

+Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

St. Joseph's St. Michael's/St-Michel St. Patrick's

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Statement: Open to God. Open to Others. Open to Transformation.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jan. 24, 2021

Masses are being offered in our three churches on the weekend: St. Joseph's – Sat., 4 p.m.; St. Patrick'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.

Condolences are extended to the families of: Trina Cormier, daughter of Bernie Cormier,, and James (Jimmy) Dorton, brother of Hughie Dorton.

Prayer Corner: Phil Craig, Jackie Murphy, Marilyn & Joe Gledhill, Joan Burns, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Lynne Cameron, Elaine (Murphy) Gillis, Jim MacFarlane, Leroy LeFort, Bernice Munro. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

Weekday Masses: There will be no weekday Masses.

Mass on Sunday: Mass for Shut-ins airs on Sundays on CTV at 11:30 a.m.

Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at 10:30 a.m.; Masses, Monday to Friday, 12:15 p.m. **Also on Sunday** – XFM broadcasts the Mass from St. Ninian Cathedral around 8:30 a.m. **Other Masses in the Inverness Deanery:** Check on the Antigonish Diocesan website (dioceseofantigonish.ca) for other live-streamed Masses on Sundays.

Daily TV Mass is broadcast on VISION TV at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday, the Daily TV Mass is broadcast at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 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.

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@credit.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 902-2482305. 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.

Bulletin – This bulletin is for two weeks. The next bulletin will be for the weekend of Feb. 6,7.

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 January – Evangelization: *Human fraternity* – May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Pope Francis' Intention for February - Violence Against Women - We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

MINISTRY NEWS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends January 25. Continue to pray for Pope Francis' intention for January, for Church unity.

Year of St. Joseph - Pope Francis has declared a Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. Here is a prayer to say during the year.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Apostolic Letter for the Year of St. Joseph – Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*. It can be downloaded from the Vatican website: vatican.va

FORMED – We have purchased the online platform FORMED, and it is available to all parishioners, free of charge, simply by signing in. Here's how to sign in: There are three easy steps: 1) Go to formed.org/signup. 2) Enter St. Michael's Parish; then click on 1181 East Margaree Rd. 3) Enter your name and email. You are signed in!

FORMED – Every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. watch *The Augustine Institute Show* hosted by Dr. Tim Gray. It is a half hour show with a special guest each week. "It will engage and encourage you to a deeper level of trust and growth in your Catholic faith." On Tuesday, Jan. 26, Eric Windeler, one of the founders of "The Jack Project" will be the guest to discuss how this project focuses on helping young people struggling with mental health issues and suicide prevention. The project is named after Eric's son who committed suicide at the age of eighteen. Before he died, he wrote a letter to his parents asking them to help others.

New on FORMED - *The Sanctuary Course*, exploring the intersection of faith and mental health has been recently added. There are eight sessions with each one featuring someone with a lived experience and

commentary by therapists, clergy, bishops and clinicians. The topics include: mental illness, stigma, self-care, recovery and support of the community. Its purpose is for education.

Also on FORMED - Check out information on the Year of St. Joseph. Click on SEARCH and type in the topic you would like to learn more about.

Thank you – Thank you to all who contributed hand sanitizer, other cleaning supplies and masks to St. Michael's. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CWL & K of C NEWS

St. Patrick's CWL - Sheila is now collecting dues (\$22.) for 2021.

St. Michael's CWL - Dues for 2021 (\$22) may be paid to Anne LeBlanc (902-235-2064) or Mary Hilda MacIsaac (902-235-2944). If you prefer, you may put your dues in a CWL addressed envelope and place in the Sunday collection until Jan. 31, 2021.

Reflections on hope during the pandemic:

Hope is not a feeling or emotion, but a conviction that comes from knowing that we are loved by God. -Msgr. Geno Sylva

Ultimate hope is accepting what is beyond our control and believing that God will use the circumstances of our lives to help us grow in holiness. – Fr. J. Michael Sprough

If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the Church door, you will not find him in the chalice.
– St. John Chryostom

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

The official prayer of the Year of St. Joseph was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical *Quamquam Pluries*. The Holy Father asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary especially during October, the month of the Rosary.



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.