

+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.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 8, 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: N.B. – During the month of October the Rosary will be prayed one half hour before each Mass.

Mon., Oct. 9 – NO WEEKDAY MASS

Tues., Oct. 10 – NO WEEKDAY MASS

Wed., Oct. 11 -St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Vicki Stepaniak req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Cranton

Thurs., Oct. 12 – St. Michael's -10 a.m.- Josephine LeFort req. by Paulette LeBlanc

Fri., Oct. 13 – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m. – Mary Judy LeBlanc req. by Wilfred & Claudia

Sat., Oct. 14 – NO WEEKDAY MASS

Communion calls:

Confessions: available before Mass

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 15, 2017

Church	Greeters/gift bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
St. Joseph's	Donald & Ann G.	Sophie	Jannette, Joan M., Karen
St. Michael's	Freddie & Rose	Jessie D., Nadine	Mary H., Mary, Wilfredine
St. Patrick's	Lowell Murray	Barbara, Shaun	Mary L., Cecile, Brooks

MEETINGS

Liturgy Committee meeting will take place on Tues., Oct. 10 in **Mary's Room at 7 p.m.**

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Dora Carignan, Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Hazel Rhindress (great granddaughter of Tommy & Helen Timmons), Jeanette Crane, Geraldine MacLellan, Hughie MacKenzie, Lionel Cormier, Fr. Paul Abbass, Lorette MacGillivray, John Daniel LeBlanc, Jr., Hugh Allan Chisholm, Viola MacNeil, Eunice McGuigan (daughter of Jeanette MacIntyre), Judy MacIsaac, Allen Ross, Gerry Deveau and Carolyn Gale Flemming.

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 and friends of Lawrence Beaton and Leo LeBlanc.

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 October: During this month of October, we lift up to you all workers and the unemployed. May all workers receive respect and protection of their rights. May the unemployed receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Ministry News

Religious Education Classes - Please let me know by October 9th if you intend to register your child for grade-level religion classes for 2017-18. Classes are for grades 1 & up to grade 8 (Gr 2 includes first reconciliation & first Eucharist). There is a fee of \$15 per child, or \$25 per family, which helps cover the cost of student workbooks. Volunteers to teach or help teach are also encouraged to contact me. Pass the word around. Any questions or comments, please let me know. Thanks in advance, and I look forward to hearing from you, and to another great year with Finding God! Sandy Le Floch [902-235-2689](tel:902-235-2689) / [902-224-7269](tel:902-224-7269) / smmacdonnell@hotmail.com / FB

Margaree Family of Catholic Churches Parish Pastoral Council (Please note correction.) needs new members. There are two vacancies from St. Joseph`s; **two** from St. Michael`s and one from St. Patrick`s. The Council is looking for nominations to fill these positions. Before submitting a nomination, please check to see if the person you wish to nominate is willing to let his/her name stand. Nominations must be in by October 8. Please submit them to Anne Marie, Cecile or Rosita or email to office@mfocc.ca.

Suggestion Box – There is a suggestion box at the entrance of each Church. Please jot down any observations you may have about what is not being done or what is not being done right.

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

No Youth Group Meeting on Sunday because of the Thanksgiving weekend

Youth Choir - If you are interested in joining a youth choir, please contact Noah Doucette, 902-235-2038.

St. Joseph`s: Parishioners are needed for all ministries: altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and readers. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to serve.

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.

St. Michael`s Church will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until the end of October.

YOUTH NEWS

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; 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>

Youth Rally - Watch for more information on a Youth Rally to be held in Antigonish on November 25!

2017 Atlantic 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 Fee: \$275. Brochures with a registration form are available at the entrance of the three churches.

