

# +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.*

## The Ascension of the Lord – May 13, 2018

**Masses for next weekend:** St. Patrick's – 6 p.m. on Saturday; St. Joseph'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., May 14** – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Mr. & Mrs. Ken Hansford req. by Mr. & Mrs. Simon Arsenaault

**Fri., May 18** - St. Michael's – 5:30 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration; 6:30 p.m. – Rose LeBlanc req. by Bernie & Louise Larade

**Sat., May 19** – Margaree Manor – Levi LeBlanc req. by Billy Carroll

### Communion calls:

## Pentecost Sunday – May 20, 2018

	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers
St. Joseph's	Vincent & Mary	Eileen	Jannette, Joan M., Karen
St. Michael's	John & Aurea	Barbara, Yvon	Archie, Art, Mary H.
St. Patrick's	Norbert & Shirley	Stella, Barbara	Mary L., Brooks, Shaun

### Meeting

Social Justice & Dignity of Life Committee will meet on Tues., May 15 at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's vestry.

**Prayer Corner:** Please pray for healing for Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Harry Timmons, Fr. Paul Abbass, Sharon Gillis, Tom Doyle, Judy MacIsaac, Bernadette LeBlanc, Margaret Rose Fortune, Fr. Martin MacDougall, Mary Fleck, Bidy McKeough and Charles McDaniel..

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

**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 May** – Heavenly Father, in this month of May, we intercede for the laity. Lord God, may all the lay faithful fulfill the specific mission that you have given them by responding with creativity to the challenges of the world today.

**Pope Francis' Prayer for Vocations** - LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving— for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

# **Ministry News**

**From the Pastor's desk:** - The month of May is a month of special devotion to Mary. We will say the Rosary one half hour before each weekday Mass and also before Sunday Masses. This is an invitation for us to pray as a community.

**From the Pastor's desk to parishioners, especially parents of young children:** - Teachers and helpers are needed for our religious education program which will begin in September. We need **9** teachers; we have 3; we need **9** helpers; we have two. Each helper is needed to satisfy the requirements of the Diocesan Ministry Protocol. There is a sign-up list at the entrance of each church. Please be generous in offering your time and talent for this very important ministry in our Margaree Family of Catholic Churches.

**First Penance** - Congratulations to the three children who received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Wed., May 9: Mairinn Hart, Amelia Phillips and Willow Phillips. May God bless them and their families as they continue their faith journey. Here is a prayer by Matthew Kelly for us to say as the three continue their preparation for First Holy Communion: God, our loving Father, thank you for all the ways you bless these children. Help them to be aware that every person, place, and adventure they experience is an opportunity to love you more. Fill them with a desire to change and to grow, and give them the wisdom to choose the-best-version-of-themselves in every moment of every day. Amen.

**St. Joseph's**- Choir Practice on Tuesdays during the month of May, following 6:30 Mass. New members welcomed!

**Eucharistic Adoration in the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches:** We will continue our Hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week in our churches. The next hour will be at St. Michael's on Fri., May 18 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your rosary.

**What is Eucharistic Adoration?** It is a moment of reverence to Jesus present in the Eucharist. We pray; we adore and offer our intentions to Christ. It is a grace-filled moment. Everyone is encouraged to spend this hour with Christ in prayer once a week.

**From the Bereavement Committee** – When someone dies, the family of the bereaved should call their local bereavement contact person: **St. Joseph's - Marie MacNeil: 902-248-2881; St. Michael's - Anne Marie LeBlanc: 902-235-2347, St. Patrick's - Lorraine Fraser: 902 - 248-2397.** She will contact the priest.

**Small Faith Communities' Initiative** – The next meeting will take place in St. Michael's Hall on May 24 at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

**12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** – Thank you to all who came and spent time in prayer for palliative care. Please continue to pray that palliative care will be available to all who need it.

**Thank you from Development & Peace (Share Lent)** - Your generosity makes it possible to transform the lives of women and men in countries across the Global South who fight every day to build a world of peace and justice.

**Ministry Lists** are available on the website: [mfocc.ca](http://mfocc.ca)

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

**Cemetery Clean-up** - Parishioners of St. Patrick's are asked to come to clean up the cemetery on Sat., May 26 beginning at 8 a.m.

## **Parish Hall and property rental regulations (from the Diocese of Antigonish)**

“Under no circumstances will the Church, Parish Hall, Facility or Property be used for any activity, or the celebration of an event, which is not in keeping with and in observance of the teachings and discipline of the Catholic Church.

Hall rental is subject to all Diocesan policies and regulations, and compliance with these is mandatory.

