

+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.

Third Sunday of Lent, Mar. 24, 2019

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
St Pierre, Cheticamp – Sat., 6:30 p.m.; St. Joseph's, St. Joseph du Moine – Sun., 10:30 a.m.
Stella Maris, Inverness – Sat., 5 p.m.; St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; Stella Maris, Inverness – Sun., 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Mar. 25 – St. Michael's - 10 a.m. – Leonard LeBlanc req. by St. Michael's Sacristans

Tues., Mar. 26 – St. Joseph's – Stations of the Cross – 6 p.m.; Mass – 6:30 p.m. – Jeanette MacKinnon req. by Billy Carroll

Wed., Mar. 27 – St. Patrick's – Stations of the Cross – 6 p.m.; Mass – 6:30 p.m. – Donald Tompkins req. by Mr. & Mrs. Hughie Dunn

Thurs., Mar. 28 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – John L. MacKinnon req. by Jimmie Gillis

Fri., Mar. 29 – St. Michael's – Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.; Mass at 6:30 p.m. – Germaine Leaver-Doiron req. by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fortune

Sat., Mar. 30 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Lucille Gallant req. by Marie Tompkins

Communion calls:

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mar. 31, 2019

	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers
St. Joseph's	Jerald, Cathy	Norman	Marie, Lawrence, Bill
St. Michael's	Marg	Jessie, Cyril	Adam, Lisa, Claudia
St. Patrick's	Marlene	Barbara, Stella	Cecile, MaryL., Allen

Meetings

Annual General Meetings – St. Joseph's – Sat., Mar. 30 after 4 p.m. Mass; St. Michael's – Sun., Apr. 7 at 3 p.m.; St. Patrick's - Tues., Apr. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Olive Myers, Albert MacEachern, Denis Doiron, Barry Guihan, Joe and Marilyn Gledhill, Mary MacIsaac, Chase Fiset, Emily Mitchell, Lynne Cameron, Priscille Deveau, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Eugene Arsenault, Marie MacNeil, Gloria (Delaney) Matthews, Kara MacLellan, Mary Anna LeBlanc, Bernadette LeBlanc, Jackie Murphy, D.J. Timmons, June Doucette and Loretta Arsenault-Boutilier.

If there is someone who is sick and would like his/her name in the prayer corner, please contact the parish office.

Condolences are extended

N.B. - Bulletin announcements may be emailed to ccl.mllr@gmail.com no later than 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path 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.

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' Prayer Intention for Lent – Dear God, during this season of Lent, we pray for Christian communities throughout the world, especially those who are persecuted. May they feel that they are close to Christ and may their rights be respected. We also lift up to you, all doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others. Be close to them, dear Lord.

Ministry News

Parish Annual Meetings: St. Joseph's – Sat., March 30 following the 4 p.m. Mass; St. Michael's – Sun., Apr. 7 at 3 p.m. and St. Patrick's on Tues., Apr. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Spiritual Reflections will begin on Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in St. Michael's Hall.. Come and view a video presentation by Cardinal LaCroix and join in the discussion. Everyone is invited to come and deepen their relationship with the Lord on their Lenten journey. This is a part of the 175th Anniversary Celebrations for our Diocese.

Ministry Celebration- Our ministry celebration will be held on Sun., March 31 at 6 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall. **Everyone** involved in a ministry is invited, will be called and asked if they are able to contribute to the potluck.

Thank You – Thank you to all who helped in welcoming Fr. Sean Coyle to our parishes for our Lenten Mission. A special thank you is extended to all who provided hospitality by sharing meals with him. Thank you to all who generously donated to the Maynooth Mission to China (a missionary outreach of the Columban Community to which Fr. Coyle belongs).

Share Lent – 2019 – Sharing the Journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar- Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighbouring Bangladesh. Development and Peace's long-time partner Caritas Bangladesh is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues.

St. Vincent de Paul – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is: To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. The Mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul implies that as Vincentians, we see Christ in anyone who suffers, come together as a family, have personal contact with the poor and help in all possible ways. The Margaree Family of Catholic Churches would like to start a branch of the Society. We will have more information as the weeks go by. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or any member of the Parish Team.

Passionately in Pursuit of JOY - Who : **Youth in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12**, Confirmation Candidates and Young Adults, Catechists, Priests, Deacons; What: Youth Rally and Confirmation Retreat; Where: Holy Family Parish Hall-Sydney Mines; When: **April 6th, 2019** - starts 11 a.m. ends after 4 p.m. Mass; Why: We will be blessed to have Fr: Gary George, CSSR, leading the retreat; How: Register by March 8; Cost : \$10.00 per person
email norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Diocesan Ministry Protocol - We are in the process of updating our Ministry Protocol information. All volunteers in the three parishes, if they have not done so already, must fill in Appendix 1, *Staff/Volunteer Request for Information Form*. Some volunteers will have to do a police check which is good for five years. We ask your cooperation in fulfilling the requirements for our Diocesan Ministry Protocol. **If you have papers which you were asked to fill out, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.**

CWL & K of C News

Knights of Columbus - Crib games will be held every Sunday night at 7 p.m. at **St. Michael's Hall**. **Please note the change in venue.**

St. Patrick's CWL will meet on Wed., April 10 following the 6:30 Mass.

St. Michael's CWL - The next meetings are scheduled for Apr.3, May 1 and June 12 at 1:30 pm at St. Michael's Hall. A reminder: If you have extra get well or sympathy cards, please pass on to Colette MacDonnell or Anne LeBlanc as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Other & Community Events

Thank You – Thank you to all who helped with the successful Jiggs' Dinner at St. Patrick's: the men who prepared the delicious meal, the waitresses, those who served dessert, those who made gingerbread and rolls, Bob, who collected at the door, and all who came to eat.

S.W. Margaree Seniors Card Plays are held each Monday evening at 7 p.m. Come and join us at the Seniors' Hall.

Final Winter Wellness session for 2019 - Spring is here but the final Winter Wellness session has been scheduled for Friday, March 29th at the Drs. Coady- Tompkins Library beginning at 10 am. Presentation at 10:30 am - "Healthy Meals with a focus on the revisions to the Canada's Food Guide" with dietitian Anne-Charlotte Chiasson - a project of MADA with support from the Central Inverness Community Health Board. Drop in and enjoy a community social time and a healthy lunch with us!

Used Eye Glasses – If you have any used eye glasses and are willing to donate them, please leave them at the entrance of one of the churches. Thank you.

Food Bank Donations - Parishioners are reminded of the box for food bank donations at the entrance of St. Michael's Church.

Brunch – A brunch will be held at St. Joseph du Moine Hall on Sun., April 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 for adults; \$7 for those 7 – 12 yr; under 5 - free