Annual Meeting of the Antigonish Diocesan Society - The Annual Meeting of the Antigonish Diocesan Society will take place in the Knights of Columbus Hall (Cape Nova Council) in Port Hawkesbury on Sun., Oct. 22 at 2:30 p.m. The Antigonish Diocesan Society was formed in 1942 with the help of the Knights of Columbus to provide assistance to young men wishing to study for the priesthood. Since that time, the Antigonish Diocesan Society has helped hundreds of young men by providing thousands of dollars for their priestly educational training. Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Country Music Concert Sunday, October 15 at 2 p.m. at the Mabou Hall Door Prizes & 50/50 Draw Lunch Served Admission \$10 Fundraiser in support of Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine, Mabou, Cape Breton For Inquiries: 902-945-2221

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!

St. Michael's CWL - St Michael's CWL will be collecting winter clothing for the Under One Umbrella event being held on Nov 4 at Centre 200. If you have winter clothing you would like to donate to the homeless or at risk of being homeless, we will be delivering them to Sydney on Oct 14. Please contact Wilma Pasher at 902-235-2754 for more information and for pick up of items. Thank you.

On Sun. Oct. 8, after Mass (noon), a **Bake Sale**, sponsored by St. Michael's CWL, will take place at St. Michael's Hall. Each member is encouraged to donate two items. Donations from non-members would be greatly appreciated as well. There will be an even-split and tickets on a framed "paper tole" wolf. Thank you in advance.

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. Patrick's CWL is now collecting dues of \$22. for 2018. Please submit your dues to Sheila 902-248-2516 or Barbara Ross 902-248-2511 or drop them in the collection in an envelope marked `CWL Dues` before Christmas.

Other & Community News

Traditional Breakfast - St. Joseph's Parish Hall Committee is once again sponsoring a Traditional Breakfast during the week of Celtic Colours. The breakfast will be on Wednesday, October 11, starting at 8:30, over at 10. The breakfast will consist of: homemade white pudding, pork belly bacon, fried eggs, biscuits, tea and coffee, all for \$14.00 per plate. Have a great Celtic Colours week, and we hope to see you at the breakfast!

100 Women Who Care – New Chapter formed in rural Cape Breton - You may register online at <https://www.100womenruralcapebreton.com> or contact Mary Janet MacDonald at 902-870-6504 or Gail MacNeil at 902-577-3394 for more information.

The New Horizons Seniors Club in East Margaree will have their first meeting on Wednesday October 11 at 1:30.

S.W. Margaree Seniors Card Game - There will NOT be a card game at the South West Margaree Seniors' Club on Thanksgiving Monday October 9/17. Play resumes October 16 at 7 p.m

Our River, Our People, Our Stories - Margaree Area Development Assoc. is pleased to present this Celtic Colours event - a storytellers afternoon - on Thursday, October 12 at Dr. Coady Tompkins Memorial Library. 2 to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. All are welcome.

Under One Umbrella-Cape Breton Winter Wear Donations Request - Event Date: Nov. 4, 2017 (12 p.m-4 p.m.) Centre 200, Sydney; Under One Umbrella Cape Breton is a special event designed to give people, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, access to a wide range of health and other support services all under one roof in one day. Our goal is to provide easy access to services people may not otherwise have an opportunity to access. The range of services offered at this event could vary from foot care, dental screening, eye care, hearing, medical, mental health and addiction services, , housing, haircuts, legal information, food security information, winter clothing, a hot meal and more. Last year many churches gave donations of warm socks (new) which we included in our comfort kit (500 kits) and. **warm winter wear for all ages including mitts, gloves, winter hats, jackets, boots or other foot wear (winter boots are in high demand). A total of 396 people (Men, Women & Children) were able to get winter wear. We will be collecting donated items until Oct 20.**

Treasures of the Margarees Craft Sale will take place at the Margaree Fire Hall on Sat., Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$2.

'Spirit of the Festival' Celtic Colours Documentary` - at Strathspey Place, Mabou - Celtic Colours: Spirit of the Festival takes you on an emotional Island-wide journey filled with music and breathtaking scenery and explores how Celtic Colours continues to change lives on Cape Breton Island and beyond. October 9, 12 and 13 at 2 p.m. Admission by donation at the door