES

Tues-Wed-Fri: 9am  
Thurs-6:30pm  
Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30 am

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00pm-3:45pm

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Carleton MacNeil

## FINANCE CHAIR

Tony Secco

## CWL PRESIDENT

Toosje Van de Sande

## KoC GRAND KNIGHT

Elliott Anderson

### 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."



[facebook.com/stninian.cathedral](https://facebook.com/stninian.cathedral)

[www.saintninian.ca](http://www.saintninian.ca)

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

February 9th, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$4540.00

Pre-authorized payments January : \$10,592.00

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday**

Fred "Bugs" MacIntyre, rip

**Thursday**

Helen Marie Giffin, rip

**Friday**

Don Beaton, rip

### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

are Ready and can be picked up at  
The parish office.

### DEBIT MACHINE

Our debit machine now accepts donations for both the Foundation and the General Parish Collection. Please visit the office to make your contribution. Thank you for your support!

### THE PATH TO HOPE

Daily Devotions for Lent booklet is available for all parishioners on the entrance tables. As part of the Jubilee Year, every person is invited to make a pilgrimage. This booklet, with its daily reflections, will allow us to make a spiritual journey this Lent. The booklets are offered freely, and if you wish to contribute toward the cost, your generosity would be appreciated.

### CEILING REPAIR PROJECT

The St. Ninian Parish Foundation is looking to launch a Capital Campaign to raise funds to repair the ceiling in the main aisle of the Cathedral. Attached is a donation envelope to fund this necessary repair.

All donations over \$25.00 will receive a tax receipt. Please write your name and address on the envelope for tax receipt purposes.

Why are the donations going to the Foundation and not directly to the Parish?

General donations to the parish are taxed by the Diocese at 13.5%. This tax (levy) is not new, and the annual levied amount is used to fund the Diocese. St. Ninian's levy is approximately \$65,000 per year.

Donations to the Foundation are separate from the Diocese and not subject to the levy.

100% of the donations are held for the purpose of the Cathedral. Donations for the ceiling repair will be held at 100% until the Cathedral needs the funds. Thank you for your donations.

### LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED

**Phil Arsenault**, Antigonish

**Sr. Margie MacDonell**, CND Antigonish and Sydney

**Sr. Shirley Bruce**, CSM Antigonish

**Anna MacDonald**, Antigonish

**Kay McAlduff**, Antigonish

**Bill MacGillivray**, Heatherton

**Rev. Greta Smith** of Halifax. mother of Rev. Peter Smith.

St. James United

**Mary Lillian MacDonald**, Antigonish

**Mona Carter-Munroe**, Mulgrave

### ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 5TH)

#### MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 AM

12:15 PM

6:30 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (those aged 18-59) and abstinence from meat (ages 14 and up). Fasting allows is to withdraw from the pleasures of the world and focus on the passion of Christ.

#### MASS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

March 5th - April 16th

Tuesday - 9am Mass

Wednesday - 9am Mass

Thursday - 6:30 pm Mass

Friday - 9am Mass

### A GIFT FOR YOU JUST IN TIME FOR LENT

Our parish is launching Formed, a new faith-based resource available to all parishioners free of charge. Next weekend, March 1 and 2, there will be information in each pew on how to complete registration (or sign up now at <https://signup.formed.org/> by finding St. Ninian Cathedral Parish). We will also have team members available after each Mass to assist you on the spot if you would like to bring your cellphone, or any other device you use to go online.

Formed is a streaming service that helps dive into the beauty of the Faith at home, on the go, or from any internet-connected device. Discover small group Bible studies, inspiring children's shows, sacramental preparation resources, family-friendly movies, and more! There is something for every member of the family and our Catholic community to help us grow closer to Jesus Christ and his Church.

### "NO GREATER LOVE:

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion"  
by Dr. Edward Sri (Ascension Press).

We will be starting on Thursday March 13th at 1:30pm.

## **ST. NINIAN CATHEDRAL**

### **PLASTER CEILING IN NEED OF REPAIRS**

The ceiling in the church is original, constructed of plaster onto wooden laths. Over the many years, the plaster is finally showing its age (150 yrs.) to the extent that some serious remediation work has to be done. An assessment was completed (November 2022) by "Historical Plaster Conservation Services" (Ottawa based company) and they have noted that the bond between the plaster and lath is beginning to fail, which is typical of very old plaster.

Their recommendation is to remediate the ceiling by treating the existing plaster from the top side (or attic), using a water based acrylic polymer that penetrates into the plaster. Basically, it consolidates and strengthens the plaster and its anchorage to the wooden laths. The treatment is spray applied and requires three coats. Scaffolding will be required throughout the area under the high ceiling therefore services in the Cathedral will have to be relocated during this time. We expect this project to take approximately 1 ½ months. This is a serious problem that will have to be addressed as soon as possible.

