



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



Second Sunday of Easter April 27th, 2025

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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

April 20, 2025
Sunday Collection: \$550.00
Good Friday: \$2455.00
Development & Peace: \$230.00
Easter Offering: \$5585.00
Easter Flowers: \$265.00
Pre-authorized payments April: \$10942.00

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 27, 2025
at 2:30 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD 4PM MASS

We Will celebrate the STFX University graduating class of 2025. Students will fill most ministries, and we encourage members of the Cathedral Parish and the wider community to join us in celebrating the achievements of these remarkable young people. As part of the procession, we will light the X candle, which will be placed on the sanctuary. We would like to invite any STFX alumni in the parish interested in lighting one of the candles to contact Muffy McIntyre at mmcintyr@stfx.ca.

COME DANCE WITH US

The last of the spring Square Dance/ Ceilidhs will be April 27th, from 1:30pm -4:00pm. Featuring Shelley Campbell and Allan Dewar. Admission is \$10.00 for adults, students by donation, and children are free. A light lunch is offered through the afternoon. This event is supported by Mac Donald Chrysler.

ST. NINIAN FINANCE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2025
7pm

St. Ninian Place

Come and hear the Parish financial report for 2024.

KNIGHTS NEWS

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE

The Knights of Columbus Yard sale is to be held on May 10th at the John Paul Center 314 Main Street. Items can be dropped off at the center between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm on May 9th

ANTIGONISH CHORAL ENSEMBLE

presents its final concert for the season, entitled "A Choral Spring", which will take place on Tuesday, May 6th at 7pm at the STFX University Chapel, 4120 University Ave, Antigonish, NS. Admission is by donation at the door, and \$20 per person is suggested.

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

Anna Campbell, Antigonish
John Joseph MacLean, Antigonish

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday

Ian Francis MacDonald, rip

Wednesday

Special Intention for the Living

Thursday

Mona Carter Munroe, rip

Friday

Glada Lazzuri, rip

EASTER FLOWERS IN FAITH AND MEMORY

Phyllis and Joseph Skinner

David Michaud

John D and Veronica Bowie

Bill and Anthony Bowie

Delorey Family

CWL ANNUAL CONVENTION

We Welcome the Diocesan CWL to St. Ninian Cathedral Parish this Weekend for their Annual Convention.

SACRAMENT OF 1ST COMMUNION

The Sacrament of 1st Communion will be celebrated at the Sunday 10:30am Mass May 11th for our Grade 2 Students. Parishioners are welcome to come and celebrate this joyous occasion.

Congratulations to **Ethan Fougere** on receiving his first communion last Sunday.

SPRING DEADLINE FOR BISHOP POWER FOUNDATION

The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support: 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 May 7 for consideration this spring.

To apply or for more information, visit:

www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

JUBILEE PILGRIM'S WAY

March 19 - December 28, 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrim's Way for the Jubilee Year includes parishes, shrines, and sacred celebrations honouring namesake saints, cultures, and traditions woven into the rich tapestry of our diocese.

The Way begins with the Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, and ends with the Jubilee closing Mass at St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish.

Passports are being prepared. Map now available online: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/pilgrims-way/>

PRO-LIFE BOOTCAMP!

In Canada, about 300 innocent children are aborted every single day. Do you want to learn how to defend these innocent pre-born children, and have meaningful conversations on abortion and the dignity of human life? Join for training and hands-on experience doing pro-life outreach in Halifax, NS from May 2-6 (with a May 2-3 weekend option). You can learn pro-life strategy and apologetics that will equip you to reach our culture to change minds and save lives. Application deadline: April 25th. See www.endthekilling.ca/halifax

HELP THE SAVE OUR CEILING CAMPAIGN

The campaign is trying to create a list of former parishioners who have moved away, but are still emotionally attached to St. Ninian's. This list would be used to individually contact them and ask if they are willing to assist the parish in raising \$750,000 to fix the ceiling that is in danger to fall down. We will consider this information confidential and it will only be used for that purpose. There are sheets on the back tables that parishioners may fill out and they will be collected immediately.

ANTIGONISH LIONS CLUB

are having their monthly Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday April 27 from 9-12 at the Lions Den on 13 Highland Dr. Ext. The proceeds will go towards the Antigonish Challenger Baseball Program.

ANNUAL GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION

Mini - Trail Community Trail

Sunday, May 4th, 2025. Doors will open at noon for viewing of Auction items and Registration with the Auction set to begin at 1:00pm.

HIGHLAND LOBSTER SUPPER

will take place Mother's Day, May 11th, 2025, from 11am - 2pm at the Mini Trail Community Center, 4382, HWY 337 in Lakevale, Antigonish Co.

