

+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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Apr. 7, 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. 8 – St. Michael's - 10 a.m. – Mr. & Mrs. Leo J. LeBlanc req. by the family

Tues., Apr. 9 – St. Joseph's – Stations of the Cross – 6 p.m.; Mass – 6:30 p.m. – Johnnie MacLellan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence MacLellan

Wed., Apr. 10 – St. Patrick's – Stations of the Cross – 3 p.m.; Mass following Stations – Loretta Ross req. by Sheila Fortune

Thurs., Apr. 11 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Alphonse Aucoin req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. Simon LeBlanc

Fri., Apr. 12 – St. Michael's – Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.; Mass at 6:30 p.m. – Harold Gillis req. by Michael LeBlanc

Sat., Apr. 13 Margaree Manor – 10 a.m. – Zabine LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Cormier

Communion calls: St. Patrick's after Mass on Wednesday, Apr. 10.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord –Apr. 14, 2019

	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
St. Joseph's	John, Laurie	Eileen	Jannette, Joan M., Karen	Cathy
Passion: Narrator – Joan C.; Reader - Laurie				
St. Michael's	Leo & Denise	Lawrence, Mary H.	Audrey, Archie, Art	Jessie, Ryder
Passion: Narrator – Yvon; Reader - Barbara				
St. Patrick's	Claire & Angela	Ethna, Carmel	Mose, Allen, Cecile	Alfred
Passion : Narrator – Shaun; Reader – Olivia				

Meetings

Annual General Meeting: St. Michael's – Sun., Apr. 7 at 3 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, Jackie Murphy, D.J. Timmons, June Doucette and Sheila MacEachern.

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 Philippe Camus and Bernadette LeBlanc.

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

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.

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.

Ministry News

Lenten Penance Celebration will be held on Tues., Apr. 16 after Mass at St. Joseph's.

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
Apr. 18 Edna Brin	Norman Gillis Barbara MacKinnon	Bill Cameron, Lisa MacKinnon, Brooks Hart	Daniel, Claire LeBlanc
Apr. 19 Brendan & Lisa	Barbara Wyrwas Joyce Gillis	Jannette Gillis, Claudia MacNeil, Mose Fortune	Lynn, Breagh 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 Meeting: St. Michael's – Sun., Apr. 7 at 3 p.m.

Lenten Spiritual Reflections will continue on Fri., Apr. 12 in Mary's Room after Mass at St. Michael's.

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!

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.**

Collection for Share Lent – Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God’s children in preparation for Easter. The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Global South. This collection will be taken up next Sunday, April 7, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Founded and mandated in 1967 by the Bishops of Canada, and now a member of the Caritas International network of Catholic agencies, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as informs Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. “So many people even today hope to have enough to eat. The planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking. To prepare the table for all, and to ask that there be one table for all. Doing whatever we can so that everyone has food, but also reminding the world’s population that God will call them to be judged one day, and it will be demonstrated whether they have truly tried to provide food for Him in each person (cf. Mt25.35) and whether they have acted in order that the environment would not be destroyed but would be able to produce this food.” – Pope Francis, taken from the ORDO

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish Invites Support for Homeless Shelter – A group in Sydney is attempting to raise \$200 000 for a homeless shelter in Sydney which will accommodate men, women and youth in separate quarters. 24 hours a day. 7 days a week. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish has committed itself to raise \$50 000 of this sum over the coming two years. Since many of the homeless in Sydney come from other parts of the island, we are asking individuals and organizations to consider helping us raise this money. For income tax purposes, full name and address are required and cheques can be made out to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish with Homeless Shelter on the memo line.

Pontifical Collection of Good Friday – The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Fri., Apr. 19, 2019. Each year on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical Collection, called for by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population. – with gratitude, Fr. Gilles Bourdeau, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

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.

Ministry Lists are available at the entrance of each church.

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.

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