



SAINT NINIAN  
CATHEDRAL PARISH

Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
February 7th, 2021

MASS TIMES

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

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

**January 31st**

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,362
Special Envelopes	\$275
Loose Money, Recovery, and Missals	\$208
Total Sunday Collection	\$3,637
# of Envelopes Received	131

Pre-authorized debit: For the month of Jan 2021, we will receive 83 donations totaling \$7,302.67 equaling \$1,460.53 weekly

*"To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it for the sake of the gospel, so that I might share in its blessings" - Corinthians 9: 22-23.*



*Paul was the great evangelizer to the gentiles, and it is probably because of his efforts that Christianity broke out from being just for the Jewish people. He was a true servant of the Gospel, he knew that his mission was to bring the message of Christ to the whole world, because this could be a source of many blessings. We are all Paul, we all are called to bring the message of Christ to our world, and it is for us to find the way that God calls us into this service. DMG*

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 9-4pm

HOLIDAY FEBRUARY 15TH—OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed for Family Day on Monday, February 15th.

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 98.9 website, or listen to it on our Facebook page.

UPCOMING MASSES

Until further notice we need to **restrict your attendance to every second weekend**. This of course is due to COVID-19. Sorry for the inconvenience.

CONFESSIONS

Due to COVID-19, confessions are being taken by appointment only. Please contact Father Donald at stnininparishrector@ns.aliantzinc.ca

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes will be Sunday evenings 6 to 7:15pm from January 17th to Mar 28th, 2021 at St. Ninian Place. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is not being scheduled at this point. However, we are preparing our Candidates in anticipation of it being scheduled close to that date. Registration is open to baptized Candidates in Grade 9 and older. All are welcome! Contact Leonarda MacNeil, ofs at stnininreled@ns.sympatico.ca for a Registration Form. Covid-19 protocols (eg. wearing masks, social distancing) will be in place.

PHONE: (902) 863-2338

EMAIL: stnininparish@ns.sympatico.ca

Address: 121 St. Ninian St, Antigonish NS

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

Parish Secretary: Manoela Strehl

Website: <http://www.saintninian.ca/>



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Saint Ninian Cathedral

# ST. NINIAN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion Class (Grade Two): Sunday 11:30 in Saint Ninian Place Room 18, February 7th 2021

Grades 3-6: Wednesday at 6:30 in Saint Ninian Place—Breezeway Entrance.

Grades 7-8: Finished for the year.

To Register for classes email Leonarda MacNeil at [stnininreled@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:stnininreled@ns.sympatico.ca)

## ST. PAUL'S BOXED MEALS—VALENTINE'S DAY

St Paul's Anglican Church is continuing with the Take-Out offerings, starting again in February with a Meal in a Bowl of Seafood Chowder. Dessert will be a Valentine themed chocolate cake and strawberry decoration. Price: \$8 (cash only)

Pre-order only by Wednesday, February 10th 6PM

Pick-up from 4-5:30PM at 96 Church Street

To order, call (902) 863-8226 or email

[stpaul@threeharbours.net](mailto:stpaul@threeharbours.net)

## 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.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We would like to remind our members to renew their membership by leaving your envelope address to CWL's attention with your name, address and number in the collection basket. Any envelope is acceptable, or you can find 2021 CWL renewal envelopes at the Parish Office. We look forward to hearing from you. New members are welcome to join!

## CEMETERY BENCHES

Would you like to donate a bench in the Cemetery? The Columbarium is designed to have four benches surrounding the structure. An anonymous parishioner donated one bench.

Are you interested in donating a bench? Please contact the Parish Office at (902) 863-2338

Thanks

## FACEBOOK PAGE

If you haven't yet, please like our Facebook page. We are actively posting pictures, videos and updates from the Cathedral.

We also post the radio mass recording every Sunday at 8:30AM.

[facebook.com/stninin.cathedral](https://www.facebook.com/stninin.cathedral)

## C.A.R.E. COMMITTEE NEWS

At its January meeting, the members of the C.A.R.E. committee agreed to sponsor family members of two of the newcomers who are now self supporting. These two women have made remarkable progress, thanks to the support of our generous community, and will continue to thrive with the addition of their loved ones. More information will follow.

