



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 23, 2025



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## PARISH OFFICE

Monday- Friday:  
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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

Carleton MacNeil

## FINANCE CHAIR

Tony Secco

## CWL PRESIDENT

Toosje Van de Sande

## KoC GRAND KNIGHT

Elliott 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

February 9th, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$5790.00

Diocesan Levy: \$230.00

Initial Offering: \$40.00

New Years Day: \$10.00

Cemetery: \$50.00

Restoration Friends: \$50.00

Pre-authorized payments January : \$10,592.00

## ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 5TH)

### MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 AM

12:15 PM

6:30 PM

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Tuesday**

John P Gottchal, rip

#### **Wednesday**

Steve Goudon, rip

#### **Thursday**

Gordon Barker, rip

#### **Friday**

Helen Marie Giffin

CWL

## WE WILL BE HOSTING A LUNCH FEATURING SOUPS AROUND THE WORLD.

On March 2nd after the 10:30 am Mass.

Please join us to experience

the flavours of many cultures! If you would like to contribute a soup from your culture, please contact Mary Farrell at 902-863-2338 by February 25, 2025

Admission: Donation at the Door

## "NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION"

by Dr. Edward Sri (Ascension Press).

This 5-week Lenten series will cost roughly \$25 for the book or \$40 for the book and workbook. Please contact Leonarda at [religioused@saintninian.ca](mailto:religioused@saintninian.ca) by Feb 25th so I can order the books. We hope to start Thursday March 13th at 1:30pm.

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

Gary Dobbin, Antigonish

Fr. Paul MacGillivray, Sydney

Myra MacEachern, Antigonish

## A GIFT FOR YOU JUST IN TIME FOR LENT

Our parish is launching Formed, a new faith-based resource available to all parishioners free of charge. Next weekend, March 1 and 2, there will be information in each pew on how to complete registration (or sign up now at <https://signup.formed.org/> by finding St. Ninian Cathedral Parish). We will also have team members available after each Mass to assist you on the spot if you would like to bring your cellphone, or any other device you use to go online.

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. Discover small group Bible studies, inspiring children's shows, sacramental preparation resources, family-friendly movies, and more! There is something for every member of the family and our Catholic community to help us grow closer to Jesus Christ and his Church.

## DYING WITH CHRIST - LIVING WITH HOPE

FEB. 20, 27, AND MARCH 6, 2025

is a three-video series seeking to demystify the dying process, making way for a new approach to end of life questions. The discussion, led by theologians and healthcare professionals, will give timeless perspectives on suffering, grief, dying, and our duty to care.

For details and to register:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope/>

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual General Meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society is to be held Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7pm. in St. Ninian Place, Meeting Room 021. All are Welcome.

## ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

Join us for a fun night on March 15th from 8pm to 1am

St. Ninian Place

\$20 cover

Music by ONE STOP Entertainment

## LIONS PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Sunday February 23 from 9-12 at the Lions Den 13 Highland Dr. ext. Donations at the door and proceeds will go towards providing Lions Stoves for Ukraine.

## ST. NINIAN CATHEDRAL

### PLASTER CEILING IN NEED OF REPAIRS

The ceiling in the church is original, constructed of plaster onto wooden laths. Over the many years, the plaster is finally showing its age (150 yrs.) to the extent that some serious remediation work has to be done. An assessment was completed (November 2022) by "Historical Plaster Conservation Services" (Ottawa based company) and they have noted that the bond between the plaster and lath is beginning to fail, which is typical of very old plaster.

Their recommendation is to remediate the ceiling by treating the existing plaster from the top side (or attic), using a water based acrylic polymer that penetrates into the plaster. Basically, it consolidates and strengthens the plaster and its anchorage to the wooden laths. The treatment is spray applied and requires three coats. Scaffolding will be required throughout the area under the high ceiling therefore services in the Cathedral will have to be relocated during this time. We expect this project to take approximately 1 ½ months. This is a serious problem that will have to be addressed as soon as possible.

## COMMUNICATIONS VOLUNTEER

### ST. NINIAN PARISH FOUNDATION

Do you enjoy social media? Are you tech savvy? Do you have time to spare and can work from home? Here is a great opportunity (volunteer, of course (smile emoji)) to support your Parish Foundation. Interested? Email [cathywalsh25@gmail.com](mailto:cathywalsh25@gmail.com)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 4TH DEGREE

4th Degree members decided that they would like to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth or Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus by looking after all aspects of ministries at the 4pm Mass on Saturday March 01, 2025. Our 4th Degree Members at this 4pm March 01, 2025 Mass to be: Altar Servers, Hospitality Ministers, Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Readers at this Mass.

