



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3rd, 2021

MASS TIMES

MON-FRI	No Mass
SATURDAY	4:00 PM
SUNDAY	8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
RADIO MASS	Sunday, 8:25AM

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

September 19th

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3907
Special Envelopes	\$ 1006
Recovery	\$ 10
Loose Money	\$ 182
Total Collection	\$ 5105
# of Envelopes Received	141

Pre-authorized debit: For the month of October 2021, we will receive 88 donations totaling \$7,886 equaling \$1,971.5 weekly

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SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF...

- + Inez Grant
- + Louise Marie Forbes

In our sacraments, touch is very important; in marriage the priest/deacon invites the couple to join their right hands while they exchange vows. It is more than a handshake, this touch is a symbol of trust and connection, it is the love that Christ has for the Church. DML

ANTIGONISH DIOCESAN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Antigonish Diocesan Society will take place in S. Joseph's Parish Hall, located in the basement of St. Joseph's Parish Church in Port Hawkesbury on Sunday, October 24th, 2021 at 2:30PM. The Antigonish Diocesan Society was formed in 1942 with the help of the Knights of Columbus of the various Councils within the diocese to provide financial assistance to young men wishing to study for the Priesthood. Since that time, the Society has helped hundreds of young men, by providing thousands of dollars for their Educational Priestly Training. At the present time, the Diocese of Antigonish have two seminarians. David Rankin, a native of Mabou Inverness County, is completing his Pastoral Year at St. John the Baptist Parish in New Glasgow, where Fr. Tom MacNeil is the Pastor. The second seminarian is Joe MacMaster, a native of Troy Inverness County, who has begun his first year of studies in St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Please keep David & Joe in your prayers as you continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: Communion, Participation, and Mission

From Bishop Kirkpatrick: "There are three phases for this synod, the diocesan, national, and international. Pope Francis will officially inaugurate the 26th Synod on Sunday, October 10th, 2021. All dioceses throughout the world are invited to open the diocesan phase of the Synod on Sunday, October 17th. This means we will offer a special Mass and hopefully commission the volunteers we need." Read the full Pastoral Letter here: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/synod2021/>

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MON-FRI 9:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-4:00PM

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ST. NINIAN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion Class (Grade Two): October 3rd at 11:30AM—St. Ninian Place

Grades 3-6: Classes start October 6th 6:00pm-7:15PM—St. Ninian Place/Church

Confirmation Classes: Sunday, October 3rd at 6:00PM-7:15PM – Room 021

MASS FOR SHUT-INS

The 59th Season of **Mass for Shut-Ins** begins on **October 17th**.

The Mass on Oct. 17th will be aired on CTV at 9:30AM for that week only. The regular schedule of Sundays at 11:30AM will resume on October 24th.

Questions? Contact Fr. Patrick MacNeil, producer, Mass for Shut-Ins, at (902) 562-9810.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days For Life Campaign event is being held in many cities around the World from September 22nd to October 31st. We can all participate by praying the rosary daily, fasting, and/or almsgiving. For more information: (902) 863-5061—Martien and Janet Bekkers.

RELS397.20 CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM ENCOUNTERS: a 1400 Year Conversation (Winter 2022)

The Syriac, Coptic, and Arabic-speaking Christians of the Middle East were the first Christian to encounter Islam in its nascent form. The Christian engagement with Islam shaped the lines of the theological disputation from the 7th century onwards. What were these conversations like? What can today's Christians and Muslims learn from these yearly encounters?

The course begins with a brief introduction to Christian and Islamic theology, which already hints at these conversations. This leads to an examination of a section of the Qur'an that highlights some of the key issues of theological disagreement (and agreement) and that sets the stage for the next 1400 years. We then look at some of the earliest theological writings in the history of Christian-Muslim encounters before moving on to reflections on modern and contemporary methods and debates from a variety of perspectives, from attempts to find unity to conversion-oriented outreach. The course uses a variety of types of sources, from original primary source dialogues and debates in translation from Arabic, Syriac, and Coptic, to secondary source commentaries on them, to contemporary novels and films.

The course is taught by Dr. Linda Darwish, Department of Religious Studies, StFX University. It will be held on Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:45, January-April 2022. You are warmly invited to register for credit or audit. Senior 65+ can register for free!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES—REGISTRATION

GRADES 3-8

We are holding a 2nd night of Registration Monday Oct 4th, 5:45pm-7pm Room 18 St. Ninian Place.

This is for In-Person and At-Home Study programs. We are also introducing an On-Line option through the Diocese of Antigonish. I will talk to those interested in Grades 3 to 7 in the On-line program Monday night.

Will people in the At-Home Study program from last year please return their borrowed books? We need the books for students this year. **Classes start Wednesday Oct 6th 6:30pm-7:15pm and we need all our books.** Materials for the At-Home Study can be picked up later.

We will be returning to charging the normal fee of \$10 per student or \$15 per family.

Classes will be held in St. Ninian's Place and Church wherever we can set up classes. Masks will be required. NS Health Protocols will be followed.

Leonarda MacNeil, ofs

C.A.R.E. COMMITTEE: THANK YOU!!

The members of the C.A.R.E. Committee would like to thank everyone involved in our very successful Yard Sale last weekend. Thank you to our Parishioners and the broad community—those who supported by either donating or attending the sale—for all your generosity. We are so very grateful for our community and the support we have received thus far in our efforts to bring vulnerable people to safety.

NOW ON THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE

Truth and Reconciliation page, with suggested activities, links, and resources: first steps in an evolving diocesan plan to engage and support individual and collective healing.

You are invited to visit, explore, and connect:

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

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick and Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/statement-of-apology-by-the-catholic-bishops-of-canada-to-indigenous-peoples/>

"I have abandoned this miserable body to hunger and any other misery so my soul could be content and have its usual nourishment." –

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha