



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Tue-Fri: 9:00AM
Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: 3:15PM - 3:45PM

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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."





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4th Sunday of Lent
March 19th, 2023

COLLECTION INFORMATION

March 12th 2023:

Total Collection: \$6,030.00

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN...

Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Francis "Frank" Blaise Heffernan, South River Road

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the Risen Lord bring peace to all their families and friends.

2022 TAX RECEIPTS - MAILED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

All remaining tax receipts for 2022 were mailed on Friday, March 17th.

KID'S BULLETIN

The Kid's Bulletin is available at the entrance to the Cathedral. Please share them with your children and grandchildren.

ANTIGONISH LIONS CLUB PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The Antigonish Lions Club are their monthly Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday March 26 from 9-12 noon at 13 Highland Dr. Ext. This month will aid the Red Cross Syria and Turkey Earthquake Appeal.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are prayed on Friday evenings at 6:30pm. Please join us in this Lenten devotion

FASTING CHALLENGE FOR FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Fast from thoughts that weaken; focus on prayers that strengthen

EMAIL AND SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Please write your name, address and email on the Sunday donation envelope. This will assist in recovering any lost computer data due to the flood earlier this month.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Break Open the Word is held every Wednesday at 9:30AM in the church vestry. We pray using Lectio Divina to meditate on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION: MARCH 26TH-29TH

Franciscans of the Renewal. *"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you"* Ezekiel 36: 26

The Parish Mission is an invitation to pause and reflect as we approach Holy Week. Our Mission Priests will be providing the homily at weekend masses. They will be presiding at 9am weekday mass on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 27 - 29) and 7pm each evening for the Mission. We are excited for the Mission Priests to meet with our older youth and young adults for pizza and conversation on Sunday evening at 6:15pm in room O18. The Priests will be staying with Father Danny and Father Danny will be present at the Mission. A brochure with more details including a biography of each priest is available. A donation envelope is available to assist with all costs pertaining to the mission and for bringing the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to the Cathedral. We look forward to the support of our community for this Mission.

One night a few years ago there was a total eclipse of the moon.

Everybody was talking about it.

Many stayed up till the small hours
in hope of witnessing it.

I asked myself:

'Why all this interest in the moon,
simply because it is disappearing?'

I was convinced that most of those people
wouldn't see a full moon in the sky, much less stop to admire it.

It brought to mind the words of Emerson:

'The fool wonders at the unusual;
the wise person wonders at the usual.'

PARISH COMMITTEES / PRAYER GROUPS /

C.A.R.E / CWL

To request a space for a meeting, please send an email to admin@saintninian.ca. There is limited space in the vestry that can be used. If you are looking to book SNP for a date later in the year, email saintninianplace@saintninian.ca

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 1105

Council meets at 7pm on the first Sunday of each month. We will be having an exemplification (welcoming 2 excellent people) into the Knights of Columbus. That will be at our meeting on Sunday the 2nd of April. If anyone is interested in joining the Knights; please call Elliott at 902-863-8495.

NORTH SHORE FIREHALL PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The North Shore Firehall (Civic 432, rte. 337 in Cape George, Antigonish Co.) is hosting a Pancake & Sausage Fundraiser for a local family in time of need on Sunday March 26th, 2023, from 10am to 1pm. Laura Lee Landry-Rudolph who has recently been diagnosed with Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma also known as Mycosis Fungoides. The buffet style brunch will include Tea, Coffee, Juice and fresh muffins. Takeouts are also available (902-863-5720.) COST: Adults \$10, Children \$6 or by donation. 50/50 draw on site. Storm date: April 2nd.

PAULA KIRK - RETIRES AS PARISH MANAGER, ST NINIAN PARISH

After fifteen years of dedicated service to St. Ninian Cathedral Parish, Paula Kirk has decided to retire. Paula will be continuing her role as Executive Assistant to Bishop Kirkpatrick which she started last July 2022. All of us have been served by Paula in so many different ways over the years. Her dedication to the parish and to the lives of the parishioners was evident in her availability, her knowledge, and her care. We wish Paula all the best with her diocesan position at the Chancery.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

St. Ninian is in great need of Eucharistic ministers for the 9am mass during the week. Ministers usually serve for the week....Tuesday to Friday. The more ministers we have the less often you would have to serve. (eg. 6 ministers....you would only have to serve every six weeks).

If you are able to join this wonderful ministry please contact the parish office or Patricia at pat-norman@hotmail.com or 902 863 8351.

EASTER HAND MAID MARKET

"Hip Hop Hooray" Handmade Easter Market will be held on Sunday, 2 April, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the East Coast Credit Union Social Enterprise Centre (75 St. Ninian Street).

Baked goods, decorations, metal art, house plants, candles, goat soap and much more can be found. Please check out the Facebook event page for more information.

Religion Classes:

Religion Classes Grades 3 to Grade 6: classes resume Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:30PM - Antigonish Education Centre

Religion Class Grade 2 (1st Communion): Next class March 19th, at Noon. Class will be held in the Church, please use the front doors of the St. Ninian Cathedral.

Children's Liturgy: Sundays during the 10:30AM Mass in the Vestry. All are welcome.

A message from Fr. Danny...

This Sunday's gospel is the story of the blind man... a story we have heard many times. It is all about opening our eyes to the presence of our Lord in our daily lives. As I reflect and prepare the homily for this Sunday's mass, my mind also moves to the Mission starting on March 26th - the very next weekend. All the planning details float into my mind and I wonder if people will come? What will they experience? Will it be good for them? What do we understand about a Mission and what do our younger parishioners think about it?

In speaking with Father Juan Diego, a priest from Ontario who accepted the name of St. Juan Diego (a name you might know from Our Lady of Guadalupe), he shared his hope that the time of Mission will be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us, for our parish community, and for all who come to the Mission. On Sunday evening at 6:15pm, our youth will have a chance to meet with Fr. Juan and Fr. Roch, have a chat with them and enjoy some pizza.

I am excited that we are able to offer this Mission. Our past few months have been challenging, many of our parishioners carry heavy crosses, and to pause and be in prayer with our Brothers and Sisters is a good thing.

And quickly after the Mission, we enter Holy Week with Passion/Palm Sunday. Even with our property damage, the Mass of Chrism will be held and people from around the diocese will gather with us on Monday, April 3rd at 3pm.

We had a great time with our eve of St. Patrick's coffee and cupcake gathering. It was lovely to relax with parishioners and enjoy being together.

Hope all the students enjoyed their March Break and teachers and staff had a chance to relax.

As I write this note, I am also thinking of the StFX Women's Hockey playing at nationals in Montreal. Although I am cheering for our StFX Women, my heart is split as my first cousin's granddaughter plays for UBC. What a dilemma!

God bless,

Father Danny MacLennan
Rector