



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025

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8:30am-12:30pm - 1:30pm-4:30pm
121 St. Ninian, Antigonish NS
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Mass Times

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

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:00pm-3:45pm

Parish Pastoral Council
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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

August 31, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$4252.00

Cemetery: \$220.00

Truth and Reconciliation: \$5.00

Pre-authorized payments August, \$ 11402.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday

Vlasta Chesal, rip

Jim MacLellan, rip

Wednesday

Special Intention for the Living

Mary Connolly, rip

Thursday

Myrtle MacDonald, rip

Leo Chisholm, rip

Friday

Frank Grant, rip

Cindy Connolly, rip

Frank Maas, rip

PASTORS PICKS

This week the school year begins both in our community and at StFX. This September, parishioners and those who are seeking to learn more of the Gospel and the Church can also go back to school. We will begin a 10-week series on Formed called Metanoia for those taking part in OCIA and/or those who simply want to reconnect with their faith. Each week we will come together to watch a video from the series and to discuss our faith. Keep an eye out for when these sessions will take place beginning in mid-September, or call the parish office.

What is Metanoia? In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. This series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the

Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem. Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary.

Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. With preaching from Fr. Dave as well as personal testimonies from men and women, young and old, religious and lay, their stories will inspire you to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life he is constantly inviting us to.

Metanoia is a production of The Ministry of the Wild Goose and 4PM Media in association with Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Franciscan Friars TOR Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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. Sign up for Formed FREE at <https://signup.formed.org/> by finding St. Ninian Cathedral Parish.

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

Frank Josef Maas, Antigonish

Mary Lou MacDougall, St. Joseph's

John Christopher Bray, New Glasgow, formerly Lochaber

Eileen Curry, Glace Bay, formerly Antigonish

Wayne DeWolfe, Antigonish

Jane Gorman, Antigonish

CANONIZATION CELEBRATION!

Along with Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassait, Blessed Carlo Acutis, whose relic visited our parish last fall, will be canonized a saint by Pope Leo XIV in Rome on Sunday, Sept. 7. At the conclusion of all masses on Sept. 6 and 7, Fr. Danny will bless the congregation with the Bl. Carlo relic that was gifted to the parish last year. One of Bl. Carlo's mission's in his short 16 years was to promote Eucharistic adoration, so to mark the occasion of his sainthood, the parish will host a holy hour with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the evening of September 7 from 7-8 p.m., with an ice cream social to follow.

ST MARTHA'S ALUMNI BANQUET

Wednesday, September 17th at St. Ninian Place.

If you don't have a ticket yet, and you're planning to go, please contact Janet Gottschall, Ticket Chair, at 902-863-9414 or email janetmgottschall@outlook.com. Tickets are \$45 and dues are \$10.

Or e-transfer stmarthasalumni@gmail.com
Hope to see you there.

ST. NINIAN PLACE PRESENTS BRENT MACLEAN AND FRIENDS!

Sunday September 7th at 2-4:30pm

Featuring Darren Murphy, William MacLeod,
Patty MacIsaac and Glen Mattie

ST. MARY'S PARISH MARYVALE OUTDOOR MASS
September 20th at 5:15pm. Donations will be accepted.
Funds raised will be used for the maintenance of the Church Graveyard.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

ARE YOU MAKING PICKLES OR JAMS?

St. Ninian CWL are preparing for the Fall Harvest Weekend on Saturday October 25th and would love to have some for the Pantry Table.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The SNP Main Hall is an underutilized space with great potential to serve the community. We are looking for both volunteers and ideas on how to make better use of this facility.

Whether it's helping with events, sharing suggestions, or simply lending a hand, every contribution makes a difference. If you can help, please contact Valerie Sullivan at 902-870-1907 or Mary Jo Broderick at 902-318-4223.

COME CHAT WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND MEET NEW ONES!

There will be a coffee/muffin social after 10:30 a.m.
Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14 in anticipation
of the feast day of our patron St. Ninian (Sept. 16). This
is a great chance to chat with fellow parishioners and
get to know new faces. If you would like to contribute
muffins or fruit please let us know at
admin@saintninian.ca.

