



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Ascension Of the Lord  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026



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## **PARISH OFFICE**

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8:30am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4:30pm  
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## **MASS TIMES**

Tues-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**

Helen Kennedy

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### **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**

Hugh Webb - RIP  
Helen Stewart - RIP  
Angus Kell - RIP

**WEDNESDAY**

Anne Cusack - RIP  
Soldiers in Purgatory - RIP  
Elwin MacPherson -RIP

**THURSDAY**

Martin Doyle - RIP  
Margaret Secco - RIP  
Allan MacIsaac - RIP

**FRIDAY**

Cella MacLellan -RIP  
Theresa MacIsaac- RIP  
Hugh Daniel MacNeil -RIP

**VICTORIA DAY**

Office Closed on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**FIRST COMMUNION JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Due to the construction in St. Ninians,  
First Communion Celebration will be celebrated at  
the St.FX Chapel, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm with reception  
to follow in SNP.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Each year, forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord — a feast of hope, mission, and promise. In 2026, it will be celebrated on May 14, or May 17 depending on your diocese. Forty days after Easter, we lift our eyes with the apostles and witness the Lord’s return to the Father. It is a feast of triumph — and a call to live what has been entrusted to us. Yet the Ascension can feel like a feast of absence — Jesus is gone, and the disciples are left standing and looking up at the sky. But the Church invites us to see it differently. The Ascension is not an ending. It is the beginning of everything that comes next. Jesus did not ascend to abandon us. He ascended to prepare a place for us — and to send us the gift he promised: the Holy Spirit.

**DECEASED**

Geroge “Buddy R” MacDonald, Brierly Brook  
Velma Virginia MacDonald, Antigonish  
Eugene Delorey, Antigonish formerly of Monastery  
Lenora MacIsaac, New Waterford sister-in-law to  
Dianne Miller and Richard MacIsaac

**WEEKDAY MASS REMINDER:**

Weekday Masses - Room 018

**COLLECTION:**

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Sunday Collection: \$7305.00  
Easter Offering: \$20.00  
Ant. Diocesan Society: \$20.00  
Cemetery Fund: \$1407.00  
Develpoment & Peace: \$20.00  
Religious Education: \$50.00  
Pre-authorized payments (April): \$11,547



Pictured with Fr. Danny, is Rev. Dr. James Kiliyananickal, a priest of the Diocese of Thamarassery, Kerala, India, and Director of Formation at Shalom World, Texas, visited the parish and the Kerala Community and celebrated a weekday Mass.

**PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE**  
**WE NEED YOU!**

The purpose will be to help plan and support parish social events such as the Confirmation and First Communion lunches among other special requests. Participation can be flexible, and help can be offered on an event-by-event basis. If you enjoy working behind the scenes with others and helping support the parish community.

Contact the Parish Office for More information.

**FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**  
**RESTORING THE CATHEDRAL CEILING**

Saint Ninian Parish Foundation

**WIN A FORD**  
**BRONCO**

**Sport Big Bend**

\$44,264 value (Keltic Motors) or \$35,000 cash

**HELP US SELL THE TICKETS!**

Don't miss your chance to win a Ford Bronco or \$35,000 CASH while supporting our Ceiling Restoration Fundraiser!

Only 2,000 tickets printed — excellent odds!

Tickets: \$50 each

We are on the final push to sell the remaining tickets and every purchase helps our project move forward.

Important Dates

Early Draw Date: May 30, 2026

Main Draw Date: June 27, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Saint Ninian Place

If you've been waiting to buy a ticket, now is the time. Please also help by sharing this fundraiser with friends, family, coworkers, and neighbours.

Selling these final tickets will make a tremendous difference for our restoration efforts.

Thank you for supporting our community and helping us reach the finish line!

**WEEKLY EVENTS:**

**Free Fiddle, Chanter, and Piping Lessons**

Monday at 6:00pm

**Vestry Prayer Group**

Tuesday at 6:30pm

**Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday at 7:00pm

**Rosary**

Thursday after 9am Mass

**Flame of Love Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Tuesday after 9am Mass

**Breaking Open the Word:**

Thursdays after 9am Mass

**Free Piping and Drumming Lessons**

Thursday at 6:00pm

**Free Gaelic Classes**

Thursday at 6:30pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday after 9am Mass until 3pm

**Bible Study**

Every Friday after Mass

**St. Carlo Acutis Youth Group**

Friday May 29th from 6-8pm

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:**

Parish Office

Foundation Members

Hometown Mini Mart

Farmer's Market

MacQuarries Pharmasave

Respect Life Centre

Bumper to Bumper

Monastery Petro-Canada

Redline Sport and Cycle

Wallace Leathers

Home Hardware

Henry's Hairstyling

Water Villa

Keltic Ford

Antigonish 5 to \$1.00

Peggy's Hair Salon

Hawthorne Convenience

NAPA Auto Parts

Visible Changes



## *Letter from Fr Danny*

This wonderful celebration this weekend, the Ascension, is a reminder to all of us of the meaning of our baptism: live out our discipleship as followers of the Risen Lord and proclaim the Gospel to all the peoples and nations. After 40 days with the disciples, the Lord returns to the Father to prepare a home for all of us until the time when God calls us home, each disciple is to live as a bold witness of Christ.

A few signs lately that spring has finally decided to arrive! It's good to see how quickly things are growing and the buds appearing even with the cool and windy days, nature reminds us that life keeps moving forward.

On Wednesday I went to a school Gaelic concert at Bayview School. Somehow, and I still don't know exactly how, I was persuaded to stop into the tavern in Port Hood afterward for a ceilidh and even join a square set. Thankfully, there are no videos taken (that I know of).

You may have noticed last Sunday that a good size branch came down from the trees out front of the cathedral. Another one looks ready to follow its example, so we'll be keeping an eye on it.

There seems to be no shortage of activities taking place these days, which is wonderful to see. Thanks be to God for the energy and vibrant life of the parish. This week, Rev. Dr. James Kiliyananickal, a priest from the Diocese of Thamarassery in Kerala, India, and Director of Formation at Shalom World in Texas, visited the parish and the Kerala Community. He also celebrated a weekday Mass.

There are a few pictures of the ceiling restoration displayed on an easel for all to see. One of the photos shows one of the paintings that had been hidden under layers of paint. As the work continues, it has become clear that even more repair is needed than first expected. However, Michelle and her crew are committed to completing everything necessary and restoring the ceiling to its full beauty.

*God Bless, Fr. Danny*