



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21st, 2024

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 9am - 12pm
St. Ninian Place
(902) 863-2338

MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday: 9:00am
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:15pm - 3:45pm

For more information, please refer to our website:
www.saintninian.ca

 facebook.com/stninian.cathedral

COLLECTION INFORMATION

April 14th, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$4041.00
Pre-authorized payments (April): \$10,281.00

MASS INTENTIONS

April 23rd-April 26th, 2024

Tuesday, 23rd

Jim Mac Cormack, r.i.p.

Wednesday 24th

Patrick Walsh, r.i.p.
Minnie Doiron, r.i.p.
Marie MacGillivray, r.i.p.

Thursday, 25th

Jim Mac Cormack, r.i.p.
Andrew Milner, r.i.p.

Friday, 26th

Ray Baker, r.i.p.
CWL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED THEIR SACRAMENT OF 1ST RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

Joseph Armstrong
Mira Donovan
Reuben Bating
Malcolm Dunlop
Myles Beaton
Riley Farrell
Cassie Boyd
Sadie Glenn
Evan Branzuela

James MacDonald
Duncan Bray
Maria MacDonald
Sherah Cabilatazan
Drew MacIsaac
Paige Chisholm
Abby MacKenzie
Julia Cleary
Shona MacMaster
Charlie Purcell
Will Smith

LORD, WE LOOK TO YOU TODAY TO PROVIDE PEACE AND COMFORT IN OUR MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES

James Patrick Power, Antigonish
Hans Van Heighen, Ontario formally of Salt Springs
Rienke Marie Mattie, Antigonish
Mary MacDougall, West River

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 4PM MASS

We will celebrate the StFX University graduating class of 2024. Students will fill most ministries, and we encourage members of the Cathedral parish and the wider community to join us in celebrating the achievements of these remarkable young people. As part of the opening procession, we will light the X candle, which will be placed on the sanctuary. We would like to invite any StFX alumni in the parish interested in lighting one of the candles to contact Muffy McIntyre at mmcintyr@stfx.ca.

POLISH OFF YOUR DANCING SHOES

Dance or listen to Wonderful Music by Kinnon Beaton, Karen Beaton, Betty Lou Beaton, Leona Williams, and Junior Fraser on the guitar!
April 21st, 1:30pm-4pm at St. Ninian Place.
\$10.00 cover and light lunch provided.
Supported By MacGillivray Fuels

PENTECOST SUNDAY- CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS MAY 19 AT 10:30 AM MASS

We invite you to take part of the Pentecost Sunday celebrations by processing into the Church with other parishioners. For this 150th anniversary year, we hope this will be an extra special day celebrating faith and community.

If you wish to take part in this **Pentecost Procession**, please contact Father Danny.

CWL NEWS

All the CWL members are invited to attend 9am Mass on Friday April 26th, the Feast day of Our Lady of Good Council, Patroness of the

Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Coffee and treats to follow in the Office Boardroom.

Next General Meeting for the CWL will be held on Wednesday May 8th at 7 pm.

NINIAN'S COZY CAFE

Busy week for the Parish in supporting students in their studies! Father Danny provided smiles, treats, coffee and chips to many students. The Ninian's Cozy Cafe supported by the Antigonish Landlords Association and Community Members provided home made soup baked goods, tea/coffee and snacks to over 120 students!

Message from Father Danny:

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Sheep, we know, are raised for either meat or wool. They give of themselves to provide warmth and nourishment for others. We, the sheep, are also called to give of ourselves in order to provide shelter and nourishment for others.

Through Baptism we are asked to extend the same love Jesus offers to care for others as our Good Shepherd cares for us. This Sunday is referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocation Sunday. We are blessed to have two men, from 'The County,' who are responding to the call to priesthood. Deacon David Rankin will be ordained to the priesthood, on May 31, here in the Cathedral. Seminarian Joe MacMaster of Creignish will begin his pastoral year in September within the diocese. We pray for these two men and all who are discerning a call to priesthood or religious life.

Antigonish, as we are well aware, had a rich tapestry of religious presence, and we are so blessed to have the Sister's of St. Martha still giving witness. Reflecting on the past, when we had the CND's and numerous priests, can provide valuable insights into the present and future.

