

+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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 1, 2020

Fr. Macdonald is continuing to say private, weekday Masses and offering an intention for each. The intentions for the next two weeks are: Oct. 5 – John Archie MacKenzie req. by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Skinner; Oct. 9 – Tommy Burns – req. by John Angus LeBlanc; Oct. 10 – John Poupore req. by Christina & Marion Avery; Oct. 12 – Lorraine Aucoin req. by Linda Poupore; Oct. 16 – June Doucette req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc; Oct. 17 – Michael LeBlanc req. by Gus & Gertrude MacLennan. Besides these intentions, Fr. Macdonald prays for all health care workers in the whole world.

Masses are being offered in our three churches on the weekend: St. Patrick's – Sat., 6 p.m.; St. Joseph's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m. Please note: Parishioners need to call from Wednesday to Friday each week to reserve a seat for Mass: St. Joseph's – 902-248-2612; St. Michael's – 902-235-2944 and St. Patrick's – 902-248-2305.

Weekday Masses in Church – During the month of October, each Mass will be preceded by the recitation of the rosary and followed by confessions:

Tues., Oct. 6 – St. Patrick's – Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Joan Thompson req. by Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Bennett

Wed., Oct. 7 – St. Joseph's – Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Margaret MacLellan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen MacEachern

Thurs., Oct. 8 – St. Michael's – Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass – Nicky Tompkins req. by Marie Tompkins

Tues., Oct. 13 – St. Patrick's – Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Archie Murphy req. by Mr. & Mrs. Finlay Hart

Wed., Oct. 14 – St. Joseph's – Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Jeanette MacIntyre req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Gillis

Thurs., Oct. 15 - St. Michael's – Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass – Bernadette LeBlanc req. by Barbara LeBlanc

Prayer Corner: Phil Craig, Jackie Murphy, Marilyn and Joe Gledhill, Joan Burns, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Lynne Cameron, John Payne, Daniel Aucoin, Elaine (Murphy) Gillis, Bob LeBlanc and Jim MacFarlane. If there is someone who is sick and would like his/her name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the parish office.

Bulletin: We will continue with a bulletin every second week only. The next bulletin will be for the weekend of Oct. 17,18.

Condolences are extended to the families of Alice Cormier and Dennis Murphy.

Masses to watch: Mass on Sunday: Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at 10:30 a.m.; also available at later times. Also on Sunday – XFM broadcasts the Mass from St. Ninian Cathedral around 8:30 a.m.

Daily TV Mass is broadcast on VISION TV at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. each weekday. If you are not available at those times, you can find the Mass on You tube. Daily Mass live from St. Mary's Basilica weekdays (Monday to Friday) at 12:15 p.m. (Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth)

There are other Masses also available on You tube. Here is a prayer to say for a Spiritual Communion when you are watching the Mass:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pray the Rosary: October each year is set aside as a time for special devotion to Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary each day as well as participate in the Rosary before each weekday Mass.

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, 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.

A plea for your collection envelopes: Even though the Churches are opened, we realize that some people have not returned as yet. We ask that you continue to send your contribution. For St. Joseph's: You can send your envelopes by mail to St. Joseph's Parish, Box 1C, S.W. Margaree, NS B0E 3H0
For St. Michael's: You can send your contribution by mail to St. Michael's Parish, 1181 East Margaree Rd., Margaree, NS B0E 1Y0 Drop it in the slot, **OR** by E-transfer (which is the better way if you have access). Send your E-transfer to paula.cormier@creditunion.ca. Paula's phone number is 902-235-2095.
For St. Patrick's: You can send your contribution by mail to St. Patrick's Parish, N.E. Margaree, NS B0E 2H0 **OR** by E-transfer. Send your E-transfer to ccl.mllr@gmail.com. Cecile's phone number is 902-248-2305. If you prefer, you can make one payment per month rather than weekly payments.
Thank you from the Pastor's desk: Thank you to all who continue to support the Church. We want to recognize you and let you know we appreciate your support. Please continue.

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.

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' Intention for October - The Laity's Mission in the Church - We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

From the Pastor's Desk – I want to encourage parishioners, who because of the pandemic were unable to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter, to avail themselves of the Sacrament now that our Churches are open. I will be hearing confessions after every weekday Mass, so everyone will have a chance to receive this Sacrament. Masses during the week are as follows: Tuesdays – St. Patrick's at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays – St. Joseph's at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays – St. Michael's at 10 a.m. – Fr. Macdonald

A Message from Bishop Kirkpatrick: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions faced by our churches, several Special Collections have been affected. The Special Collections for Development and Peace and Collection for Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence) are now rescheduled for the fall. The collection for Development & Peace

Development & Peace Appeal - Development & Peace is appealing for donations to support efforts to help the people of Lebanon. Donations may be made at devp.org or by mail by making a cheque out to Development & Peace and mailing it to: Development & Peace, 1425 Rene Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC H3G 1T7.

CWL NEWS

Re-watch the Summer Speaker Series Webinars! - If you missed the series of talks or wish to re-watch them, go to the CWL website cwl.ca and scroll down to “Summer Speaker Series” and click to hear the talks. The series will be stored under “To inform: Videos” for future reference.

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Thank you – Thank you to everybody especially Fr. Macdonald for all the prayers and get well cards from the Margarees and surrounding areas. Your support was very much appreciated. – Rose Burns

Adult Upgrading Classes - Adult upgrading classes (including preparation for writing the G.E.D. exam) are being offered throughout Inverness County from Oct. to May, 2020/21. Classes are free. Basic computer skills instruction will be available in your community depending on interest. COVID-19 protocols are in place for your safety. If you would like more information, please call Shirley Miller at 248-2960, Jesslyn Timmons at 258-2752, daily 258-3110, or toll free at 1-877-258-5550. Sponsored by Inverness County Literacy Council

A suggestion for the weeks ahead: October is one of two months dedicated to Mary. Plan to take some time praying the Rosary or the Angelus each day. Pray and ask Mary to intercede for those affected or afflicted by COVID-19 and for success in finding a vaccine.