

+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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 24, 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., Sept. 25 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Mary E. LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc

Tues., Sept. 26 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – John Dan Gillis req. by Mr. & Mrs. John MacKinnon

Wed., Sept. 27 -St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Loretta Ross req. by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Godreau

Thurs., Sept. 28 – St. Michael's -10 a.m.- Theresa MacPhail-Mosher req. by Mr. & Mrs. David Timmons

Fri., Sept. 29– St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Johnny MacLellan req. by Donna Gillis

Sat., Sept. 30 – NO WEEKDAY MASS

Communion calls: St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's on first Wednesday and St. Michael's on first Friday of the month

Confessions: available before Mass

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 1, 2017

Church	Greeters/gift bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
St. Joseph's	Betty MacFarlane	Laurie	Bill, Marie, Lawrence
St. Michael's	Mathilda	Noah, Yvon	Therese, Archie, Art
St. Patrick's	Allen, Amanda	Laura, Ethna	Cecile, Shaun, Brooks

MEETINGS

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Dora Carignan, Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Hazel Rhindress (great granddaughter of Tommy & Helen Timmons), Jeanette Crane, Geraldine MacLellan, Hughie MacKenzie, Lionel Cormier, Fr. Paul Abbass, Lorette MacGillivray, John Daniel LeBlanc, Jr., Hugh Allan Chisholm, Viola MacNeil, Tommy Burns, Eunice McGuigan (daughter of Jeanette MacIntyre), Judy MacIsaac, Allen Ross and Gerry Deveau..

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 family and friends of Fr. Clair Richard.

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 September: Lord Jesus, we ask your abundant blessing on our parishes. May they be sanctuaries where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Ministry News

Margaree Family of Catholic Churches Parish Pastoral Council needs new members. There are two vacancies from St. Joseph's; one from St. Michael's and one from St. Patrick's. The Council is looking for nominations to fill these positions. Before submitting a nomination, please check to see if the person you wish to nominate is willing to let his/her name stand. Nominations must be in by October 8. Please submit them to Anne Marie, Cecile or Rosita or email to office@mfocc.ca.

Youth Choir - If you are interested in joining a youth choir, please contact Noah Doucette, 902-235-2038.

Inverary Manor Birthday Party for September will be hosted by St. Joseph's on Wed., Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. There will be music and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Calling All Youth - Youth Group for the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches, will be meeting on Sunday, September 24 in Mary's Room, Margaree from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Grades 7 to 12 are welcome to come join us. If you are not sure about joining the group, come out and meet with us this Sunday, just to check it out. No obligations! We look forward to meeting you.

A message from MFOCC Evangelization & Vocations Committee: A complimentary spaghetti dinner for all parishioners of MFOCC will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at St. Joseph's parish hall at 5 p.m. Please register for this dinner by calling Rosita at 248-2612, Therese at 248-2575 or Stella at 248-2748 by Monday, October 9, so we can be prepared. Our menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce OR spaghetti with meatless sauce, rolls and dessert. We cancelled our dinner in August because we didn't have anyone pre-register. We apologize for any confusion that may have occurred and we are excited to reschedule this dinner for all members of our parish community. Please contact one of us if you plan to attend. Thank you for your understanding.

St. Joseph's: Parishioners are needed for all ministries: altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and readers. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to serve.

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.

St. Michael's Church will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until the end of October.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Ministry - "Encountering God through Serving – People, Community and Environment" - This is our year to bring back activities and events for Youth of our Diocese. Parishioners are asked to support our Youth by contacting your Parish Priest and the Youth Office to see how you can help! Youth that are interested in joining in the fun while we journey in our faith can "like" us on facebook and keep updated on pending activities and events. email: youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca; facebook: Dioceseofantigonishyouth; 902-863-3335, ask for Cathy Walsh

We're Listening....Youth of the Diocese - Youth are invited to lend their voices to the upcoming Bishops Synod 2018: *Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment*. The survey can be found at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K2RBCH9>

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 Sept. 15) - \$225; Late (after Sept. 15) - \$275. Brochures with a registration form are available at the entrance of the three churches.

