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St. Patrick's Church

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Mass Time: Sunday 11:30 am

Parish Council Chairperson:

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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Blessings and Woes

Luke 6:20-26



The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 16th, 2025

🙏 Prayer Requests 🙏

Father God

We lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies, calm their fears, and let them experience the healing power of your Love.

In Jesus' name. Amen



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St. Joseph's Parish

Revised Covid -19 Protocols

St. Joseph's Parish Council continues to support the wearing of masks and sanitizing of hands. The pandemic may be over, but the health risks of a severe infection are not.

Please be kind and considerate of our many elderly and vulnerable parishioners, and stay home if you are coughing or sneezing, or have any other symptoms of Covid-19.



Collections

Saturday February 8th

Regular \$860 (25); Loose \$35; Fuel Offering \$250 (2)



Lector

Saturday, February 15th - 4:00 pm - Volunteer



❤️ **Thank You!** ❤️

To all of the volunteers and parishioners who helped with the funeral and reception for Sandy MacDonald.

Your presence, love, and contributions were deeply appreciated by the family and community.



Our Deepest Sympathy



To the family, friends, and sisters of

Sister Shirley Bruce

Who served in our parish for many years

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Our Condolences

To the families and friends of two wonderful centenarians who died this week

Nina Alma Bower

and

May Bouchard

May they rest in peace

Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



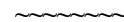
Our Parish Priest

Fr. Tom Stephan

In addition to serving at Mass and on our Parish Councils, Fr. Tom organized the Religious Education programs for First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates. He is also available for baptisms, weddings, and funerals, to bless your home, to pray for yourself and your loved ones, to hear confessions, to anoint the sick and dying, to visit with those who are isolated and lonely, and to bring communion to those who are unable to attend Mass.

Fr. Tom can be reached at:

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and tomstephan1june@gmail.com



Community Events

Ceilidh at St. Ninian's Place Antigonish

Sunday February 16th, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

A group of parishioners at St. Ninian's have been staging a number of successful square set/ceilidhs once a month on Sunday afternoons.

The second in the Winter/Spring square set/ceilidh will take place on **February 16th from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm.**

Featured performers:

Shelley Campbell and Allan Dewar

Admission:

Adults \$10; students by donation; children under 12 free

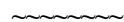
Square dance lessons provided

Light lunch also provided

Contact person:

Leona Williams: 902-867-7616

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Website

Resources for Prayer and Reflection

The bulletin, scripture readings, homily, and other resources for prayer and reflection, are available on our website each week by Friday evening.

Recent addition: Seven Ears of Grain, February 10, 2025;

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Diocese of Antigonish

Jubilee Year

Dec. 29, 2024 through Dec. 28, 2025

"May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth."

- **Pope Francis**, from the Prayer for the Jubilee
- **Now** through Dec. 28, 2025, we are invited to be "*Pilgrims of Hope*"

Prayer cards are available free of charge from our Diocesan Pastoral Centre and Chancery Office.

Printable posters and prayer cards are also available on our website.

For these resources and to learn more of the Jubilee year:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/jubilee-2025/>



Development and Peace/ Caritas Canada

SHARE LENT 2025

Our Share Lent campaign: Turn Debt into Hope responds to Pope Francis's call to be "*Pilgrims of Hope*" in the Jubilee year. We are counting on you to get Canadians to contribute to a just future, where countries of the Global South are freed from crushing financial debt and repaid the ecological debt they are owed.

Besides resources to download, we have posters, a mini-mag, stickers and brochures to help you bring the campaign to life. But you must order now to get them on time!

To order:

<https://devp.org/en/order-form/>

For more information:

Local contact in our diocese: Winnie Odo:

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Healing Masses

at Our Lady of Grace Monastery

with Fr Albert MacPherson

Next Mass

Saturday February 22nd, 1:30 pm

Diocese of Antigonish

A Message From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Most current Public Health restrictions and mandates have ended, but this does not mean that the risk of infection has ended. It will be important to use personal public health measures, both individually and collectively, to help keep each other safe, especially those who are at risk of severe disease due to age and/or underlying health issues.

Masking and social distancing are no longer required. However, we still encourage masking and social distancing in our churches. We need time to make the adjustment to the "new-normal" as we learn to live with COVID.

I will continue to dispense from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for people who may not be able to attend for health reasons, as well as for those who care for them.

Online Masses

Weekly Mass - Livestream (Video)

From St. Ninian's Cathedral

Every Sunday - 10:30 am

On our website: <https://www.saintninian.ca>

On our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stninian.cathedral/>

Mass for Shut-Ins

Sundays at 11:30 am on CTV

Recordings are available for viewing on our [website](#) and on our [Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel](#)

Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHdH8KJ71w>

Churches Online

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/churches-online/>

Daily TV Mass:

from the National Catholic Broadcasting Council
<https://dailytvmass.com/>

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Dearest Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.