



SAINT NINIAN  
CATHEDRAL PARISH

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 11th, 2021

MASS TIMES

MON-FRI	No Mass
SATURDAY	4:00 PM
SUNDAY	8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

**March 28th**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,200
Good Friday	\$1,224
Easter Offering	\$5,949
Loose Money	\$232
<b>Total Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$9,605</b>
# of Envelopes Received	251

Recovery & Missals	\$10
Special Envelopes	\$50
Development & Peace	\$75
C.A.R.E. Donations	\$250

*Pre-authorized debit: For the month of April 2021, we will receive 87 donations totaling \$7,781 equaling \$1,945.25 weekly*

*"Blessed are those who have not seen but come to believe" John 20:29*



Faith of course is about believing, and it is not easy to hold to be true that which we are unable to confirm with our senses. John wanted to touch Jesus or he would not believe. Faith is about believing without the benefit of what we can touch or see or hear, it is about trusting that God is presence. God give me an increased ability to believe without seeing.

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2020 TAX RECEIPTS

2020 tax receipts are ready for pick up at the Parish Office.

If you are a donor for both the Parish and St. Vincent de Paul, both receipts will be available at the Office.

Monday-Friday 9AM-12PM 1-4pm

TWO-WEEK ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

Easter Weekend is not part of the two-week rotation schedule.

Everyone scheduled for March 20th and 21st, their next scheduled mass is April 10th and 11th. Those who are scheduled for March 27th and 28th, their next scheduled mass is April 17th and 18th.

CONFESSIONS

Due to COVID-19, confessions are being taken by appointment only. Please contact Father Donald at [pastor@saintninian.ca](mailto:pastor@saintninian.ca)

RADIO MASS

We continue to broadcast Sunday Mass from the Cathedral every Sunday at 8:25AM on 98.9XFM. They are very generous to provide this service to us.

If you're outside the coverage area, you can tune in live on the 98.9XFM website.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Mass for Shut-Ins will be aired on CTV every Sunday at 11:30AM. I am sure this will be much appreciated if people are unable to attend their parishes due to limited numbers allowed in buildings.

(902) 863-2338

121 St. Ninian St, Antigonish NS

MON-FRI 9:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00-4:00PM

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# ST. NINIAN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion Class (Grade Two): Parents will be contacted regarding Celebration of the Sacrament.

Grades 3-6: In-person classes are finished until the fall.

Confirmation Classes: Classes are finished.

## THANK YOU—DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

*"When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him" (Luke 17 : 15)*

Today we at Development & Peace Caritas Canada find ourselves at the feet of Jesus with a deep sense of thankfulness for the support and generous spirits of our parishioners of the Diocese of Antigonish. Share Love Share Lent would never enjoy success if it wasn't for the kindness of each of you so like the lepers who came back, we too, come back to extend our thanks for your faithfulness to our neighbors in the Global South. May our Loving Creator God bless you abundantly for your generosity and may you be warmed by the love God has for you.

**Antigonish D & P Diocesan Council**

**Winnie Odo, Chair**

## PRE-MARRIAGE PROGRAM

A pre-marriage course is being offered by the Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia on May 29th.

To register, please call: (902) 849-4772

## YEAR OF 'AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY'

**March 19, 2021– June 22, 2022**

March 19th was the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the joy and beauty of family love and the start of the year 'Amoris Laetitia Family', a 15th month journey leading to the 1th World Meeting of Families in Rome, June 2022.

Read *Amoris Laetitia* on the Diocese's bookshelf:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/bookshelf/>

## PATRIS CORDE GUIDED VIDEO REFLECTIONS

This is a series of seven reflections on St. Joseph as a father.

In this 5-minute video, **Fr. Michael DeLaney, CCS, Rector of Saint Joseph's Oratory, Montreal QC** reflects on St. Joseph as a beloved father, considering questions such as:

- Who is Joseph?
- What is his role for the universal Church/or/life of Jesus?
- How do we know he is beloved?

Guidelines, prayers and further questions are available with each video: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/patris-corde-guided-video-reflections/>

## THE C.A.R.E. COMMITTEE PRESENTS A HAM AND SCALLOPED POTATO TAKE OUT SUPPER

**FRIDAY APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> 2021**

**\$20 EACH**

**SUPPER PICK UP 4 – 6 PM AT ST. NINIAN  
PLACE.**

*(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS)*

**\*\*\*SOLD OUT!\*\*\***

*Thanks to all for your great support!*

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES—IMPORTANT!!

