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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, April 25, 2021

Masses are being offered in our three churches on the weekend at the following times beginning the weekend of May 1, 2: 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.**

Condolences are extended to the families of Eugene Arsenault, brother of Mathilde; Joe Gledhill and Kay Stedman, mother of Mary MacNeil.

Prayer Corner: Phil Craig, Jackie Murphy, Marilyn Gledhill, Joan Burns, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Lynne Cameron, Elaine (Murphy) Gillis, Jim MacFarlane, Leroy LeFort, Bernice Munro, Wilfred Aucoin, Antonietta Borsato, Gerry Deveau, Betty Ross, Theresa LeBlanc, Emily Poirier, Aaron MacLennan and Sophie Gracie. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

Weekday Masses: Please note that, starting in May, the weekday Masses at St. Patrick's will be on Tuesdays and St. Joseph's on Wednesdays.

Fr. Macdonald will continue to say private Masses on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. The intentions for these Masses are: Apr. 26 – Peter Sheehan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Burns; Apr. 30 – John Poupore req. by Mr. & Mrs. Emile LeBlanc; May 1 – Evelyn Hickman req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy MacIsaac & family; May 3 – Viola MacNeil req. by Mr. & Mrs. Hughie Dunn and Carolyn; May 7 – Robbie Chiasson req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. Simon LeBlanc; May 8 – Dougald MacFarlane req. by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Gillis.

Tues., Apr. 27 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Mary C. MacKinnon req. by Mr. & Mrs. Peter MacFarlane

Wed., Apr. 28 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Catherine McDaniel req. by Jessie Tompkins

Thurs., Apr. 29 – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m. – John A. MacKenzie req. by Louis, Debbie & Marie Bushor

Tues., May 4 – St. Patrick's – Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Henry Googoo req. by Sadie Stockley & family

Wed., May 5 – St. Joseph's – Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Theresa Gillis req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence MacLellan

Thurs., May 6 – St. Michael's – Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Thomas & Mary Lucy LeBlanc req. by Cecilia LeBlanc

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: www.antigonishdiocese.com 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 Youtube. 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.

Thank you for your contribution to your parish. Our parishes are doing well, and we ask you to continue to support your parish. For those who have not returned as yet, we ask that you send your contributions to your parish. 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.mlr@gmail.com. Cecile's phone number is 902-2482305. If you prefer, you can make one payment per month rather than weekly payments.

Bulletin – The next bulletin will be for the weekend of May 8, 9.

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 April – O God, during this time when we recall your Son's resurrection, we pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Pope Francis' Intention for May – *The world of finance* – Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

MINISTRY NEWS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25 this year, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead His people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people. – ORDO

Prayer for Family Vocation Spirit – Heavenly Father, in the example of the Holy Family, you teach us how to live as a loving family. From Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we learn that you have given each of us a special place in your plans for the world. Each of us has a call – a vocation – to be holy as a married or single lay person, or as a priest, a deacon, or a religious brother or sister. Make us a kind and understanding family so that we will help one another discover his or her vocation and follow it faithfully. With Mary and Joseph, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

International Workers' Day – May 1 is celebrated in many countries as International Workers' Day. It is also the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. This day can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation. (adapted from the ORDO)

Webmaster for MFOCC – The webmaster for our Margaree Family of Catholic Churches website wants to retire, so we are looking for someone to volunteer to monitor it for us. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, contact Cecile at ccl.mlr@gmail.com.

Easter Season – The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them “the great Sunday”. Christians sing the “Alleluia” during these days in their rejoicing. (*GNLY*, no. 22)

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 – 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.”

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.

Also on FORMED – Check out programs for the Easter Season.

CWL NEWS

99th Antigonish Diocesan Council Annual Meeting of Members will be held electronically on Sat., June 19, 2021. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is May 28. More information will follow.

Our Lady of Good Counsel – Mon., April 26 is the memorial of Our Lady of Good Counsel, patroness of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Let us remember all our sisters in the League and pray in a special way to Our Lady for all those who will be elected to leadership roles during this uncertain time.

COMMUNITY & OTHER

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine Gift Shop Opening - We look forward to opening the gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine on Saturday, May 1. Hours will be from 1 to 4 p.m. daily. From Saturday, May 22 the hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter There is public health protocol in place in both the Shrine and the gift shop. If you have any inquiries, please call 902-945-2221.

Thank you – Thank you to all who have helped us during this difficult time. We appreciate the visits, calls, food and other helpful gestures from the parish and community. Your kindness will not be forgotten. - Laird & Marg Burton

“I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep, and my own know me.”
– John 10.14

HAPPY EASTER SEASON!