If you would like to learn more about the committee please contact Sue/ Mike O'Brien at 902 863 1479 or

[jmikeob@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:jmikeob@ns.sympatico.ca)

## REGISTRATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Registration for Ash Wednesday is now open.

Due to COVID 19, we will be offering four masses:

7:30AM 10:00 AM 12:10PM 6:30PM (Youth Mass)

**Please email [stninin.register@gmail.com](mailto:stninin.register@gmail.com) with names and phone numbers of all those attending.**

We will also be taking registration after mass for the next two weekends, and by phone (902) 863-2338 from Wednesday to Friday 9:30AM-12:30PM.

Please be advised that we will be operating at limited capacity (100 people).

## 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

## CEMETERY NEWSLETTER

St. Ninian's Cemetery Care Company Newsletter is now available for those parishioners who would like to stay informed of the ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance the beauty of our cemeteries. The Newsletter is available at the parish office, and online at [saintninin.ca](http://saintninin.ca)

*"God asks little, but He gives much."*

*-Saint John Chrysostom*

January, 2021

# St. Ninian's Cemetery Care Company Newsletter

**ST. NINIAN'S**  
*Parish Cemetery*

2020 Fiscal Year



This is the first of what is hoped to be an annual newsletter to keep parishioners informed of ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance the beauty of our cemeteries. Due to Covid-19 this past year there was no Cemetery Mass or Annual General Meeting so hopefully this newsletter will provide information of interest. Numerous projects have been undertaken over the past few years including monument

In May an annual general clean-up of the cemetery was held with board members and several volunteers participating.

Drainage and asphalt paving around the vault and Columbarium area were completed, which was made possible with a generous donation received.

Work continued with the "Adopt a Stone" campaign and over 200 monuments have been uprighted and repaired. This very worthwhile initiative has made a tremendous difference in the care and respect shown for our cemetery and many of the volunteers must be congratulated on their efforts.

The construction of the Cemetery website continues with more and more information being inputted and it is now available to parishioners. The Cemetery website can be accessed at [stninianparishcemetery.ca](http://stninianparishcemetery.ca)

St. Ninian's Cemetery Care Company is also responsible for the Pioneer Cemetery located where the Opportunity Shop and the How Club are situated. This cemetery has unfortunately been neglected over the years with buildings and parking lot being established over a large portion of the cemetery grounds. A development plan is currently in the works to restore some respect and dignity to this sacred historic place where many of our ancestors were buried. Generally the plan will include cleaning and standing up the remaining 46 monuments, installation of wrought iron and wooden fencing, lighting, installation of a celtic cross, benches, pathways and interpretive / wayfinding signage. This will be an expensive initiative and with no revenue associated with his cemetery donations will be required in order to bring the plan to fruition.

The Columbarium, installed in 2019, currently has 12 of the 60 niches purchased. A granite bench, through a donation, was installed and there are plans to add three more benches, when funds become available. A beautification plan for the area around the vault / columbarium area is being developed which

will see the installation of appropriate trees / shrubs and eventually an overall plan for the entire cemetery. Many of the trees in the cemetery are in poor condition, primarily due to poor soil conditions and choice of tree type. These trees will be removed in 2021 and hopefully once again, as it has been in the past, parishioners will donate towards the installation of new trees.

A 2020 financial statement for the cemetery company will soon be available for your review.

Everyday operations of St. Ninian's Cemetery are overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors, three part time / seasonal staff and with the generous help of the Parish office.

### **Board Members:**

Lauchie MacPherson – President	Trina MacDonald – Member
Sharon MacIsaac – Treasurer	Elliot Anderson – Member
Bill Landry – Secretary	Norm MacPherson – Member
Fr. Donald MacGillivray – Rector	Mike MacDonald – Member
Lou Palmer – Member	Tony Secco – Member
Mary Bekkers – Member	Donald MacDonald – Member

If you have any issues, concerns, comments or suggestions that you feel we should be aware of please contact one of the board members and we will address them at a Board meeting. The St. Ninian's Cemetery Care Company depends on lot sales, interments, investments and donations in order to operate. Costs to maintain the cemetery continue to increase, but to date the challenge has been met. The Board is dedicated to being good stewards of funds provided to see that the cemetery remains a beautiful sanctuary for reflection, meditation and remembrance for past and future generations. We would like to thank each contributor for their continued support of the cemetery and for donations used for special projects and permanent improvements to our cemetery.