ST. NINIANS CHOIR

The St. Ninian Choir will resume on Sunday September
14th. We look forward to their gift of music enhancing
our liturgies once again. If you would like to share your
voice please contact
Emery Van de Weil at emeryvandewiel@gmail.com.

ANNUAL GRANNY'S ATTIC YARD SALE ST. NINIAN CWL

Saturday September 13th from 9am-1pm.
at the John Paul Centre at 308 Main St.
Drop off Date for Items is
Friday September 12th 10am-6pm
Items include dishes, decor, for all seasons
and holidays. Small kitchen appliances, electronics,
and books. We will also have a large quantity of
quilting fabric for sale.

2025 CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sept 7th at 6pm - 7:15 pm
Classes will be every Sunday for 13 sessions.
Please email religious@stnininian.ca to register.
Please Register Now ! Thank you

A DAY OF CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME SATURDAY, OCT. 4

Our Lady of Grace Monastery
10 am: Mass for Care of Creation celebrated
by Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick
Followed by light refreshments, then a screening of the
documentary Laudato Si' 10th Anniversary and a
conversation with the filmmaker, Kevin Moynihan.
The day will conclude with small table discussions
guided by Dr. Darlene O'Leary, Martha Justice Ministry,
on options and actions we can choose for home and
parish

to help heal and nurture our common home.
This Jubilee event is free and open to all ages:
individuals, families, parish volunteers, catechists, and
everyone interested in learning more about how to care
for our common home. For more information, contact
Jennifer Hatt, jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca or
<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/living-laudato-si-10/>

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

has delivered over 17,000 free books to more than 950
children in Antigonish Town & County since 2023.
Register a child (birth to age five) at
antigonishimaginationlibrary.com.

WELCOME TO ST. NINIAN CATHEDRAL

We had a wonderful welcome of ST.FXU Students
to St. Ninian Cathedral Parish on
Tuesday September 2, 2025.
Special thanks goes out to Agnes, Ika, Janie,
Sr. Catherine, Laura, Clare, Rita, Carleton,
Susanne and Wade.

CELEBRATING AND CALLING ALL WOMEN OF FAITH!

Come and join us for a special day of hope and spiritual
reflection at Our Lady of Grace Monastery on October 4,
2025. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Leagues of St.

Ninian, St. Andrew's and Heatherton Parishes,
participants will be able to create their own day of
spiritual renewal.

Activities on offer will include group sessions with guest
speaker, Sister Jovita MacPherson, Mass, Reconciliation,
Adoration, and the
Stations of the Cross.

We are asking that you pre-register and pay the cost of
\$10.00 by September 26, 2025.

**You will be able to pre-register at the back of the
Cathedral at Masses during the next
two weekends, September 13-14th and
September 20-21st or by contacting the
following parish representatives:**

St. Ninian Parish: Isabel Gillis at 902-870-3831,
Betty Farrell at 902-863-0463;
St. Andrew's Parish:
Mary Anne Forbes at 902-863-5522; and
Heatherton Parish:
Muriel MacDonald at 902-318-4471.

MEETINGS

Social Meeting

Tuesday September 2nd at 1pm Room 017

St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday September 2nd at 7pm

Cemetery Care Company Board Meeting.

