



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21st, 2025

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Monday- Friday:
8:30am-12:30pm - 1:30pm-4:30pm
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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

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CEMETERY PLOT ARRANGEMENTS

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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

Alex Champoux - RIP
Joseph Frances McKenna - RIP
Mary MacDougall - RIP

Wednesday

Raymond Frazier - RIP
Leo Chisholm - RIP
SIL

Thursday

Paul Paté - RIP
Paul Boyle - RIP
Mary Veinotte - RIP

Friday

Catholic Women's League - Living and Dead
Wally MacNeil - RIP
Rita Brosha Dove - RIP

COLLECTION INFORMATION

September 14, 2025
Sunday Collection: \$6345.
Cemetery: \$140.
Pre-authorized payments: \$11,342.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

REST IN PEACE

James Mason, Glen Road
Finley Beaton, Antigonish and Blackstone
Bernice MacFarlane, Dartmouth and Williams Point

BAPTISM BLESSING

Freya Gabrielle Enriquez Mascarina
Daughter of Godfrey & Roxanne

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Sydney Kendall & Matthew Arsenault

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.

BELIEVE IN BRENNA CAMPAIGN

As part of the fundraising campaign for Brenna Benoit, a child requiring urgent surgery, there will be a benefit concert at the Pomquet Community Hall on September 27th at 7pm. Attendees must be 19+. There is no admission cost but donations will be accepted at the door. Performances will feature local musicians and raffle tickets to be drawn at the event will be sold.

VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT THE GIFTS

At a recent meeting the Liturgy Committee agreed that the gifts of Bread and Wine will now be presented at all Masses along with the collection. If you or your family would like to take part in this offering, please let a Hospitality Minister know.

SAINT CARLO YOUTH GROUP STARTING

Sunday, September 28th, 6-8pm
For grades 9+. Fun, Faith, and Food.

ANTIGONISH HERITAGE MUSEUM CEILIDH

Sunday, September 21st, 2:00-3:00pm
John Pellerin, Junior Fraser, Matthew Anderson, Barry MacKenzie, Margaret MacDonald and Leona Williams.
Admission: \$10 - Light lunch provided.

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.

FREE CONCERT AT ST. NINIAN PLACE

Sunday, September 21st, at 2:30pm.
Brent MacLean, Darren & Paul Teasdale, Mary MacIntosh, Lisa Hallett & Shirley Teasdale, Sarah MacIntosh, Lewis MacIntosh.

ST. NINIAN PARISH GRADE 2 - 8 RELIGION

CLASSES 2025-2026 START SEPT 24TH

Grade 2 to Grade 8 classes start Sept 24th, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:15pm. Those interested in signing up, please email religioused@saintninian.ca to obtain a registration form.

Fees are \$10 per student or \$15 per family. Forms will be sent out to returning students Please register soon.

Grades 7 & 8 have classes from Sept to Dec.
Confirmation forms & fees are separate at \$20 per candidate and started Sept 7th.

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

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>.

LIVESTREAM SOUND ISSUE FIXED!

Thank you for making us aware of problems with our livestream. The issue was a result of an accident that had broken some essential wires. It has since been resolved.

PASTOR'S PICKS

We had our first Metanoia meeting last Sunday after the post-Mass social. Those wanting to convert to Catholicism attended alongside their sponsors, as well as confirmed Catholics looking to grow in their knowledge of the faith or reconnect with a Church they'd drifted away from over their lives.

If you missed out on attending last week, fear not! While the first meeting focused on getting to know each other, the 10-week Metanoia series officially begins this week when we cover the first of the sessions. Feel free to join! Each week we will come together to watch a video from the series and to discuss our faith.

What is Metanoia? In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith.

Don't forget to check out the concerts and dances going on! On Sunday you'll be spoiled for choice, with a free concert called Brent MacLean and Friends being put on after Mass at St. Ninian Place at 1:30pm, and a Ceilidh at the Antigonish Heritage Museum at 2:00pm for \$10. Next week, there'll be another Ceilidh, This time at St. Ninian Place! More information on all of these events will be on the next page.

Last but not least, the Sisters of St. Martha are welcoming all who are interested to join them for a relaxed stroll through their beautiful arboretum and gardens Sunday, September 21st (which might be today!) from 1-4pm. There'll be activities for all ages, including a scavenger hunt for kids. Weather permitting, they'll also have guided hikes through the Contemplative Trails.

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

C.A.R.E.

Monday September 22nd at 7pm Room O17

WEEKLY EVENTS

Vestry Prayer Group (CANCELLED THIS WEEK)

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



Prayer of Adoration

O Jesus, present in the
Sacrament of the Altar,
teach all nations to serve you
with a willing heart, knowing that
to serve God is to reign.

May your sacrament, O Jesus,
be light to the mind, strength to
the will, joy to the heart.

May it be the support for the
weak, the comfort for the
suffering, the wayfaring bread of
salvation for the dying, and, for
all, the pledge of future glory.

Adoration takes place after 9am Mass Friday until 3pm

Message from Fr Danny

Things are not as simple as they used to be, or so it seems! But do we stop and think that was there ever a time when issues were clear-cut and decisions easy? The parable in today's gospel is complicated and leaves us with more questions than answers. However, we can conclude that in a time of crisis we have an opportunity to look at our communities' strengths and weaknesses while weighing the possibilities for the future.

It's wonderful to have Fr. Elliot back with us again! While he is helping out in Port Hawkesbury on weekends, I am grateful that he is able to assist with weekday Mass here at the Cathedral.

I am happy to share that Mary's recent surgery went well and was successful — thanks be to God. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. Sam is also settling in and getting to know more parishioners, which is a joy for our community.

The St. Martha's School of Nursing recently held their reunion and banquet in SNP, and this Saturday the Antigonish County Fire Department will celebrate their 40th anniversary with a dinner and reception in SNP. Congratulations to them on this milestone, and I'm so pleased that they have chosen to mark the occasion by joining us at the 4:00 pm Mass in the cathedral.

Emery is putting final touches to a table for the Tabernacle. The KOC have generously supporting this new piece of furniture that will enhance the beauty of the tabernacle.

Have you noticed the work being done on the central cathedral steps? Repairs are necessary, and yet so costly.

I have heard nothing but beautiful words for the talks given by Ernst, Terry and Cameron at the masses last weekend. Thank you all for your support of the ceiling.

*God Bless,
Father Danny*