

+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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2017

Masses for next weekend: St. Patrick's – 6 p.m. Saturday; St. Joseph's – 9:30 a.m. and St. Michael's – 11 a.m. on Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Mon., May 15 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Carmella LeBlanc req. by Alex Dunn

Tues., May 16 – Confirmation at St. Patrick's at 7 p.m.

Wed., May 17 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Michael Stewart req. by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent MacKinnon

Thurs., May 18 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Zabine LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Don MacDonald

Fri., May 19 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Mary Stepaniak req. by Mr. & Mrs. George Ross

Sat., May 20 – St. Michael's - Darlene Arsenault req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc

Communion calls:

Confessions: available before Mass

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 21, 2017

Church	Greeters/gift bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
St. Joseph's	Alex & Mary	Eileen	Jannette, Joan M., Karen
St. Michael's	Pierre LeBlanc	Noah, Yvon	Mary H., Mary, Wilfredine
St. Patrick's	Alfred Gallant	Olivia, Carmel	Shaun, Jackie, Mose

Meetings

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Dora Carignan, Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Hazel Rhindress (great granddaughter of Tommy & Helen Timmons), Rose Anne Chiasson, Jeanette Crane, Geraldine MacLellan, Mary Sutter, Harriett Aucoin, Annie Roach, Eva Murphy, Marie Helen LeBlanc, Hughie MacKenzie, Ernie LeBlanc and Lionel Cormier.

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.

Condolences

Bulletin announcements may be emailed to 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 the Easter Season: Risen Lord, during this Easter season, we lift to you our Christian brothers and sisters in Africa. In imitation of the merciful Jesus, may they be able to give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

Ministry News

Rosary at Margaree Manor – Since this is the month of May, the Rosary will be recited at the Margaree Manor from Monday to Saturday at 9 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Confirmation –Eight candidates will be confirmed by Bishop Brian Dunn on Tuesday, May 16 at Mass beginning at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick’s Church. Parishioners are invited to come and celebrate this joyous occasion with the candidates: Leah Burns, Lydia Fraser, Olivia Hart, Hannah MacIntosh, Garrett MacKinnon, Jessie MacKinnon, Broderick Murphy and James Shaw. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline - The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition also has set up a Compassionate Community Care Helpline for anyone seeking advice, help and support regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and all end-of-life treatment issues. 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.

Important Announcement for Inverness North Pastoral Zone: Applications for French and English Ecclesial Ministers for the Inverness North Pastoral Zone including the following churches: Stella Maris, Inverness; St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove; St. Joseph, S.W. Margaree; St. Patrick, N.E. Margaree; St. Michael, Margaree; St. Joseph, St. Joseph du Moine and St. Pierre, Cheticamp are being accepted until 12 noon, Friday, May 26, 2017. Application forms are available at each parish office (Inverness – 902-258-2462; Margaree, on Thursdays, 902-235-2435 and Cheticamp on Tuesdays 902-224-2064) or by contacting the people below. For further inquiries or for more information, contact: Clare MacQuarrie – 902-258-2961, ccmacquarrie@gmail.com; Cecile Miller – 902-248-2305, ccl.mllr@gmail.com or Neil Poirier at 902-224-0141, jnp16@hotmail.com

Videoconference: Eucharist and Mission - On May 13 our Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Antigonish will present our 4th Annual Liturgy videoconference with presenter Marilyn J. Sweet who will explore this theme and its implications for the living out of our faith. It will take place at the NSCC Campus, Port Hawkesbury from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$20. per participant; pre-registration required; phone 902-539-6188, ext. 237. Tea & coffee will be provided. Bring your own brown bag lunch.

Atlantic Marian Gathering will take place in Halifax on June 2-4, 2017 at Mount St. Vincent University. The theme this year is “My Immaculate Heart will be Your Refuge”. It is promising to be a wonderful spirit-filled weekend with many graces and blessings. For more information, visit mariangatheringhalifax.com

2017Atlantic Catechetical Association Conference hosted by the Diocese of Antigonish will be held at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, Sydney, NS on Oct. 20-22, 2017. The theme is: The Spirituality of the Catechist – Growing in Faith. Registration Fees: Early (before May 15) - \$225; Late (after May 15) - \$275. Brochures with a registration form are available at the entrance of the three churches.

Are you interested in becoming a deacon? There will be a meeting of men aged 35-65 who are interested in the diaconate. This meeting will be held at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Port Hawkesbury on Saturday, May 20, starting at 11 a.m., having lunch together and then continuing till no later than 3 p.m. Some deacons, candidates and the director will be present to make presentations and to take inquiries about the Diocesan Diaconate Formation Program. If interested, you are asked to register (for meal purposes) with Fr. Bedford Doucette, [902-539-6188](tel:902-539-6188) ext. 235 or by email at bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Cemetery Clean-up will take place at **St. Patrick’s on Sat., May 27** and at **St. Michael’s on May 20 with a rain date of May 27.** All help will be greatly appreciated. With the arrival of spring, please remember that any items on or near headstones that intrude with lawn care will need to be removed. Please place flowers or items on headstone attachments made for these purposes or in pipes provided by the parishes. Thank you!

