



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28th, 2025

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday- Friday:
8:30am-12:30pm - 1:30pm-4:30pm
121 St. Ninian, Antigonish NS
P.O. Box 1628
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(PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY)

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

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Toosje Van de Sande

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Elliott Anderson

CEMETERY PLOT ARRANGEMENTS

cemetery@saintninian.ca

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."

MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday

Helen Smith - RIP

Mary Gillis - RIP

SIL

Wednesday

Leah Duffy - RIP

Bernice MacFarlane - RIP

Mary Gillis - RIP

Thursday

Eddie Hanifen - RIP

SIL

Mary Theresa MacNeil - RIP

Friday

Souls in Purgatory

SIL

Leonard Pluta - RIP

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

September 21, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$6818.

Cemetery: \$100

Diocesan Levy: \$50

Needs of Canadian Church: \$907

Pre-authorized payments: \$11,342.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

SQUARE SET/CEILIDH AT ST. NINIAN PLACE:

Sunday, September 28th, 1:30-4pm

Kinnon and Betty Lou Beaton, Taya MacDonald, Junior Fraser, Leona Williams

Admission: \$10 - Light lunch provided.

Supported by MacDonald Chrysler

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday October 5th, from 1:45 to 3:15 pm at St. Ninian Cathedral. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:45.

Quiet prayer and witness 2-2:45pm. Holy Rosary to conclude.

Contact persons: Janet Bekkers and Martien Bekkers at 902-863-5061.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS

St. Ninian Cathedral Parish has been invited to participate in the taping of Mass for Shut-In on Saturday, October 4, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Port Hawkesbury. If you are interested in attending, please notify Sam at the parish Office.

REST IN PEACE:

Bernadine MacDonald, Somers Road, Fort McMurray

Carl Piehl, Upper Whitehead

Catherine Stockley, Antigonish

UPCOMING 4TH ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE:

On October 25, St. Thomas More Church, Dartmouth.

Nova Scotians United for Life invites you to attend their 4th annual Pro-Life Conference. Speakers Fr. Jim O'Connor, Christina King, and Rev. Brian Nelmes, will explore this year's theme, "Jump Start," offering practical tips to ignite a pro-life culture in your parish and broader community.

Visit nsul-pr.com for more details.

MONTHLY LIONS PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE

BREAKFASTS RETURN:

First Pancake and Sausage Breakfast is at the Lions Den on Sunday, September 28, from 9-12.

AUTUMN DEADLINE FOR BISHOP POWER

FOUNDATION

The Bishop Power Foundation supports individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that: a) empower the poor and/or b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church

and/or c) aid the missionary activity of the church
Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants.

Deadline is October 1 for consideration this autumn.

To apply or for more information, visit:

www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

SAINT CARLO YOUTH GROUP STARTING:

Sunday, September 28th, 6-8pm

For grades 9+. Fun, Faith, and Food.

EXPLORING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Have you ever wished you understood your Catholic faith better? Or wanted a space to ask questions in a relaxed, friendly setting? Join us for conversations about Catholicism on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in St. Ninian Place. Each week will begin with prayer, followed by a short presentation on a core aspect of our faith, and time for discussion and your questions. Whether you are a lifelong Catholic, returning after some time away, or simply curious, you are welcome.

A DAY OF CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

SATURDAY, OCT. 4:

Our Lady of Grace Monastery at 10am: Mass for
Care of Creation celebrated by Bishop Wayne
Joseph Kirkpatrick.

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/living-laudato-si-10/>

SEPTEMBER 30 IS THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION:

October 4-5 is the annual collection for the
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Information on our
website:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation/ibrary.com>.

PASTOR'S PICKS:

Do you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or friend involved in sports? Often sports take over our lives and it seems counter cultural to have faith and pursue athletic endeavours. Check out the What Catholics Believe series episode on what the Church teaches about sports.

Can Catholics play sports, watch games on Sundays, or root for teams like the Devils? Former MLS pro and Augustine Institute VP of Content Taylor Kemp breaks it all down — what the Church teaches about sports, competition, humility, and living your faith on and off the field. Perfect for athletes, parents, and fans who want to integrate faith into sports life.

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. Sign up for Formed FREE at <https://signup.formed.org/> by finding St. Ninian Cathedral Parish.

ST. NINIAN PARISH GRADE 2 - 8 RELIGION CLASSES 2025-2026 START SEPT 24TH:

Religious Education has begun for grades 2-8 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15pm. If you haven't signed up yet, please email religiously@saintninian.ca to obtain a registration form.

Leonarda MacNeil ofs, 902-863-2338 ext 4.

FREE CONCERT OCT 5TH

Brent Maclean and Friends, 2:30-4:30

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 8 AT 6:30 PM

CELEBRATING AND CALLING ALL WOMEN

OF FAITH! OCTOBER 4, 2025. 9AM-4PM:

Come join us for a special day of spiritual reflection at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Leagues of St. Ninian, St. Andrew's and Heatherton Parishes, participants will be able to create their own day of spiritual renewal. Activities will include group sessions with guest speaker, Jovita MacPherson, Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, and the Stations of the Cross.

Pre-registration and cost of \$10.00 must be paid by September 26, 2025.

Registration will be available at back of the Cathedral at Masses during September 20-21st or by contacting the

following parish representatives:

St. Ninian Parish:

Isabel Gillis at 902-870-3831,

Betty Farrell at 902-863-0463

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

The SNP Main Hall is an underutilized space with great potential to serve the community. We are looking for both volunteers and ideas on how to make better use of this facility.

Whether it's helping with events, sharing suggestions, or simply lending a hand, every contribution makes a difference. If you can help, please contact Valerie Sullivan at 902-870-1907 or Mary Jo Broderick at 902-318-4223.

MEETINGS:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Wednesday October 8th at 6:30pm

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Vestry Prayer Group

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday at 7:00pm

Rosary

Wednesday after 9am Mass

Flame of Love Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday after 9am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after 9am Mass until 3pm



First Reading

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts!

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Message from Fr Danny

In today's gospel we see that the rich man feasts while dressed in his finest while at his very door lies a poor man in great need. The rich man does not even take notice of him and remains indifferent to his suffering.

We are called to recognize our common humanity and the respect, dignity, and mutual aid deserved by everyone.

Thank you to our St. Vincent de Paul Society members for their daily ministry, bringing relief to those in need. Thanks also to everyone who donates to support their work.

Next weekend many former STFX graduates will return for St. FX Homecoming. Hard to believe my own class is celebrating 40 years!

Next Sunday is the Life Chain. This year it will be held at the cathedral (in past years it was at the cemetery entrance, but construction required a change). Please check the bulletin for details.

I extend my gratitude to Gail MacKay, who recently moved. Gail has been such a gift to our parish, sharing her decorating talents and caring for the vestry and vestments. If you feel called to continue her work, please let me know.

Last Sunday night, I spent the night in Deepdale. The fall colours were stunning—especially the vibrant reds.

*God Bless,
Father Danny*