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!

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.

Other & Community News

St. Joseph's Fall Fair - The annual St. Joseph's Parish Fall Fair will be on Saturday October 7, **starting at 12 o'clock and ending at 2 p.m.! This time change is necessary due to a function held the previous day.** A newsletter has been sent out, hoping to reach as many of you as possible with all the details. We are looking for baked items, vegetables, preserves of all types, fudge, crafts and flea market items that are of good quality. There will be a BBQ, chili with biscuit, tea and coffee and apple crisp for sale! We will also be selling tickets on a cellophane dinner, draw for this will be at the Fair. **The Drop-off will be on Saturday morning only;** please come early with your items so we can set up as quick as possible. See you at the Fall Fair!!

Traditional Breakfast - St. Joseph's Parish Hall Committee is once again sponsoring a Traditional Breakfast during the week of Celtic Colours. The breakfast will be on Wednesday, October 11, starting at 8:30, over at 10. The breakfast will consist of: homemade white pudding, pork belly bacon, fried eggs, biscuits, tea and coffee, all for \$14.00 per plate. Have a great Celtic Colours week, and we hope to see you at the breakfast!

Attention Seniors: Come to the Renewal Centre and relax, enjoy a meal, a little entertainment and a guest speaker. This will take place on September 26 starting at 10:30 in the morning.

100 Women Who Care – New Chapter formed in rural Cape Breton - You may register online at <https://www.100womenruralcapebreton.com> or contact Mary Janet MacDonald at [902-870-6504](tel:902-870-6504) or Gail MacNeil at [902-577-3394](tel:902-577-3394) for more information.

The New Horizons Seniors Club in East Margaree will have their first meeting on Wednesday October 11 at 1:30. No meeting in September.

S.W. Margaree Seniors Card Game - Play will resume for the winter on September 25/17.

Return of the Vanishing Cape Breton Fiddler - A live revival with producer Ron MacInnis and on fiddle: Shelly Campbell, Donna-Marie DeWolfe and more! Wed., October 4 at 7:30 p.m. Advance Tickets: \$20 adult, \$10 youth, \$45/family; Phone: [902-945-5300](tel:902-945-5300); Online: www.strathspeyplace.com; In Person: Wednesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cursillistas and Challengers:

Cursillo Rally - The annual Cursillo Rally will take place at St. Joseph Renewal Centre on Sun., Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Ultreya: Cursillistas and Challengers are reminded of the ultreya which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 at St. Joseph Renewal Center in Mabou. The evening will begin with Liturgy of the Word at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Cape Breton Doors Open - Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia would like to thank St Patrick's for taking part in Cape Breton Doors Open on September 9 and 10. The warm welcome from the volunteers (Sheila Fortune, Lorraine Fraser, Bell Murphy and Angela Timmons) played a big part in the success of the event. As visitors, we learned that churches continue to be significant buildings in our rural communities. Thank you for sharing your stories and your building.

Under One Umbrella-Cape Breton Winter Wear Donations Request - Event Date: Nov. 4, 2017 (12 p.m-4 p.m.) Centre 200, Sydney; Under One Umbrella Cape Breton is a special event designed to give people, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, access to a wide range of health and other support services all under one roof in one day. Our goal is to provide easy access to services people may not otherwise have an opportunity to access. The range of services offered at this event could vary from foot care, dental screening, eye care, hearing, medical, mental health and addiction services, , housing, haircuts, legal information, food security information, winter clothing, a hot meal and more. Last year many churches gave donations of warm socks (new) which we included in our comfort kit (500 kits) and. **warm winter wear for all ages including mitts, gloves, winter hats, jackets, boots or other foot wear (winter boots are in high demand)). A total of 396 people (Men, Women & Children) were able to get winter wear. We will be collecting donated items beginning Sept 22st with an end date of Oct 20.** We hope your faith community will once again answer our call for help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, Eileen MacNeil, Coordinator Under One Umbrella at 902-371-0101 or Erin Forsey, Health Promotion Coordinator at 902-563-2410 or email underoneumbrella@nshealth.ca. We truly appreciate your help and thank you for your time and support.