### **COMMUNICATIONS VOLUNTEER** **ST. NINIAN PARISH FOUNDATION**

Do you enjoy social media? Are you tech savvy? Do you have time to spare and can work from home? Here is a great opportunity (volunteer, of course (smile emoji)) to support your Parish Foundation. Interested? Email [cathywalsh25@gmail.com](mailto:cathywalsh25@gmail.com)



### **SHROVE TUESDAY** **PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER**

March 4th, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Saint Ninian Place

Supported by the Knights of Columbus  
Donations at the door



### **ST. PATRICK'S DANCE**

Join us for a fun night on March 15th from 8pm to 1am  
St. Ninian Place  
\$20 cover  
Music by ONE STOP Entertainment

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Annual General Meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society is to be held Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7pm. in St. Ninian Place, Meeting Room 021. All are Welcome.

## **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING**

What does the Church teach about MAiD?

What are the moral questions that arise from this practise of dying?

StFX Philosophy Professors Louis Groarke and Will Sweet will discuss these and other questions about MAiD.

Wednesday March 19th at 7pm

St. Ninian Place, Antigonish

Sponsored by the Antigonish / Guysborough Deanery  
All Welcome

### **COFFEE with FORMED!**

Tuesday, March 11th, after 9 a.m. Mass, come to Room 21 for coffee/tea and muffin and find out all about Formed and how you can use it to enhance your faith life and Lenten experience.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the Fourth or Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights are represented in most of the parishes in Nova Scotia and offer a great deal of voluntary service in our church and community. The Fourth Degree are the ones we see in uniform. Please join us in wishing a "Happy Anniversary" to our Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and thanking them for their service.

### **MEETINGS**

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, March 4th at 7pm

**CWL MEETING**

Sunday March 9th at 2pm Room 021

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Prayer Group:**

Tuesdays - 6:30pm- Vestry- All Welcome

**OCIA Gathering**

Tuesday at 7pm

**Religious Education**

Wednesday - 6:30 pm- 7:15 pm

**Breaking Open the Word**

Wednesday at 9:30 am.

**Flame of Love Rosary - Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Thursday after 9am Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday after 9:30am Mass until 3pm

## PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS - WHERE CAN I DIRECT MY DONATIONS?

In response to parishioner's questions regarding donations, the following might be helpful:

### **To the Parish - Donations and Sunday collections cover:**

- Ongoing parish operations, maintenance, salaries, insurance, etc.
- 13.5% of these donations go to the diocese (Diocesan Levy).
- Tax receipts are issued for donations.

### **To the Foundation**

In 2013, a Foundation was established as a separate registered charity. Donations are in support of the Cathedral buildings and parish. Donations cover:

- Expenses such as exterior handrails, flooring, sanctuary rug, etc.
- 100% of donations stay with the Foundation (not subject to Diocesan levy).
- Donations are understood to be safe from any future lawsuits.
- Tax receipts are issued for donations.

For more information, please watch bulletin notices for the Annual Parish Meeting (May) and the Foundation Annual General meeting (10:30am March 29 with snow date of April 5).

## *Message from Fr Danny*

On this last Sunday before Lent begins, we are called to conversion. There are 40 days of Lent - meant to lead us to conversion - and turning our lives around. I invite you to take advantage all that is offered during the Lenten journey - the online FORMED, the Lenten booklet - The Path to Hope, and Cathedral Parish Lenten talks.

Unfortunately, this time of year many people are suffering with terrible colds and flu. All we can do to try and prevent getting sick is what our mothers told us - wash your hands!

"I often think of the rectors before me, wondering how many of them got a call to the cemetery—not for a burial, but to help push a car out of the snow! The things I get myself into!

It's a reminder that ministry isn't just about what happens inside the church walls. Sometimes, it's about being present in the unexpected moments—helping someone in need, sharing a laugh, or simply showing up. Jesus himself was always meeting people where they were.

So, whether we find ourselves at the altar, the hospital, or knee-deep in snow, every act of service—no matter how small—can be an expression of faith. And if nothing else, it makes for a happy story!"

The Carlos Acutis Youth Group of St. Ninian Parish continues to grow. Last Sunday, seminarian Joe MacMaster was present for the meeting and shared his journey story and connected very well to the youth.

We are fortunate to also have the support of university students who help as well.

You may have heard my interview with Ken Farrell on 98.9XFM. I appreciate Ken's kindness in giving me the opportunity to speak on the radio and promote our activities—though I must admit, radio interviews aren't really my thing!

Have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you on Shrove Tuesday for pancakes and sausage.

*God Bless,  
Father Danny*