That evening after the 4pm Mass, our 4th Degree Members will be attending our annual Pre Lenten Supper at the John Paul Centre which will be catered to by Mary Grace.

## SHROVE TUESDAY

### PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

March 4th, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm  
Saint Ninian Place  
Supported by the Knights of Columbus  
Donations at the door

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

### SHARE LENT 2025

Order campaign materials now

Our Share Lent campaign, Turn Debt into Hope responds to Pope Francis's call to be "pilgrims of hope" in the Jubilee year. We are counting on you to get Canadians to contribute to a just future, where countries of the Global South are freed from crushing financial debt and repaid the ecological debt they are owed. Besides resources to download, we have posters, a mini-mag, stickers and brochures to help you bring the campaign to life. But you must order now to get them on time!

To order:

<https://devp.org/en/order-form/>

For more information:

Local contacts in our diocese

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## MEETINGS

### YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, February 23rd at 6 pm

### C.A.R.E. Meeting

Monday, February 24 at 7pm

### Finance Committee

Tuesday, February 25 at

### St. Vincent de Paul Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 4th at 7pm

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Prayer Group:

Tuesdays - 6:30pm- Vestry- All Welcome

### OCIA Gathering

Tuesday at 7pm

### Religious Education

Wednesday - 6:30 pm- 7:15 pm

### Rosary

Wednesday after 9am Mass

### St. Ninian Choir Practice

Wednesday- 6:30 pm

### Breaking Open the Word

Wednesday after 9:30 am Mass

### Flame of Love Rosary - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday after 9am Mass

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after 9:30am Mass until 3pm

## PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS - WHERE CAN I DIRECT MY DONATIONS?

In response to parishioner's questions regarding donations, the following might be helpful:

### **To the Parish - Donations and Sunday collections cover:**

- Ongoing parish operations, maintenance, salaries, insurance, etc.
- 13.5% of these donations go to the diocese (Diocesan Levy).
- Tax receipts are issued for donations.

### **To the Foundation**

In 2013, a Foundation was established as a separate registered charity. Donations are in support of the Cathedral buildings and parish. Donations cover:

- Expenses such as exterior handrails, flooring, sanctuary rug, etc.
- 100% of donations stay with the Foundation (not subject to Diocesan levy).
- Donations are understood to be safe from any future lawsuits.
- Tax receipts are issued for donations.

For more information, please watch bulletin notices for the Annual Parish Meeting (May) and the Foundation Annual General meeting (10:30am March 29 with snow date of April 5).

## *Message from Fr Danny*

In today's Gospel we hear, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." The Christian life is about rejoicing in the forgiveness that we receive from God on a daily basis and then using that experience to share that same gift with our sisters and brothers. No one gets through life without some bruises, but we also know that anger leads to an unforgiving hurt. Forgiveness is difficult but essential if we are to grow spiritually.

February is our shortest month, but when we get such bad weather, it can seem endless. Dreary skies and cold winter temperatures can have a negative effect on our moods and energy. But we are people of hope and thankfully our daylight hours are slowly increasing each day.

Can you believe Lent is only a short time away. I am hearing that the KOC will be having a pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday, so please plan on attending and supporting their good work in the community. During Lent we will be using our online program 'FORMED' to help our spiritual journey through Lent.

I do believe Fr. Elliot has the right idea—taking off to Florida! He is celebrating his last Masses before his departure, and I want to extend on behalf of the parish our heartfelt thanks for all the time and dedication he has given to the Cathedral. We wish him well on his journey and look forward to his return!

This week was rather quiet in town with university students away for 'Reading Week.' It reminds me of my seminary days when, during our own Reading Week from UofT, a professor asked one of my classmates what he had read over the break. His response? "The road signs between Toronto and Ottawa." While it gave us a good laugh, the professor was far from amused—and we all paid the price!

Many people have been very ill with colds, coughs and stomach illness. You most likely are aware that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, is also ill and in hospital with bronchial issues. Please keep him and all the sick in your prayer.

Have a wonderful week,

*God Bless,  
Father Danny*