

+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 – April 29, 2018

Masses for next weekend: St. Patrick's – 6 p.m. on Saturday; St. Joseph'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. 29 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Dora Carignan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harold McLean

Tues., May 1 – St. Joseph's - 6:30 p.m. – Perry Smolenaars req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gillis

Wed., May 2 – St. Patrick's – **5:30 Adoration**; 6:30 p.m. – Gordon Dickey req. by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Ross & Amanda

Thurs., May 3 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Mary Julia Poirier req. by Kempton Poirier

Fri., May 4 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Donald Tompkins req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bennett

Sat., May 5 – Margaree Manor – 10 a.m. - Beatrice Delaney req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc

Communion calls: St. Joseph's after Mass, Tues., May 1; St. Patrick's, Wed., May 2 starting at 10:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Fri., May 4 starting at 10 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 6, 2018

	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers
St. Joseph's	Christina & Sophie	Jesslyn	Marie, Lawrence, Bill
St. Michael's	John & Linda	Adele, Mary H.	Adam, Lisa, Hubert
St. Patrick's	Kay Hannigan	Wilfridine, Ethna	Brooks, Shaun, Jackie

Meeting

The Catechesis and Youth Committee will meet on Wed., May 2 at 7:15 p.m. in Mary's Room.

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Harry Timmons, Fr. Paul Abbass, Sharon Gillis, Tom Doyle, Judy MacIsaac, Bernadette LeBlanc, Margaret Rose Fortune, 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 Dougald MacFarlane and Roseann Proctor..

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

From the Pastor's desk: - The month of May is a month of special devotion to Mary. We will say the Rosary one half hour before each weekday Mass and also before Sunday Masses. This is an invitation for us to pray as a community.

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. Patrick's on Wed., May 2 at 5:30 p.m. 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.

Mass Times: Beginning next weekend, May 5 & 6, the Mass schedule will be: St. Patrick's – 6 p.m. on Saturday; St. Joseph's – 9:30 a.m. and St. Michael's – 11 a.m. on Sundays. The result of the vote at St. Michael's was: Sunday Mass – 42; Saturday Mass – 15.

From the Bereavement Committee – The lay bereavement team may be called to offer prayers for the deceased. Each of our three faith communities has a local bereavement contact person to call: **St. Joseph's - Marie MacNeil: 902-248-2881; St. Michael's - Anne Marie Leblanc: 902-235-2347, St. Patrick's - Lorraine Fraser: 902 - 248-2397.** They will contact the priest.

Small Faith Communities' Initiative – The next meeting will take place in St. Michael's Hall on May 10 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. There will be a presentation on Palliative Care in St. Patrick's Hall at 7 p.m. by Lori Ann MacDonald. A goodwill offering will be taken up for Central Inverness Palliative Care. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

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.

Cemetery Clean-up - Parishioners of St. Patrick's are asked to come to clean up the cemetery on Sat., May 26 beginning at 8 a.m.

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.

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.

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!

The May meeting of St. Michael's CWL will be held on Wed., May 2 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall. See you there!

Bake Sale - On Sunday, May 20, St. Michael's CWL will be having a BAKE SALE at St. Michael's Parish Hall after Sunday Mass. Donations of baked goods will be gladly accepted. For further information or to drop off baked goods, please contact Lisa McLean at 902-235-2231. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Patrick's CWL – The executive meeting will take place at Cecile's on Mon., Apr. 30 at 7 p.m.

Members will go bowling in Sydney Mines on Sun., May 6. They will be looking for pledges from fellow parishioners and friends. All money raised will go to the Sydney Cancer Care Fund.

The monthly meeting will be held on Wed., May 9 following Mass.

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.

K of C - The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council # 9936 Father Robert F Wicks Memorial will be on May 3. There will be a 1st Degree Ceremony at 7:30 before the meeting. Also Bonanza Tickets and cash are due back .

K of C 4th Degree –Msgr. Donald MacPherson Assembly 2997 Mabou will hold its regular monthly meeting at the K of C Rooms in Port Hawkesbury on Sunday, May 6, starting at 2 :30 p.m. Please make an extra effort to attend. Paul P. Boudreau, Faithful Navigator

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

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes - Sunday, May 6 at St Michael's Parish Hall 11:45-1:30 or food runs out; adults \$10; children - \$6; Everyone welcome; sponsored by Father Robert F. Wicks Memorial Council # 9936 Knights of Columbus .

50th Anniversary Celebration – I remember fondly the five years I was with you. I want you to know I am thinking of you at this special time. Know that you are welcome to my 50th Celebration, May 19, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney at 6 p.m. for Eucharist followed by a reception and entertainment in the hall downstairs. – Fr. Bedford Doucette

70th Anniversary Celebration - The family of Father Fred Morley invites you to join them on Saturday, May 19 to acknowledge the 70th anniversary of Father Morley's ordination to the priesthood. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, East Bay, followed by a reception at the East Bay Fire Hall. Best wishes only.

Margaree Daffodil Campaign - Thanks to wonderful support from all the Margaree communities, a total of \$3136 was raised this spring for cancer research. A special thank you to the canvassers who helped with the daffodil campaign – Mary, Sandra, John, Lisette, Christena, Marg, Delina, Brenda, Debbie, Shawna, Angie,

Eddie, Joanne and Bernice.

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.

Annual Meeting of Belle Cote and Area Community Centre will be held at the Centre on Wed., May 16 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Happy Easter Season to all!