

# +Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

St. Joseph's      St. Michael's/St-Michel      St. Patrick's

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*Mission Statement: Open to God. Open to Others. Open to Transformation.*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mar. 11, 2018

**Masses for next weekend:** St. Joseph's – 4 p.m. on Saturday; St. Patrick's – 9:30 a.m. and St. Michael's – 11 a.m. on Sunday  
St Pierre, Cheticamp – Sat., 6:30 p.m.; St. Joseph's, St. Joseph du Moine – Sun., 10:30 a.m.  
Stella Maris, Inverness – Sat., 5 p.m.; St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; Stella Maris, Inverness – Sun., 11 a.m.

### Weekday Masses:

**Mon., Mar. 12** – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Tommy LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harry LeBlanc

**Tues., Mar. 13** – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – 6 p.m.- req. by Katherine MacLennan req. by Jessie Tompkins

**Wed., Mar. 14** – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – 6 p.m. – David Ingraham req. by Betty Ross

**Thurs., Mar. 15** – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Leo Arsenault req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc

**Fri., Mar. 16** – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – 6 p.m. – Marjorie MacKinnon req. by Mr. & Mrs. Angus MacKinnon

**Sat., Mar. 17** – NO WEEKDAY MASS – HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

**Communion calls:** St. Michael's – Mar. 16

Confessions – any time before weekday Mass

## Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 18, 2018

Church	Greeters/gift bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
St. Joseph's	Donald & Ann	Willena	Bill, Joan C., Cathy
St. Michael's	Yvonne Ryan	Hannah, Nadine	Claudia, Eugene, Therese
St. Patrick's	Claire & Angela	Olivia, Stella	Mose, Jackie, Allen

Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tues., Mar. 13 in St. Joseph's vestry after Mass.  
Joint Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tues., Mar. 20 in St. Joseph's vestry after Mass.

**Prayer Corner:** Please pray for healing for Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Harry Timmons, Fr. Paul Abbass, Jim MacDonnell, Danny Gillis, Sharon Gillis, Tom Doyle, Judy MacIsaac and Bernadette LeBlanc.

If there is someone who is sick and would like his/her name in the prayer corner, please contact the parish office either by phone: 902-235-2435 or email: [office@mfocc.ca](mailto:office@mfocc.ca).

**Condolences are extended** to the families of Cyril Doucette, brother of Fr. Bedford, and John Ross.

**Bulletin announcements** may be emailed to [bulletins@mfocc.ca](mailto:bulletins@mfocc.ca) no later than 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

### Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things pass away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. He/She who has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Lent, 2018** – Dear Lord, during this season of Lent, we pray against the evil of corruption in our world. We also pray that any people who have material, political or spiritual power may resist the lure of corruption.

**Clocks Spring Ahead!** – You are reminded to set your clocks ahead by one hour on Saturday night.

**Lent** – When most people fast they usually give up food. Perhaps we should focus not on food but on avoiding criticisms, resentments and actions that hurt ourselves and other people. Here are some guidelines:

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.  
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.  
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.  
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.  
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.  
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.  
Fast from anger; feast on patience.  
Fast from fear; feast on faith.

## **Ministry News**

**Small Faith Communities' Initiative** – The next meeting will take place in St. Michael's Hall on Mar. 22 at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

**New Ministry Lists** are available this weekend. If you are in a ministry, please pick up your list.

**Entre Deux Rivieres** – Fr. Peter LeBlanc hosts a bilingual, spiritual program on CKJM (106.1 FM) every Sunday evening from 7 – 9 p.m. It is based on Scripture and features hymns, songs and sharing..

**Share Lent 2018** – Week 3 – March 11 – Don't forget – Next week is Solidarity Sunday! On March 18, you will have the chance to join Canadian Catholics from coast to coast in the 50-year-old tradition of Solidarity Sunday. Together with parishes across the country, our parish will take up a collection to support *Development and Peace's* work as the official Humanitarian Aid and International Development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Our partners' stories in this year's Share Lent Campaign show that, by supporting Development and Peace, you have helped to create peace and justice in communities all over the world! We encourage you to continue to support this crucial ministry of the Church next week by giving generously to this special donation!

**Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline** - The number is 1-855-675-8749, and the service is confidential and free and available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

**IGNITE ... Your Faith Journey** - Parish teams -     - AMAZING RACE - Ignite your Faith Journey - Youth Rally 11a.m. April 14, 2018, Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney. Confirmation youth and older. Register your team(s) with your parish office. Contact Cathy Walsh for information.

