



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2024

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### PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday:  
8:30am-12:30pm - 1:30pm-4:30 pm  
121 St. Ninian, Antigonish NS  
P.O. Box 1628  
(902) 863-2338

### MASS TIMES

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

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00pm - 3:45pm

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Carleton MacNeil

### FINANCE CHAIR

Tony Secco

### CWL PRESIDENT

Toosje Van de Sande

### KoC GRAND KNIGHT

Elliot 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."

## COLLECTION INFORMATION

November 10, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$7341.00

Cemetery Mass: \$200.00

Priests Pension: \$90.00

Pioneer Cemetery: \$50.00

Christmas Offering: \$20.00

Pre-authorized payments (November): \$10,852.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday

Rose Benoit, rip

Catherine Meaney, rip

Blaine Mattie, rip

### Wednesday

Audrey MacDonnell Milton, rip

Eddie Hanifen, rip

Aldegonda & Peter Laureys, rip

### Thursday

Tony Chesal, rip

Gerard MacDonald, rip

Johnny & Arny Laureys, rip

### Friday

Eddie Hanifen, rip rip

Mary Palmer, rip

Aldegonda & Peter Laureys, rip

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

for Saturday and Sunday Masses:

We are looking for more volunteer Altar Servers! We welcome children and adults, male and female, Grade 4 (9 years of age) and older..

## CALLING ALL YOUTH!

The Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Group will meet this Sunday, November 17, from 7-9 pm in Room 18, downstairs St. Ninian Place. Join us to share some fun, food and faith. Future dates for the Bl. Carlo Youth Group are, Dec. 1, Dec. 15. For info call or text Clare Lazzuri at (902)870-4850.

## SUNDAY ENVELOPES:

We are preparing our 2025 collection envelope list. Anyone who is not currently using envelopes and wishes to assist with our finances can be added to our list by dropping a note with their names and addresses in the collection basket or visiting the Parish Office. Many of our parishioners have opted to contribute via pre-authorized debit (PAD), if you wish to change from envelopes to PAD please speak to Mary at the office.

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

**Donald Joseph MacLellan**, Antigonish

**Steve MacLellan**, Lauchie's Mountain, brother of  
Ann "Jimmy" MacDonald

**Kathleen "Kaye" Boucher**, Pomquet,  
formerly Williams Point

**Catherine MacGillivray Kuzyk**, Edmonton,  
formerly Williams Point

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - MONTH OF ALL SOULS

We will commemorate all those who have been buried from St. Ninian Parish in the past twelve months with a Memorial Mass celebrated at St. Ninian Cathedral.

**Wednesday November 20th at 6:30pm.**

The Mass that evening will be livestreamed.

## SQUARE DANCE / CEILIDH

St. Ninians Place Sunday November 17th  
featuring **Colin Rankin, Taya MacDonald**  
**Jackie Dunn MacIsaac, Junior Fraser**  
1:30pm-4:00pm

Square Dance Lessons beginning at 1:15pm

Adults- \$10.00, Students by donation;

Children under 12 free.

Light lunch provided.

**Supported By MacDonald Chrysler**



## 1ST COMMUNION COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Nov 24th, 2024 -10:30am Mass

All 1st Communion candidates and parent/guardian are asked to attend Mass next Sunday Nov 24th at St. Ninian Cathedral to make their Commitment Pledge as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacrament in April 2025.

We ask parishioners to pray for all candidates and their families.

## KNIGHT'S NEWS

The Knights of Columbus Council 1105 are again hosting the **"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest**. This year's grade groups are Primary, 1&2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8 are eligible with local prizes given.

## OUR LADY OF GRACE MONASTERY

### HEALING MASS

November 30th, 2:30 pm

Our Lady of Grace Monastery  
With Fr Albert MacPherson  
940 Monastery Rd., Monastery

### WEBINAR VIDEO SERIES

by the CCCB for the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 - "A Great Symphony of Prayer" - Part A "The Our Father as a Programme of Life" and Part B "Mary, the Saints and Scripture". Each part has four sessions. Speaker- Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine's Seminary). If you are interested in participating in these webinars please contact Leonarda MacNeil [religioused@saintninian.ca](mailto:religioused@saintninian.ca). Part A is ready now.