No church building, facility or property may be used for celebrations or events that would not be recognized as licit and valid marriages by the Catholic Church, nor for any receptions following any such ceremonies, civil or religious.”

**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.

## **CWL & K of C**

**Bake Sale** - On Sunday, May 20, St. Michael's CWL will be having a BAKE SALE at St. Michael's Parish Hall after Sunday Mass. Donations of baked goods will be gladly accepted. For further information or to drop off baked goods, please contact Lisa McLean at 902-235-2231. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**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 leave them at the entrance of any church. Please leave 1/8 of an inch around the stamp!

## **Other & Community Events**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – I remember fondly the five years I was with you. I want you to know I am thinking of you at this special time. Know that you are welcome to my 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration, May 19, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney at 6 p.m. for Eucharist followed by a reception and entertainment in the hall downstairs. – Fr. Bedford Doucette

**ICMH Auxiliary Spring Fling** will be held on Fri., May 25 at the Inverness Fire Hall from 6 – 8 p.m. The Margaree areas are asked to donate to the bake table. Donations to any of the other tables would be appreciated and can be left at the Fire Hall after 9 a.m. on Friday.

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** - The family of Father Fred Morley invites you to join them on Saturday, May 19 to acknowledge the 70th anniversary of Father Morley's ordination to the priesthood. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, East Bay, followed by a reception at the East Bay Fire Hall. Best wishes only.

**Pilgrimage to Monastery** – Come join us on a day pilgrimage to Monastery, Saturday, May 19 to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Grace. Price of \$55.00 covers all expenses, including dinner. Holy Mass at 3:00 p.m. with Bishop Dunn. For more information and to book a seat, please phone Helen at (902)794-8825.

**The Annual Mabou Spring Concert** will be held on Sunday, May 20 at 7:30 pm at the Mabou Hall. Come out for an evening filled with traditional music and dance featuring local performers. This event is being sponsored by the Mabou Hall Committee with all proceeds going to the parking lot fund.

**South West Seniors Club** - The South West Margaree Senior Citizens Club weekly card games will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. All are welcome to come to play 45.

**Annual Meeting of Belle Cote and Area Community Centre** will be held at the Centre on Wed., May 16 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**We need your input!** – Do you want to have a voice in your community health planning? Now is the time to share! The North Inverness County Community Health Planning Board has a survey available at St. Michael's Church. The NICHB's coverage area runs from Fordview (on the east side of Doyle's Bridge) to Meat Cove. The North Inverness Community Health Board health planning survey is available at the entrance of the church. This survey is open until May 15. Your responses to the survey will help the Health Board build an annual action plan to direct where and how they spend their volunteer time and efforts as they work to help improve the health and wellbeing of residents. Please share your thoughts and ideas and encourage your friends and neighbours to complete one too.

**Inverness County Singers Will Present "Everybody, Let's Rock"** The Inverness County Singers spring concert series will present a medley of classic Rock and Roll hits from the 1950s to the present at various venues. They will be joined by the youth singers including 'Vocal Motion'. This exciting program will highlight such familiar classics as 'Rock around the Clock' and feature selections by Elvis Presley, Led Zeppelin, the Rolling Stones, the Eagles and Adele to name just a few. Concert dates – May 17 (Mabou Community Centre), May 18 (Inverness Centre for the Arts). Start times: 7:30 pm. Admission by donation.

**Summer Student Opportunity** - The Margaree Kinsmen are looking to hire a summer student for 35 hours a week for 8 weeks starting July 2 at \$ 11. an hour. Duties will be basic maintenance of grounds and building. Please send resume to The Margaree Kinsmen Club, P .O. Box 597, Margaree Forks, NS B0E 2A0 by June 1. Student hired must be returning to School in the fall

**L'Arche Springfest** - L'Arche Cape Breton will present their annual Springfest at the Judique Community Centre on Sunday, May 27 at 6 p.m. There will be entertainment, a live auction and a delicious three course meal! For more information, contact L'Arche at 902-945-2283.

**News from the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine** - The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine will open on May 18th and will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 pm daily. On June 3, we start summer hours in the gift shop, open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are getting ready to open, but if there is something you need, call 902-945-2221. The Shrine is open daily for visitation.

**Save the Date!! Sunday, June 10** because you don't want to miss our next 🎸 🎵 Country Music Concert 🎸 🎵 at 2 p.m. in the Mabou Hall. Admission \$10. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 draw. Tea and snacks!! Proceeds go to Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine. For inquiries please call 902-945-2221.

*A Happy Easter Season to All!!*