As the landscape of the church shifts, it is important to discern where the call to fulfill the mission of the church lies especially with today's challenges and opportunities. Embracing change while staying rooted in the core values of service and compassion can guide us, as sisters and brothers, forward in meaningful ways. This weekend the Scots will mark the Battle of Culloden with an event in Knoydart that began forty-three years ago. The Battle of Culloden changed the course of history for the Scottish people, many of whom arrived on these shores and built the communities and successes we have today. There are at times, especially in winter I wish my people would have hitched a ride with the Scots who left Cape Breton, due to winter, for New Zealand.

With Gratitude:

With the end of the academic year and convocation a few weeks away we will be saying farewell to students who made Antigonish their home the last number of years. There are students who frequently come to the Cathedral for weekday Mass or for the Sunday morning Mass because of convenience. One such student is Joseph Raaymakers who has been a faithful and active Cathedral member. Joseph came to us from Chatham, Ontario, to play hockey for STFX, where he succeeded as a valuable and award-winning goalie and student. Joseph served us as Lector and with work behind the scenes. After the damage from Fiona he cleaned up my yard and during the big snow storm shoveled off the roof on Margaree St. In the Cathedral every light fixture he cleaned, and every light bulb he changed and the vestry basement was tidied by him on numerous occasions. Joseph's strength (and mine) allowed for several visible changes within the Cathedral. He overcame fear of heights and climbed the extension ladder to hang banners and learned to place his trust in me to hold the ladder and not run off! He truly lives up to his name, Joseph, after St. Joseph the Worker, with his strong character and generous and gentle spirit. Joseph's presence has made an impact not only in the Cathedral Parish but at St.F.X., in town and with our young people. I will truly miss him, not only with labour projects and liturgical suggestions but, as a true friend. As Joseph steps into this new chapter of his life, may he continue to carry the values of faith, kindness, dedication, and trust with him wherever he goes.

God Bless,
Father Danny

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Ninian's is looking to hire a student for up to 12 weeks (35 hours per week, spread over weekends, evenings and daytime hours on site) starting

June 3, 2024 to conduct historical research on the Cathedral, including its art work and the history of the building. The successful candidate will use this research to write a script for tours of the cathedral and to collect and keep records on this activity.

If you have demonstrated research and communications skills, both oral and written, are able to work independently, and are interested in a unique opportunity to support the Cathedral's 150th anniversary celebrations, please send your resume to Father Danny MacLennan either by dropping it off at the Parish Office or by e-mailing it to pastor@saintninian.ca no later than May 15, 2024.

VOCATION SUNDAY

April 21st is celebrated as Vocations Sunday. This year, envelopes will be available in the pews at all three masses. All donations will go to the Antigonish Diocesan Society, which has since 1942 supported financially the education of our seminarians. By their generosity, the education of Deacon David Rankin and Joseph MacMaster have been fully funded. Please give as generously as you can so that the Society can continue its work to build a culture of vocations in our Diocese.

ANTIGONISH COMMUNITY LIVING WITH GRIEF GROUP

All are warmly welcome

April 15 to May 27th

Saint Ninian Place 7-9pm

To Register, contact Gladys Mac Dougall at 902-870-4885 or Monique Bond at 902-867-7701. You can also email: macdougallgladys@gmail.com
Registration is Free!

GLUTEN FRIENDLY COMMUNION

Please use the communion line with Father Danny.

ANTIGONISH LIONS BREAKFAST PANCAKE/SAUSAGE

Sunday April 28 from 9-12

Proceeds will go to Antigonish Challenger Baseball.

ST. NINIAN LITURGY COMMITTEE

will meet on Wednesday, May 1 at 2:00 PM
in the Office Board Room

Members are Pat Norman, Cathy Walsh, Gerard Lukeman, Cathy Walsh, Deacon Henry Van de Wiel, Emery van de Wiel, Janice Fraser, Marilyn Milner, Shirley Mattie

ST. NINIAN PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

will meet on Thursday May 2 at 6:30 PM in
the Office Board Room

Council Members are Carleton MacNeil - Chair, Suzanne Stewart - Secretary, Alma Farrell, Colette Cote-MacDonald, Clare Lazzuri, Patricia Norman, Suzanne Stewart and Ana Katrina Aguila

PARISH MEETINGS

Monday

C.A.R.E. 6:30pm in room 021

Tuesdays

Prayer Group at 6:30pm in the Vestry.

All are Welcome

Wednesday

Saint Ninian Choir rehearsal at 7pm in the church