

# +Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

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

## Feast of the Epiphany – Jan. 7, 2018

**Masses for next weekend: St. Joseph's – 4 p.m. on Saturday; St. Patrick's – 9:30 a.m. and St. Michael's – 11 a.m. on Sunday**

### **Weekday Masses:**

**Mon., Jan. 8 – Baptism of the Lord -Mary's Room – 10 a.m. – Angie LeBlanc req. by Paulette LeBlanc**

**Tues., Jan. 9 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Theresa Gillis req. by Billy Carroll**

**Wed., Jan. 10 - St. Patrick's – at Cecile's place at 3 p.m. – Donald Tompkins req. by Mary Lee Fraser**

**Thurs., Jan. 11 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Theresa MacPhail-Mosher req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Cormier**

**Fri., Jan. 12– Mary's Room – 6:30 p.m. – Rose LeBlanc req. by Lorraine LeBlanc**

**Sat., Jan. 13 – Margaree Manor – 10 a.m. – Helene C. LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gussie Chiasson**

**Communion calls: St. Joseph's – Tues., Jan. 9 after Mass; St. Patrick's – Wed., Jan. 10 in the morning**

**Confessions Penance Celebration – any time before weekday Mass**

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 14, 2018

<u>Church</u>	<u>Greeters/gift bearers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>
St. Joseph's	Jannette Gillis	Norman	Bill, Joan C., Cathy
St. Michael's	Gerard & Barbara	Lawrence, Emma	Mary H., Wilfredine, Pauline
St. Patrick's	Pauline Ross	Campbell, Carmel	Mose, Jackie, Allen

## MEETINGS

**Prayer Corner:** Please pray for healing for Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Harry Timmons, Fr. Vern Boutilier, Agnes Blanchard and Jim MacDonnell.

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](mailto:office@mfocc.ca).

**Condolences are extended** to the family of Sandy MacDonald.

**Bulletin announcements** may be emailed to [bulletins@mfocc.ca](mailto:bulletins@mfocc.ca) no later than 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**NB:** The bulletin next week (January 14) will be the last bulletin until February 11. If you have any announcements for that period of time, please forward them by 8:30 on Wed., Jan. 10.

## 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 January, 2018** – Dear Heavenly Father, as we begin a new year, we lift up to you Christians and other religious minorities. May they be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

## Ministry News

**A note from Fr. Macdonald:** I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the parishioners of the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches (both as individuals and as a group) for your generosity and kind Christmas wishes to me. I really appreciate and pray God to bless all of you. I will travel to Nigeria on Mon., the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January for my one month vacation. I will return on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. I pray God to grant me a safe trip

and to keep all of us in good health. I will surely miss you all, but I will not miss the snow and snowstorms! Thanks. Fr. Alex MacLellan will be filling in for me.

**Attention, All Parishioners!** Mark your calendars for this important MFOCC event!

- **What?** An intergenerational (all ages) session
- **When?** Mon., Jan. 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Where?** St. Michael's Hall
- **Who should come?** Everyone – all students in grades 1 to 8 and any who were not confirmed; parents, grandparents and other parishioners. Come and bring the students!
- **What will take place?** Educational and fun activities, **registration for religious education** plus refreshments including ice cream sundaes!  
Everyone in the parish shares the responsibility of passing on the faith!

**Small Faith Communities' Initiative** – The next meeting will take place in St. Michael's Hall on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

**Family Life Ministry of Diocese of Antigonish Parenting Tip** : The New Year is a time for all of us to reflect on the past and see if positive changes are needed in our lives. Are there changes you would like to see in your family - more time spent together, a greater number of meals shared as a family, increased sharing of events in each others' lives, or an increase in peaceful family time? Discuss what changes each family member would like to see and then write out an action plan - a how to, so you will accomplish one or two of your goals. Your children will learn how to set goals and action plans, while all of you will benefit from positive changes that will strengthen your relationship as a family Used with permission re Family Ministry Office of Diocese of Hamilton

**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.

**Notice from the Inverness North Pastoral Planning Zone Committee** - The committee has been meeting and working diligently on stage 1 of the implementation of the zone for Inverness North. This stage 1 will be implemented June 2018. A meeting will be held with all finance committees on January 20, 2018. An information meeting for all parishioners will be held at a later date.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **MFOCC Youth Group Announcements:**

MFOCC Youth Group has placed a prayer box, along with paper and pencils, at the entrance of the church. We invite you to write down any intention you would like the youth group to pray for (sickness, financial, peace, frame of minds, worries you may have etc.) Every Sunday evening at the youth group meeting, the youth will spend time praying for these intentions. Thank you!

Also, if anyone needs help that you think the youth group could help you with, please contact the following people to discuss your request; Audrey LeBlanc [902-235-2626](tel:902-235-2626) or Elaine LeBlanc [902-224-0152](tel:902-224-0152). Thanks

**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](mailto: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>

**Marriages CAN go the distance**, and the annual recognition of Canada's Longest Married Couple proves it. Nominate your loved ones by submitting the names of husband & wife, wedding date, current home address and the contact info of the person submitting the nomination to: Ernesto and Analillian Ayala 113-7471 Blundel Rd, Richmond, BC, V6Y-1J6, or [canada@wwme.org](mailto:canada@wwme.org), or [604-337-5845](tel:604-337-5845) Deadline Feb 28, 2018. All nominations will be recognized.

## **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.

**St. Michael's CWL** –. Our next meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

## **Other & Community Events**

**Used Stamps** – Please save the stamps from any envelopes you receive and give them to any member of the CWL from St. Michael's or St. Patrick's. Please leave 1/8 of an inch around the stamp!

**S.W. Margaree Seniors Card Game** - Mondays at 7 p.m.

**S. W. Margaree Seniors** – The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2018.

**Free Instruction** - Adult upgrading classes and GED exam prep. are being offered throughout Inverness County from Oct./2017 to June/2018. Basic computer skills instruction can provided in your community depending on interest. If you would like more information, please call Shirley Miller at 248-2960, Jesslyn Timmons at 258-2752, daily at the Literacy Office 258-3110, or toll free at [1-877-258-5550](tel:1-877-258-5550). Sponsored by Inverness County Literacy Council.