We have updated our email addresses. Effective immediately, please contact us through:

- + Fr. Donald MacGillivray:  
pastor@saintninian.ca
- + Paula Kirk (Parish Manager):  
paulakirk@saintninian.ca
- + Front Desk (Manoela Strehl):  
admin@saintninian.ca
- + Leonarda MacNeil (Religious Ed.):  
religioused@saintninian.ca
- + Deacon Henry van de Wiel:  
deaconhenry@saintninian.ca

*All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness, no matter in what condition of life we live and no matter what our life work may be. - Saint Francis de Sales*



## St. Ninian's Pioneer Cemetery Heritage Project

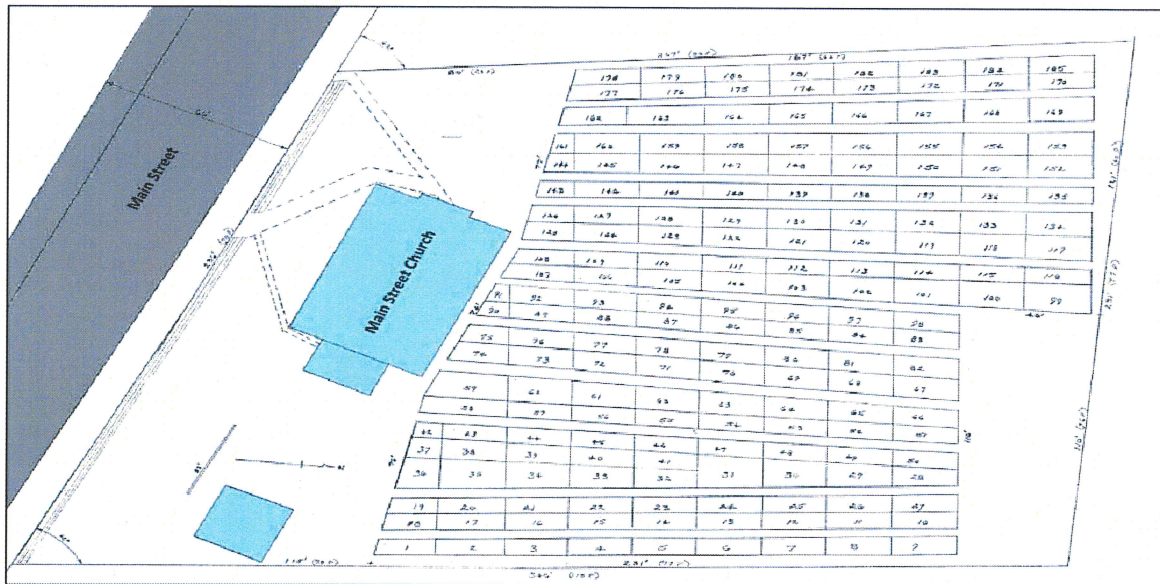
*We pass by the old cemeteries (sic) where lie their bones, without a thought of them; we are not disposed to think of them, there is no money in it; we cannot, in very many cases, point out their graves..." [Casket, 26 March 1914 (William D. Cameron)]*

### Brief Cemetery History

In 1805 a small chapel and the first catholic cemetery in Antigonish was developed on a small parcel of land on the south side of Main Street, where the current Bergengren Credit Union, Bank of Nova Scotia and former Oak Manor are located. The deed was made out to St. John's Parish (changed to St. Ninian's Parish in 1812).

In 1824 Father Fraser obtained a parcel of land on the north side of Main Street and constructed a new church (72' long X 45' wide on current Ultramar / Irving site) which could accommodate 800 parishioners. The cemetery was located north of the church (current location of the John Paul Centre, Opportunity Shop and How Club) and was laid out to contain 185 plots, each of which could hold 6 burials. In 1874 the new St. Ninian's Cathedral was officially dedicated and the former church on Main Street was converted into a school, which subsequently closed in 1917.

The last burial in the Main Street cemetery occurred in 1877. One of the most notable burials in the Main Street Cemetery was that of Bishop Fraser on March 6, 1851 with 1400 people in attendance. Despite his wishes to remain buried alongside his people, his remains were transferred to a vault under the Cathedral on October 29, 1879. Since the last burial in the Main Street Cemetery, three buildings and a parking lot have been constructed on the cemetery site. In 1981 the remaining 46 headstones were laid flat, in a semicircle formation, at the back of the cemetery property. In 2020 these headstones were removed for safe storage, and to protect them from further deterioration due to the elements, with plans to eventually reinstate them back in the cemetery.