### MASS FOR SHUT INS

Mass for Shut Ins will soon be starting its 62nd season and will be looking for parishes and community groups to participate as congregations for tapings. If you are interested or would like to show your support to Mass for Shut Ins with a donation, question, or comment you can contact coordinator, Nick Vince, at (902) 539-6188, ext. 222, or by email at [nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Volunteers will be at the back of the church this weekend passing out information cards. They are looking for volunteers to join this very important committee.

### YEAR OF HOPE

The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 is an opportunity for all people to enter into a pilgrimage of hope.

Whether we celebrate locally in our dioceses, cathedrals or Canada's National Shrines or make a pilgrimage to Rome, we are called to search for signs of hope and be signs of hope in our families, for our neighbours, the imprisoned, the sick and dying, the young and old.

The Jubilee Year will officially open on December 29, 2024, and remain open until December 28, 2025.

For initial resources on our national shrines and more: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/the-ordinary-jubilee-of-the-year-2025/>

## PARISH MEETINGS

### LITURGY :

November 19 at 2:00pm

### FINANCE:

November 20th at 6:30pm

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

November 28th at 6:30pm

### ST. NINIAN FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

December 2nd at 6:30pm

### PRAYER GROUP:

Next Meeting is November 26th

### Bible Study:

Wednesday 9:30 am

### Saint Ninian Choir Rehearsal:

Wednesday 7:00pm

New Members Welcome

### HEATHERTON GROUP HOME CONCERT

Friday November 29th at 7:00pm doors open at 6:00pm Heatherton Community Centre Admission \$15/ under 12 yrs\$5. Local talent, door prizes, 50/50 tickets. Complimentary tea/coffee/cookies In aid of annual trip.

### RK MACDONALD HOME FOUNDATION

#### Lights of Love Campaign 2024

Join us in celebrating Christmas this year by helping the R.K.MacDonald Nursing home light its tree with bulbs dedicated to love. you can purchase a bulb in memory of a loved one. The donations will be used to purchase new

#### **Blanket Warmers for the the Residents.**

You can donate online at

<https://www.rkmacdonald.ca/>

Mail: RK MacDonald Nursing Home Foundation  
64 Pleasant St.  
Antigonish NS  
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# *Message from Fr Danny:*

Jesus offers a lesson from the fig tree to the disciples comparing the chaos of the end times to the sap rising from the roots of the fig tree which enables the tree fruit in the new season. We never know the time or place of the arrival of the kingdom, but we can be assured that God's mercy and love will endure in this season of creation.

This past Thursday, I returned from my trip, traveling from Vatican City back to our own Little Vatican. The experience was truly a blessing from start to finish. A special moment came even before we left Canada. While waiting to board the plane in Montreal, I met Fr. Patrick Salah, a priest from Halifax. He was carrying the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis back to Assisi, along with a host of prayer intentions entrusted to him.

Upon arriving in Italy, we traveled by train to Assisi, where we were met by Msgr. Anthony, who spoke glowingly about his own journey to Antigonish. Though Carlo Acutis's mother was in Assisi during our visit, we, unfortunately, did not cross paths. One of the highlights of the trip was celebrating two Masses at the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore near the tomb of Blessed Carlo, and placing all the prayer intentions carried from Antigonish, at his tomb.

After five days in Assisi, I made my way to Rome. My accommodations were just a stone's throw from St. Peter's Basilica. I brought along several religious objects to be blessed and attended the Sunday Angelus, standing in awe, with thousands, as Pope Francis spoke, led us in prayer and blessed us from his window.

The weather was beautiful—warm during the day and very cool in the evenings. I indulged in pasta daily, and perhaps I gained a few extra pounds— a daily serving of gelato may also be to blame. There was a huge amount of walking, especially in Assisi, where the terrain is nothing but hills and in Rome cobblestones. Despite the sore legs, it was worth every step.

Before returning home, I was saddened to hear of the passing of Donald MacLellan and prayed for him in St Peter's Basilica. I saw Donald in hospital shortly before leaving for Rome. Donald was such a faith filled and giving gentleman. His obituary speaks volumes about the wonderful person he was—a dear friend not just to me but to so many.

This journey to Italy was a reminder of the beauty of faith and the blessings of connection, prayer, and pilgrimage. I am deeply grateful for the experience and carry the memories—and the prayers—with me.

*God Bless,  
Fr. Danny*