

+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 Lent, Mar. 31, 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., Apr. 1 – St. Michael's - 10 a.m. – Freddie LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Claude LeFort

Tues., Apr. 2 – St. Joseph's – Stations of the Cross – 6 p.m.; Mass – 6:30 p.m. – R.J. MacLellan req. by Jean MacLean & Joan Barrett

Wed., Apr. 3 – St. Patrick's – Stations of the Cross – 5:30 p.m.; Mass – 6 p.m. – Raylene Carroll req. by Peter & Shirley Harrison

Thurs., Apr. 4 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Mary Jane MacEachern req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc

Fri., Apr. 5 – St. Michael's – Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.; Mass at 6:30 p.m. – Mary MacKinnon req. by Mary Taylor

Sat., Apr. 6 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Tommy Burns req. by Emile LeBlanc

Communion calls: St. Joseph's, Tues., Apr. 2 after Mass; St. Patrick's, Wed., Apr. 3 beginning at 12:30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Fri., Apr. 5 beginning at 10 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Apr. 7, 2019

| | Greeters/Gift Bearers | Readers | Extraordinary Ministers |
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| St. Joseph's | Joan Cameron | Willena | Rosita, Joan C., Cathy |
| St. Michael's | Lawrence, Jeanette | Emma, Adele | Audrey, Archie, Art |
| St. Patrick's | Ann Earle | Lowell, Wilfridine | Brooks, Shaun, Jackie |

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 and June Doucette.

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 to the families of Marie Blanche Romard and Loretta Arsenault-Boutilier.

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

Lenten Penance Celebration will be held on Tues., Apr. 16 after Mass.

Easter Triduum Schedule - St. Michael's Church

Holy Thursday – 7 p.m.

Good Friday – 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil – 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday

St. Patrick's – 9:30 a.m.; St. Joseph's – 11 a.m.

Easter Triduum Ministries:

| Gift Bearers | Readers | Ministers of Communion | Servers |
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| Apr. 18 Edna Brin | Norman Gillis | Bill Cameron, Lisa MacKinnon, | Daniel, Claire |
| | Barbara MacKinnon | Brooks Hart | LeBlanc |
| Apr. 19 Brendan & Lisa | Barbara Wyrwas | Jannette Gillis, Claudia MacNeil, | Lynn, Breagh |
| | Joyce Gillis | Mose Fortune | MacKinnon |
| Passion: Narrator – Nadine Buckles; Reader – Wilfridine; Intercessions – Hannah MacIntosh | | | |
| Apr. 20 Ken & Paulette | 1st – Eileen Coady; 2 nd – Sandy LeFloch; 3 rd – Ethna Gillis; 4 th – Joan Cameron; | | |
| | 5 th – Cyril LeBlanc | | |
| | Epistle & Prayer of the Faithful – Stella McDaniel | | |
| | | Cathy Miller, Adam MacNeil, Allen Ross | |
| | | Servers: Jessie & Ryder MacKinnon | |

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 continue on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in **St. Patrick'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. If you are bringing a hot dish, please bring it hot.

3rd annual Women Spiritual Retreat Day, St Joseph's Parish, Port Hawkesbury, May 4 from 9-3 p.m. with sign in to begin at 8:30 a.m. \$15 lunch included. Theme is "The Holy Spirit" with spiritual leader, Dorothy Ludlow. Pre-registration is required before April 27 by calling Sandra at 902-227-5858.

Former catechists: We are in search of the **Grade 6 Finding God teacher manual** which has been missing for a few years. If you taught this class before, please check to see if you have the manual at home. Thanks!

Celebration of the Life of Imelda Chiasson - There will be a celebration of life in remembrance of Imelda Chiasson on April 6 at 2 p.m. at the East Margaree Hall. Everyone is welcome, and if you like come with a story to tell. We will have a lunch together afterwards.

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 – Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in a St. Vincent de Paul chapter in our Margaree Family of Catholic Churches. We are waiting for information (which is being updated) from the Society.

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 April meeting of St. Michael's CWL will be held on Wed., April 3 at St. Michael's Hall at 1:30 pm. A sincere thank you is extended to all of you who answered our call for your extra cards. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Other & Community Events

St. Michael's Annual Turkey Dinner - St. Michael's Parish Hall will be putting on their annual turkey dinner (which was earlier postponed because of hall renovations) with pie and all the trimmings, on Sunday, April 14 starting at 11:45 a.m. at the St. Michael's Parish Hall, Margaree. Small door prizes will be drawn randomly throughout the meal. Adults \$13.00, Children 12 and under \$7.00, Family rate of \$35.00. Anyone wishing to donate in any of the following ways: time, monetary donation, potatoes, carrots, frozen peas or rolls, please contact Bernice at 992-235-2280 or Audrey after 6:30pm at 902-224-7547

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

"Shaping Margarees Future" Community Meeting - Margaree Area Development Association invites residents to attend a presentation by Cape Breton University graduate students who participated in active research on economic issues in the Margarees over the past year. Come out and hear their findings....and join in the conversation for moving forward. **Sunday, April 7 - 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, N.E. Margaree** Light refreshments.

Easter Concert - There will be an Easter Concert on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. with Pierre Chiasson and friends at the East Margaree Hall. There is no charge for the concert. Come and celebrate Easter in song.

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