

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2017

Masses for next weekend: St. Patrick's – 6 p.m. Saturday; St. Joseph's – 9:30 a.m. and St. Michael's – 11 a.m. on Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Mon., May 8 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Mary J. Mackinnon req. by Don MacCallum

Tues., May 9 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Florence MacLellan req. by Alison Gillis

Wed., May 10 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Bernie Crane req. by Jessie Tompkins

Thurs., May 11 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – William LeBlanc req. by Bell Murphy

Fri., May 12 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Jeanette MacKinnon req. by Mr. & Mrs. Donnie MacLellan

Sat., May 13 – NO MASS

Communion calls:

Confessions: available before Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2017

Church	Greeters/gift bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
St. Joseph's	Chisholm, Colyn & boys	Jesslyn	Rosita, Joan C. Cathy
St. Michael's	Lucille	Emilia, Barbara	Therese, Archie, Art
St. Patrick's	Kay Hannigan	Barbara, Shaun	Allen, Cecile, Brooks

Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: after 6:30 Mass at St. Joseph's – May 9 – in the vestry.

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Dora Carignan, Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Hazel Rhindress (great granddaughter of Tommy & Helen Timmons), Rose Anne Chiasson, Jeanette Crane, Geraldine MacLellan, Mary Sutter, Harriett Aucoin, Annie Roach, Eva Murphy, Marie Helen LeBlanc, Hughie MacKenzie and Ernie LeBlanc.

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 family of Fr. Greg MacLeod.

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 the Easter Season: Risen Lord, during this Easter season, we lift to you our Christian brothers and sisters in Africa. In imitation of the merciful Jesus, may they be able to give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

Ministry News

Rosary at Margaree Manor – Since this is the month of May, the Rosary will be recited at the Margaree Manor from Monday to Saturday at 9 a.m. Everyone welcome.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. “The Fourth Sunday of Easter, 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.” – Liturgical Calendar 2016-2017

Prayer for Vocations - Heavenly Father, bless your Church, with an abundance of holy and dedicated priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son as that in him, with him and through him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Confirmation –Eight candidates will be confirmed by Bishop Brian Dunn on Tuesday, May 16 at Mass beginning at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick’s Church. Parishioners are invited to come and celebrate this joyous occasion with the candidates: Leah Burns, Lydia Fraser, Olivia Hart, Hannah MacIntosh, Garrett MacKinnon, Jessie MacKinnon, Broderick Murphy and James Shaw. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline - The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition also has set up a Compassionate Community Care Helpline for anyone seeking advice, help and support regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and all end-of-life treatment issues. 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.

Important Announcement for Inverness North Pastoral Zone: Applications for French and English Ecclesial Ministers for the Inverness North Pastoral Zone including the following churches: Stella Maris, Inverness; St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove; St. Joseph, S.W. Margaree; St. Patrick, N.E. Margaree; St. Michael, Margaree; St. Joseph, St. Joseph du Moine and St. Pierre, Cheticamp are being accepted until 12 noon, Friday, May 26, 2017. Application forms are available at each parish office (Inverness – 902-258-2462; Margaree, on Thursdays, 902-235-2435 and Cheticamp on Tuesdays 902-224-2064) or by contacting the people below. For further inquiries or for more information, contact: Clare MacQuarrie – 902-258-2961, ccmacquarrie@gmail.com; Cecile Miller – 902-248-2305, ccl.mllr@gmail.com or Neil Poirier at 902-224-0141, jnp16@hotmail.com

Videoconference: Eucharist and Mission - On May 13 our Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Antigonish will present our 4th Annual Liturgy videoconference with presenter Marilyn J. Sweet who will explore this theme and its implications for the living out of our faith. It will take place at the NSCC Campus, Port Hawkesbury from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$20. per participant; pre-registration required; phone 902-539-6188, ext. 237. Tea & coffee will be provided. Bring your own brown bag lunch.

Steubenville Atlantic - July seems a long way away, but we’re hard at work preparing for the Steubenville Atlantic conference on July 7-9, 2017. Steubenville Atlantic is the annual high school youth conference at Dalhousie University. This year’s conference theme is “Elevate.” Steubenville is a conference for high school students aged 14- 18. If you are interested in attending or sending someone to join us, or for more info, please email nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca or call at 1-902-539-6188 Ext. 241. Steubenville is an unforgettable experience; we hope that you’ll join us!

