

+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 Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) – April 22, 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. 23 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Wilfred Delaney req. by Margaret LeBlanc

Tues., Apr. 24 – St. Patrick's - 6:30 p.m. – Sean McDaniel req. by Bell Murphy

Wed., Apr. 25 – St. Joseph's –; 6:30 p.m. – Jessie Walker req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Gillis

Thurs., Apr. 26 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – for CWL members and their intentions – **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel**

Fri., Apr. 27 – St. Michael's – **5:30 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration**; 6:30 p.m. – Zabine LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Arsenault

Sat., Apr. 28 – NO WEEKDAY MASS – Zone Planning Committee Meeting

Communion calls:

Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 29, 2018

	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers
St. Joseph's	Kay & Joan	Sophie	Jannette, Joan M., Karen
St. Michael's	Hughie & Effie	Jessie M., Cyril	Jeanette, Wilfredine, Pauline
St. Patrick's	Tom & Helen G.	Barbara, Lowell	Allen, Mose, Mary L.

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, Margaret Rose Fortune, Reggie Chiasson, Fr. Martin MacDougall and Mary Fleck.

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 Robbie Chiasson, Leo Paul LeBlanc and Leonard Smith Millar (father of Pat LeBlanc).

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.

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

Annual Meeting Schedule

St. Michael's – Sun., Apr. 22 - 2 p.m.; St. Patrick's – Apr. 22 - 7 p.m.; St. Joseph's – Sat., Apr. 28 after Mass

Meetings

The Bereavement Committee will meet on Wed., April 25 in St. Joseph's vestry following Mass.

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., April 27. 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.

Small Faith Communities' Initiative – The next meeting will take place in St. Michael's Hall on Apr. 26 at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care – May 6 – 12, 2018 is National Hospice Palliative Care Week. The theme this year is, "Towards a more compassionate Canada, Eh?" This year, St. Patrick's will again host the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care in St. Patrick's Church beginning at 6 a.m. on Monday, May 7. A sign-up sheet has been placed at the entrance of each Church. Everyone is encouraged to come and pray that palliative care will be available to all people in Canada.

Mass Schedule – Parishioners are asked to vote (once only, please) for the time they would like to have Mass in their parish starting **May 1, 2018**. The options are: Saturday – 6 p.m.; Sunday – 9:30 a.m.; Sunday – 11 a.m. St. Joseph's will keep the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday during the winter. This may necessitate a 4-month rotation among the three parishes rather than the 6-month rotation which we have now. Come to the Annual Meeting to have it explained.

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.

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.

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)

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.

Holy Hour for Life: Please plan on joining us on Sunday, May 6, at 2pm, when Holy Redeemer Parish, Whitney Pier, will host a Holy Hour for Life. During this Hour we will pray God that our society regain its reverence and respect for all human life at every stage, from the unborn to the elderly, to the sick and dying. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, scripture reading and homily, the Pro-Life Rosary will be led by our CWL members and we will end with Benediction. Please join us as we come before God in prayer.

CWL & K of C

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!

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

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.

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.

A Follow-up Session to the **Shaping the Future of our Margaree Communities** is planned for **Sunday, April 22** at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, N.E. Margaree at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend - whether you were part of the session on February 25 or not. Learn of our continuing plans to work in conjunction with CBU in a community-based research project to support the future directions of the Margarees. Contribute to the conversation. A project of the Margaree Area Development Association.

Annual Mabou and District Athletic Centre Live, Chinese Auction and Dinner at the Mabou Hall— Saturday, May 5th at Mabou Hall—catered by Mary Loretta Beaton. Item viewing will be at 6:15 and dinner and auction at 7:00. Tickets are \$25.00, available at Mabou Communications or by contacting Valarie MacLean at 945-2663, Jeff Beaton at 945-2506 or Linda MacDonell at 945-2685, sponsored by Mabou and District Athletic Centre.

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.