September 10th at 6:30pm

CARE

Monday September 22nd at 7pm Room 017

WEEKLY EVENTS

Vestry Prayer Group

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm

Rosary

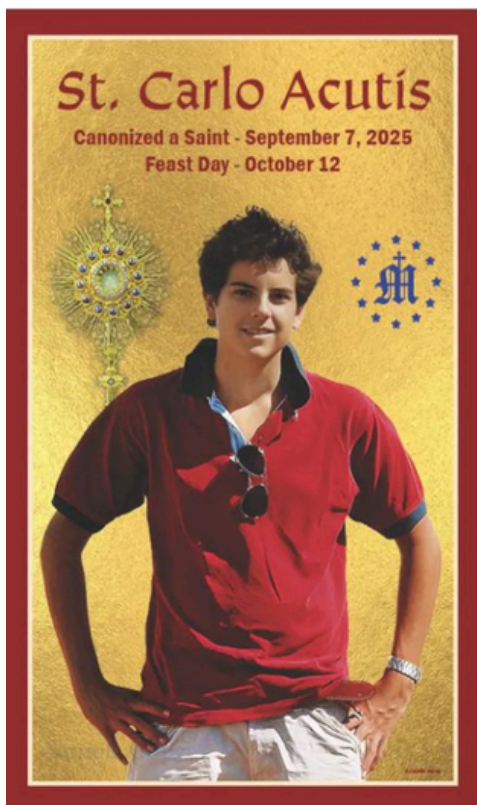
Wednesday after 9am Mass

Flame of Love Rosary - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday after 9am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after 9am Mass until 3pm



Prayer to St. Carlo Acutis

O God, our Father,
 Thank you for giving us Carlo,
 a model of life for young people,
 and a message of love for all.
 You made him fall in love
 with your Son, Jesus,
 making the *Eucharist*
 His "highway to Heaven."
 You gave him Mary,
 as a beloved Mother,
 and with the Rosary, You made him
 sing the praises of her tenderness.
 Accept his prayer for us.
 Attend especially to the poor,
 whom he loved and assisted.
 Through his intercession,
 may I receive the grace I need...
 -mention your intention-
 May his smile shine in Your Kingdom
 as it did for us, to emanate
 the glory of Your holy Name.
 Amen
 Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Message from Fr Danny

Giving away all our possessions seems like a tall order in today's materialistic world. We like our things, they provide us with safety, security and fun. This isn't all bad, but what can happen is that we may rely too much on the material and not enough on the spiritual. God asks us to rely fully on God. God wants our whole hearts and our full trust.

September always carries the feeling of a fresh start. It's a time when we may feel inspired to walk more, take time for ourselves, read more, or volunteer. It's also encouraging to hear young people looking forward to their routines and returning to school. Let's allow this energy to keep us focused and giving ourselves over to God.

With the coming of September comes the return to meetings. It doesn't take long for the calendar to fill up. It is wonderful to see the meeting rooms being used and so many giving of their time for the parish and community.

This coming week Mary Farrell will be taking time away from the office for a few months to recover from surgery. Sam McBain, an active member of the parish, will be filling in for Mary. Please stop in and say hi and make him feel welcome.

On Tuesday, the Cathedral Parish with the help of volunteers welcomed new students to STFX. Welcome stations were outside at SNP, the link, and the front door of Cathedral. All the volunteers had enjoyed their three hours getting to know the students and introducing them to the Cathedral and hopefully the parking!

Have a great week!

*God Bless,
 Father Danny*



Holy Hour

**Sunday, September 7
7-8PM**

Join us at St Ninian Cathedral
for Eucharistic Adoration in
honour of the Church's two
new Saints -

Bl. Carlo Acutis and

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Ice Cream Social immediately following



***"The Eucharist is my
Highway to Heaven"***

-Bl. Carlo Acutis



ST NINIANS PLACE PRESENTS

BRENT MACLEAN AND FRIENDS

FEATURING

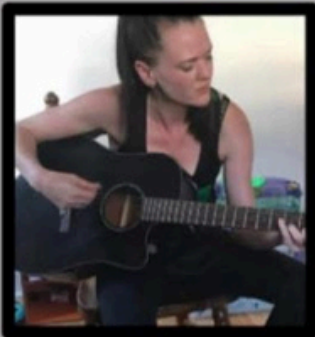
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Local*



DARREN MURPHY



WILLIAM MACLEOD



PATTY MACISAAC



GLEN MATTIE

**50/50 DRAW
AT THE SHOW**



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 2-4:30 PM
ADMISSION IS FREE TO ALL AGES

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