

+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.

Easter Sunday – April 1, 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., Apr. 2 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Norman LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fortune

Tues., Apr. 3 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – John Ross req. by Bernadette Murphy

Wed., Apr. 4 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Martin Cameron req. by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Arsenault & Marie Bushor

Thurs., Apr. 5 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Tommie LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Gallant

Fri., Apr. 6 – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m. – William LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Donnie MacLellan

Sat., Apr. 7 – Margaree Manor – 10 a.m. – Carmella LeBlanc req. by Eva Murphy

Communion calls: St. Patrick's – Tues., April 3; St. Joseph's – Wed., Apr. 4 after Mass; St. Michael's – Fri., Apr. 6

Second Sunday of Easter – April 8, 2018

	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers
St. Joseph's	John & Laurie	Joan C.	Jeanette, Joan M., Karen
St. Michael's	Dennis & Bertha	Noah, Emilia	Hubert, Lisa, Claudia
St. Patrick's	Marlene Fortune	Lowell, Wilfridine	Shaun, Jackie, Cecile

Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tues., April 10 at St. Patrick's after Mass.

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Harry Timmons, Fr. Paul Abbass, Jim MacDonnell, Sharon Gillis, Tom Doyle, Judy MacIsaac, Bernadette LeBlanc, Betty Godreau, Leo Paul LeBlanc, Margaret Rose Fortune and Reggie Chiasson.

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 are extended to the families of Leo Paul LeBlanc (son of Willie Patrick) and Alexander MacIntyre, North Lake Ainslie.

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 Easter Season – Risen Lord, during this season of Easter, we pray for those who have responsibility in economic matters. May they have the courage to reject an economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths for the poor and marginalized.

Ministry News

Eucharistic Adoration in the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches: We will begin an hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week in our churches beginning with St. Patrick's on Tues., April 10 at 5:30 p.m. The next hour will be in St. Joseph's on Wed., April 18, and the third will be at St. Michael's on Fri., April 27.

Inverness North Zone Planning Committee Communication #2 – Check the back page of this bulletin for the second communication from the Inverness North Zone Planning Committee.

Small Faith Communities' Initiative – The next meeting will take place in St. Michael's Hall on Apr. 12 at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

Ministry Lists are available on the website: 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.

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.

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 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! 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.

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St. Michael's CWL is encouraging parishioners to donate non-perishables (dry and canned goods that are not fresh.) Only dry goods should be donated. Check the "best before" date!

St. Michael's CWL - The April meeting of St. Michael CWL will be held on Wed., April 4 at St. Michael's Hall at 1:30 pm. Happy Easter!!

St. Patrick's CWL - The April meeting of St. Patrick's CWL will be held on Wed., April 11 at St. Patrick's Hall at 7:15 p.m. Happy Easter!!

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.

Knights of Columbus Brunch - Sunday, April 8 at St. Michael's Parish Hall from 11:45--1:30, sponsored by Fr. Robert F Wicks Memorial Council # 9936 Knights of Columbus, Eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, toast, tea or coffee. Adults: \$10; Children: \$6 ALL WELCOME.

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

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 or phone [902 248 2951](tel:9022482951). 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 be 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. `

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, or call [902 314 8541](tel:9023148541), or Father Charlie. [902 8634373](tel:9028634373)

Crib Game at St. Patrick's Hall, N.E. Margaree on Fri., April 6 at 7 p.m. Winners will go on to play in Scotsville in the County Tournament. Everyone is welcome. Bring a partner.

The winner of the spring basket for the New Horizons Seniors Club was Yvonne Helliwell of Cheticamp. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser.

South West Seniors Club - The South West Margaree Senior Citizens Club weekly card games will be starting again Monday April 2, 2018 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to come to play 45. As well, come and see our newly updated hall. The next meeting will be held on April 11 at 2 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend

Happy Easter to all!

Communication #2 to the Parishioners of Inverness North –April 2018

We, the members of the Inverness North Zone Planning Committee, have been working diligently over the past year to “do something new” to provide for the pastoral needs of the parishioners in Inverness North.

Who are we? We are members of the seven parishes from Inverness to Cheticamp including the parish priests Fr. Macdonald Ibeh, Fr. Peter LeBlanc and Fr. Dan MacDonald.

- Stella Maris, Inverness – Donna Doucet, Matt Ferguson, Eddie MacEachern; St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove – Marcella Doucet, Clare MacQuarrie
- St. Joseph's, S.W. Margaree – Rosita Gillis; St. Michael's, Margaree – Audrey LeBlanc, Sandy LeFloch; St. Patrick's, N.E. Margaree – Cecile Miller
- St. Joseph's, St. Joseph du Moine – Leandre LeBlanc, Lucille LeLievre; St. Peter's Cheticamp – Neil Poirier, Ashley Roach-Poirier

What? We have been meeting every second Saturday since our last communication, with the support of Bishop Brian Dunn and Diocesan Liaison Debbie Aker, working towards developing a structure for the new Pastoral Zone for Inverness North.

Why? Again, our purpose is not to close churches but to provide for the pastoral needs of the parishioners in the Zone into the future with the realization that there could be a shortage of priests.

What has happened since our last communication?

We have had an ongoing relationship with Bishop Dunn and have met with him twice.

A meeting was held at St. Michael's Parish Hall on January 20, 2018 with the Planning Committee for the Zone, Diocesan Financial Manager Cathy Farrow and members of all the finance committees of the seven parishes. Possible scenarios regarding finances for expenses "in common" were presented and discussed.

Following that meeting, we came to the realization that we cannot afford a common office, and it was decided that we would delay the opening of an office in Margaree this year. Our parishes do not have the funds to pay for a full-time administrative assistant/book keeper and part-time finance officer while continuing to meet our regular parish expenses.

We will be going forward with the appointment of a team for the Zone which will be announced in June. The Job Posting for Ecclesial Ministers has been posted in parish bulletins, the Antigonish Diocesan website, the Oran and Le Courier.

You will notice that we are including the weekend Mass schedule of Masses for all churches in the Zone in our bulletins. We will be announcing events taking place throughout the Zone, and we encourage you to support them.

We will be having a mission for all parishioners in our Zone with Fr. Bill Burke from Sunday, Sept. 16 to Tuesday, Sept. 18.

We are also looking for suggestions for a name for our Zone. If you would like to suggest one, contact any member of the Planning Committee on or before May 15.

We ask for your continued prayers.