**NET Family Retreat** - Saturday, March 24, 2018, St. Andrew's, St. Andrew Registration closes next Friday, March 9. Contact Cathy Walsh ([youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca)) for details.

**Steubenville Atlantic - online registration available now!** -Register on line for the Steubenville Atlantic weekend - July 6-8 at Dalhousie University. Contact Cathy at [youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca) for more details.

**Summit** - Join thousands of Catholics across North America for the New Evangelization Summit on April 27-28th! The Summit, which is designed to inspire all Catholics to live out their personal call to evangelize, will be held in Ottawa and webcasted to Sydney! It will feature 6 world-class Catholic speakers who will inspire and teach us to bring the Gospel to those who need to be reignited with a living sense of the faith. Register now for this premier conference at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)! Location: Holy Redeemer Parish; Dates: Apr 27-28, 2018; Cost: \$40.00 (Lunch provided)

**New Beginnings Weekend** is a weekend of reflection and healing for those who are divorced, separated, or bereaved. Our next weekend will be April 20-22, 2018 at the St. Joseph Renewal Centre/Mabou Resource Centre. For information and to register, please contact Ron Curry: [902-564-0788](tel:902-564-0788)

**High School Grads** A time of quiet & reflection before final exams and grad activities. Friday May 11 & Saturday May 12. Camp Geddies, Merigomish. Open to high school grads in the Diocese ([You don't have to be Catholic to come!](#)). Limited space so register early. Contact Cathy Walsh.

## **CWL & K of C**

**St. Michael's CWL** is encouraging parishioners to donate non-perishables (dry and canned goods that are not outdated) for the Food Bank and place them in the box at the entrance of the Church. Be sure that the food is fresh. Only dry goods should be donated. Check the "best before" date!

**St. Michael's CWL** - We are most grateful to each one of you who attended and participated in the World Day of Prayer, 2018 at St. Michael's on Mar.2. Thank you to the organizing committee who planned so well. Next March, World Day of Prayer 2019 will be hosted by St. Patrick's. A total of \$375.00 was received as offerings to help the women with their "justice" projects. THANK YOU!!

**St. Patrick's CWL** – Sunday, March 19 is CWL Sunday. Members are encouraged to wear their scarves and pins to Mass.

**Knights of Columbus** – Crib games will be held on Sundays 7 p.m. at the Margaree Seniors Hall, Margaree. Everyone welcome; bring a partner. There is a Knight's Jackpot.

**Used Stamps** – Please save the stamps from any envelopes you receive and give them to any member of the CWL from St. Michael's or St. Patrick's. Please leave 1/8 of an inch around the stamp!

## **Other & Community Events**

**St. Patrick's Concert** – The Annual St. Patrick's Concert will take place at St. Patrick's Hall on Fri., Mar. 16 at 7 p.m.

**St. Patrick's Jiggs' Dinner** will be held on Sun., Mar. 18 beginning at 11:45 a.m.; \$15 per plate.

**Skating Party** – Inverness Arena –Wed., March 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. Helmets are required. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Margaree Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Margaree.

**Computer Skills for the Workplace** (including Excel, Microsoft Word and Power Point applications) A five day course on weekends beginning Sat., April 21 at the Margaree Forks Fire Hall. (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). This course will be geared to the needs and interests of those taking the course and is directed toward employers/employees of small business operations. This course is free but attendance is mandatory. For further information or to register contact [madaadulted@gmail.com](mailto:madaadulted@gmail.com) or phone [902 248 2951](tel:902-248-2951) Hosted locally by MADA and sponsored by N.S. Department of Labour and Advanced Education

**Free Instruction** - Adult upgrading classes and GED exam prep. are being offered throughout Inverness County from Oct./2017 to June/2018. Basic computer skills instruction can provided in your community depending on interest. If you would like more information, please call Shirley Miller at 248-2960, Jesslyn Timmons at 258-2752, daily at the Literacy Office 258-3110, or toll free at [1-877-258-5550](tel:1-877-258-5550). Sponsored by Inverness County Literacy Council. `

**S.W. Margaree Seniors Card Games** – Mondays at 7 p.m. The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the seniors' club. All members are encouraged to attend to discuss the timeline of the renovations enabled by the Government of Canada grant. Also, the yearly fees of \$7.00 are due at this time.

**Marriage Encounter** April 6 - 9. For couples from 1 to 61+ years married. Come and enrich your good relationship; rediscover the richness of your love. Enjoy PEI's new Hope River Retreat House. Check: [renewmarriage@gmail.com](mailto:renewmarriage@gmail.com), or call [902 314 8541](tel:9023148541), or Father Charlie. [902 8634373](tel:9028634373)