Atlantic Marian Gathering will take place in Halifax on June 2-4, 2017 at Mount St. Vincent University. The theme this year is “My Immaculate Heart will be Your Refuge”. It is promising to be a wonderful spirit-filled weekend with many graces and blessings. For more information, visit mariangatheringhalifax.com

2017Atlantic Catechetical Association Conference hosted by the Diocese of Antigonish will be held at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, Sydney, NS on Oct. 20-22, 2017. The theme is: The Spirituality of the Catechist – Growing in Faith. Registration Fees: Early (before May 15) - \$225; Late (after May 15) - \$275. Brochures with a registration form are available at the entrance of the three churches.

Are you interested in becoming a deacon? There will be a meeting of men aged 35-65 who are interested in the diaconate. This meeting will be held at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Port Hawkesbury on Saturday, May 20, starting at 11 a.m., having lunch together and then continuing till no later than 3 p.m. Some deacons, candidates and the director will be present to make presentations and to take inquiries about the Diocesan Diaconate Formation Program. If interested, you are asked to register (for meal purposes) with Fr. Bedford Doucette, 902-539-6188 ext. 235 or by email at bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Cemetery Clean-up will take place at **St. Patrick's on Sat., May 27** and at **St. Michael's on May 20 with a rain date of May 27**. All help will be greatly appreciated. With the arrival of spring, please remember that any items on or near headstones that intrude with lawn care will need to be removed. Please place flowers or items on headstone attachments made for these purposes or in pipes provided by the parishes. Thank you!

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St. Michael's CWL is encouraging parishioners to donate non-perishables for the Food Bank and place them in the box at the entrance of the Church.

St. Patrick's CWL The May meeting of St. Patrick's CWL will be held on Wed., May 10 following the 6:30 Mass. Hope to see you there!

Open House – You are invited to an open house at Cecile's home (6493 Cabot Trail) on Monday, May 8 from 2 – 4 p.m. to view our 100 "Little Dresses for Africa", most of which were made with donated material! Everyone welcome! Refreshments will be served.

St. Michael's CWL are still collecting used stamps. Please leave a 1/8" border around each stamp.

Scholarship Forms – The Knights of Columbus Fr. Robert Wicks' Scholarship forms are now available at the school for grade twelve graduates of MFOCC.

Other & Community News

South West Margaree Seniors - Card plays will continue on Mondays at 7 p.m.

Day Program at Foyer Père Fiset - The Day Program will be offered at Foyer Père Fiset to seniors from the the Cheticamp, St. Joseph du Moine and Margaree area for another season. Program will start May 16. Transportation will be provided by the Foyer mini-bus. Last year's participants must reapply. For more information or to make application, please call Denise Bourgeois or Christine Belliveau at 224-2087.

6th Annual Margaree Highland Games (MHG) - As summer quickly approaches, planning and preparations for the 6th Annual Margaree Highland Games (MHG) are well underway! The MHG Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank the church community, the Margaree community at large, and the many volunteers and sponsors who work and donate so selflessly to make this event a success year after year. In accordance to The MHG bylaws, profits of \$8,417.60 from 2016 have been placed in a savings account for projected repairs needed at St. Michael's Hall. This savings account will be for hall repairs only and will continue to be added to until enough money has been secured to complete the necessary repairs at the church hall. In anticipation of another exciting weekend of faith, fun, family, and friends, we look forward to seeing you on the field "rain or shine" August 12 & 13, 2017!

Variety Concert & Bake Sale – There will be a Variety Concert & Bake Sale at St. Joseph Renewal Centre on Sun., May 14 beginning at 7 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Renewal Centre. Come join us in some music and laughter!

Inverness County Singers Spring Concerts - Please join us for “A tribute to The Beatles” a spring concert by the Inverness County Singers and the Young County Singers, directed by Laurel Browne with piano accompaniment by Lawrence Cameron. Performances will be on Thursday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Mabou Parish Hall, Mabou; Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m., St. Mark’s United Church, Port Hawkesbury and Monday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Inverness County Centre for the Arts. Freewill donations go to local charities after expenses.

The Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council 13734 are sponsoring a fundraising dinner to assist the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Date: Mother’s Day, May 14, 2017, Time: 12 – 2 p.m., Roast Pork Dinner, Dessert/Tea/Coffee, Adult: \$15.00 Children: \$4.00 at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Upcoming Women’s Cursillo - Applications are already being sent in for the Women’s Cursillo this upcoming November at St Joseph Renewal Centre, Mabou. A Cursillo is defined as a short course in Christianity. The (new) fee is \$100 for this 3-day retreat. Anyone who has already made a Cursillo or a Challenge can sponsor you.