All dinners include 1lb lobster served in a cracked shell with butter, homemade coleslaw and potato salad with a fresh dinner roll along with an array of desserts to choose from. Lobster Dinner is \$35.00 Ham Dinner \$25.00, Children's size dinners available as well. We also have a takeout option as well. For more information, please call 902-338-4838.

ST. NINIAN CWL BURSARY

Applications are available at the back of the church. If you are a 2025 grade 12 graduate and meet the criteria, you are invited to complete the application and return it to St. Ninian's Place at the office clearly marked: CWL Bursary application; c/o Kim Grant, or mail it (address in application) by May 1st.

CAMINO NOVA SCOTIA

This summer we are offering Caminos along the South Shore of Nova Scotia and on the Western shore of Cape Breton Island, both of which highlight the seaside beauty of our beautiful province. Join us on pilgrimage

and discover more about yourself in community, as you also discover the Gaelic, Mi'kmaq, and Acadian histories of the Land under your feet.

Visit www.caminonovascotia.ca for more information.

SOMEONE ELSE'S SAINT

Join local author Dr. Matthew R. Anderson for the launch of his latest book, Someone Else's Saint: How a Scottish Pilgrimage Led to Nova Scotia, which was inspired in part by his talk last year on St Ninian. It charts the course of a pilgrimage along the Whithorn Way in Scotland to a church established by St. Ninian, juxtaposed against a walk from Pomquet to Antigonish, and is interlaced with wonderful anecdotes about the historical and the mythical Ninian, and the people, places, and history of Antigonish Town and County. May 1st at 7pm at the Antigonish Heritage Museum. Music and refreshments will be provided. Hosted by the Heritage Association of Antigonish.

MEETINGS

Blessed Carlos Youth Group Meeting

Sunday April 27, 6-8pm

CARE AGM Meeting

Monday April 28, 7pm

Knights of Columbus

Sunday May 4, 7pm

St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday May 6, 7pm

Finance AGM Meeting

Wednesday May 7, 7pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Prayer Group:

Tuesday - 6:30pm- Vestry- All Welcome

OCIA Gathering

Tuesday at 7pm

Breaking Open the Word

Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Flame of Love Rosary - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday before 6:30 Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after 9:30 am Mass until 3pm

RECTOR'S PICKS ON FORMED

As we continue to mourn and pray following the death of Pope Francis. Take a moment to learn about his humble beginnings by watching Francis The People's Pope. The documentary begins with the moment that the young Jorge Mario discovers his priestly vocation.

Did you know Formed also has audio books? Consider downloading The Next Pope: The Office of Peter and a Church in Mission by George Weigel. Taking lessons from the pontificates of John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis, George Weigel proposes what the Catholic leaders of the future, especially the next pope, must do to remain faithful to the Holy Spirit's summons to renewed evangelical witness, intensified missionary fervor, and Christ-centered reform in the wake of grave institutional failures, mission confusion, counter-witness, and the secularist challenge to biblical faith.

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

Message from Fr Danny

The Easter season provides us with many opportunities to be renewed and strengthened as disciples. This Sunday is also called the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Jesus encounters his disciples, who have locked themselves in a room for fear of the authorities, and He offers them the gift of mercy and peace. The world today is in need of the Lord's gift of peace, as we listen to His words, 'Be not afraid.'

Many of you may have joined in watching the Holy Father's Easter blessing on Sunday. How very sad it was to learn of his passing early Monday morning. What a grace it is, though, that he served faithfully right to the end, sharing the message of God's love and peace with the world.

I was reminded of my own special encounter with Pope Francis in 2015, the year I celebrated my 25th anniversary of ordination. I was humbled to concelebrate Mass with him in the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome alongside several other priests. Afterwards, I had the opportunity to meet him personally—to kiss his ring and shake his hand. In November, I was again blessed to receive his blessing in St. Peter's Square, surrounded by thousands of pilgrims, during his Sunday message and angelus.

On Tuesday, I traveled from Saint John, NB to Portland, ME. The U.S. border official was professional and courteous. There was no interest in my phone or laptop! This is my first visit to Portland. The weather has been wonderful, the food delicious, and the sun has been shining brightly. Many of the souvenir shops here offer the same kinds of items you'd find in Nova Scotia—lighthouses, lobsters, and buoy-themed keepsakes abound! So, there is no need for me to bring anything back, lol.

On Monday, April 28, retired Archbishop James Hector MacDonald, will celebrate his 100th birthday. Archbishop was born in Whycocomagh and has many relatives in our diocese, I am one! Archbishop MacDonald resides in Welland, Ontario, with his Holy Cross brothers. Happy Birthday from your home diocese!

Many thanks again to all who helped to make our liturgies moments of deep faith.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Fr. Danny

"Christ is Risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life. Easter is the celebration of life!" Pope Francis

*God Bless,
Father Danny*