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St. Michael’s CWL is encouraging parishioners to donate non-perishables for the Food Bank and place them in the box at the entrance of the Church.

St. Michael's CWL Thank You - A sincere thank you to those who organized and participated in our 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care and to those who attended the very informative hour and tea which followed. A very generous sum of \$715.00 was realized for our Palliative Care groups in Inverness and Cheticamp. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

St. Michael's CWL - On Wed., June 7, we will be meeting for lunch at the Belle View Restaurant in Belle Cote at 11:30 am. Please contact Odette LeBlanc at [902-235-2628](tel:902-235-2628) or at [902-224-0871](tel:902-224-0871) before Thurs., June 1 if you (and your loved one) would like to attend. The regular June meeting will follow immediately at St. Michael's Hall (between 1:30 and 2:00 pm). We look forward to sharing and spending time with you.

St. Michael's CWL are still collecting used stamps. Please leave a 1/8" border around each stamp.

Thank You - The Knights Of Columbus Memorial Council # 9936 would like to thank everyone who attended their Ham & Scallop Potato dinner on Sunday, May 7. Once again it was a success and the monies raised will enable the Knights to make a \$500 Scholarship available at the Cape Breton Highlands Academy. The 50/50 Draw--- \$ 121 was won by Louise Delisle .

Scholarship Forms – The Knights of Columbus Fr. Robert Wicks' Scholarship forms are now available at the school for grade twelve graduates of MFOCC.

Other & Community News

South West Margaree Seniors - Card plays will continue on Mondays at 7 p.m.

Day Program at Foyer Père Fiset - The Day Program will be offered at Foyer Père Fiset to seniors from the the Cheticamp, St. Joseph du Moine and Margaree area for another season. Program will start May 16. Transportation will be provided by the Foyer mini-bus. Last year's participants must reapply. For more information or to make application, please call Denise Bourgeois or Christine Belliveau at 224-2087.

6th Annual Margaree Highland Games (MHG) - As summer quickly approaches, planning and preparations for the 6th Annual Margaree Highland Games (MHG) are well underway! The MHG Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank the church community, the Margaree community at large, and the many volunteers and sponsors who work and donate so selflessly to make this event a success year after year. In accordance to The MHG bylaws, profits of \$8,417.60 from 2016 have been placed in a savings account for projected repairs needed at St. Michael's Hall. This savings account will be for hall repairs only and will continue to be added to until enough money has been secured to complete the necessary repairs at the church hall. In anticipation of another exciting weekend of faith, fun, family, and friends, we look forward to seeing you on the field "rain or shine" August 12 & 13, 2017!

Inverness County Singers Spring Concert - Please join us for "A tribute to The Beatles" a spring concert by the Inverness County Singers and the Young County Singers, directed by Laurel Browne with piano accompaniment by Lawrence Cameron. The last performance will be on Monday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Inverness County Centre for the Arts. Freewill donations go to local charities after expenses.

The Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council 13734 are sponsoring a fundraising dinner to assist the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Date: Mother's Day, May 14, 2017, Time: 12 – 2 p.m., Roast Pork Dinner, Dessert/Tea/Coffee, Adult: \$15.00 Children: \$4.00 at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Upcoming Women's Cursillo - Applications are already being sent in for the Women's Cursillo this upcoming November at St Joseph Renewal Centre, Mabou. A Cursillo is defined as a short course in Christianity. The (new) fee is \$100 for this 3-day retreat. Anyone who has already made a Cursillo or a Challenge can sponsor you.

Variety Concert & Bake Sale – There will be a Variety Concert & Bake Sale at St. Joseph Renewal Centre on Sun., May 14 beginning at 7 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Renewal Centre. Come join us in some music and laughter!

Mother's Day Dessert Theatre Fundraiser - Please join us at Mill Road Social Enterprises as we present our Mother's Day Dessert Theatre Fundraiser on May 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 20 Mill Road, Inverness. Tickets are available by calling 258-3316, \$25 each. A wonderful way to celebrate Mothers!

East Margaree Seniors' Club Meeting - The East Margaree Seniors' Club will meet on Wednesday May 17 at 1:30. Guest speaker will be an RCMP officer from Cheticamp. Topic of discussion will be safe driving for seniors. All are welcome.

ICMH Auxiliary Spring Fling will be held on Fri., May 26 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.

Margaree Kinette Club Spring Variety Concert – Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall; Local talent; Admission: Adults \$7, Students \$3, preschoolers free; All proceeds are going to our Relay For Life team "Kin"dred Spirits.

The Belle Cote & Area Community Centre will hold its annual meeting on May 17 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Le Choeur de Havre Concerts will take place on Tues., May 23 at St. Matthew's United Church, Inverness at 7:30 p.m.; May 25 at Wilson United Church, Margaree Centre at 7:30 p.m.; May 28 at Foyer Pere Fiset at 2 p.m. and Eglise St. Pierre, Cheticamp at 7:30 p.m.