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St. Patrick's Church

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Mass Time: Sunday 11:30 am

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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org



**RETURN TO ME WITH
YOUR WHOLE HEART**

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23rd, 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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Registered Charity for St. Joseph's Cemetery

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hillsidcemetryassociation@gmail.com

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 March 15th

Regular \$605 (26); Loose \$10; Social Action \$70 (2); Church Maintenance \$50 (1)



Our Sincere Condolences



To the family and friends of

Scott Neil Robertson

our "Main Man"

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



Parishioner Registration Renewal

2020 is the last time we updated the contact information with respect to parishioners mailing address, phone number, email address, etc. It is now timely to refresh the parishioner contact information on file to ensure we have current and correct basic information.

If there is any change in your 2020 contact information, please advise us about the changes.

Also if you know the correct information of a nearby parishioner who does not receive the weekly email bulletin and/or may not be a regular weekly mass attendee at St. Joseph's Church, please let us know, if you feel it is appropriate to do so.

Update information is essential to having contact with parishioners and maintaining a current mailing list to communicate about special matters, including those who do not have email and/or may not read every weekly bulletin.

Please submit your updated information to:

Phone: 902-867-1160 Email: grantjeromeag@gmail.com

If you do not reply we will assume that your information on file is current and correct.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jerome Grant: Chair, Finance Committee

Our Parish Priest

Fr. Tom Stephan

In addition to serving at Mass and on our Parish Councils, Fr. Tom organized 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

Square Dance/Ceilidh

We are presenting the third of our Winter/Spring Square Dance/Ceilidh series at St. Ninian's Place on **Sunday March 23rd, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm.**

Featured performers: Brian and Abby MacDonald, Junior Fraser, and Leona Williams.

Adults: \$10; Students by donation; children free

Light lunch provided. Supported by MacDonald Chrysler



Students at X are holding a Ceilidh at St. Ninian's Place on **Friday March 28th, from 8:00 to 11:00 pm** to provide a social evening of dance, music and fellowship for students and townspeople alike. All are welcome. Light lunch provided. Admission by donation.

Featured performers: Colin Rankin, Junior Fraser, Leona Williams, and some surprise student musicians

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, March 17, 2025

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at jeanpollins@icloud.com or call 902-863-2482 before **Thursday**.

Diocese of Antigonish

Lent 2025

“Like the faithful who have journeyed before us, may we seek the light of Christ amidst our trials, becoming beacons of hope for others in our communities. This journey is not solely a personal endeavour; it invites us to walk together, sharing our joys and burdens and extending Christ’s love to all.”

- Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Read Bishop Kirkpatrick’s Lenten letter, Lenten message of Pope Francis, and a weekly reflection from diocesan hermit Sheila O’Handley, plus CCCB Journey Through Lent videos and more:

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

Jubilee Pilgrim’s Way

March 19th – December 28th, 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 dioceses at St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish.

Passports are being prepared. Map now available online:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/pilgrims-way/>

We are invited to visit any of our diocesan sites on or around their special dates, or at any time throughout the year. Events for each site will be posted online and shared via bulletin notices as details are available.

Healing Mass

Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Saturday, March 29th, 1:30 pm

Father Albert MacPherson, OSA, Augustinian
Healing Ministry



Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference

Dalhousie University, Halifax

July 11th - 13th, 2025

Inviting high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ.

For details: <https://www.halifaxarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic>

Or contact Sarah Robinson of Saint Peter’s Port Hood to register your youth with the Diocese of Antigonish group that will be attending. Phone 902-302-2324 or sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com

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.