**1841 Cemetery Plot Plan**

## Pioneer Cemetery Heritage Project Plan

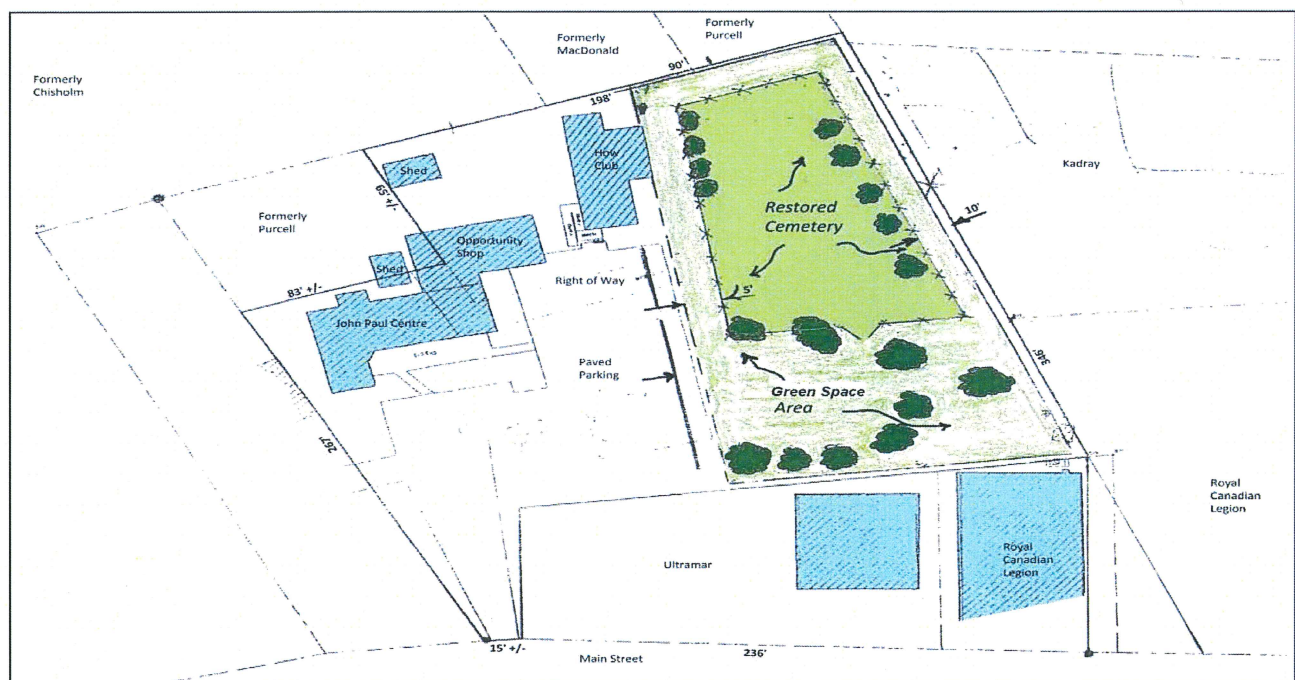
The Main Street Pioneer Cemetery is a hidden treasure that has been long forgotten, neglected and disrespected for many decades. It is essential that the current generation accept responsibility to salvage and enhance what remains of the cemetery in honour of our forefathers. Objectives of this project include creation of:

- A beautiful heritage site to recognize the pioneers buried there, who established and developed our community.
- A place where the religious and educational history of our community can be passed on to our citizens, tourists and future generations.
- A welcoming, accessible, and environmentally friendly green space of serenity and relaxation.
- A respectful place that can host appropriate public functions.

Generally, the **three year plan** includes cleaning / repairing and standing the remaining 46 headstones, installation of wrought iron fencing, solar lighting, a celtic cross, benches, landscaping, signage, development of a website / facebook page and installation of QR (Quick Response) Bar Code posts. These posts will permit visitors to scan the codes with their cell phones, which will then connect them to a website site for historical information. The conceptual plan developed has an estimated cost of \$260,000. A campaign for private / public fundraising has been initiated. **All donations are greatly appreciated and tax receipts can be issued. Should you wish to make a donation, please specify that it is for the "Pioneer Cemetery", and submit a cheque, money order or e-transfer payable to:**

**St. Ninian's Parish, P.O. Box 1628, Antigonish, N.S., B2G 2L8**

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Conceptual Plan