

# +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.*

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb. 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., Feb. 25 – St. Michael's - 10 a.m. – Raylene Carroll req. by Peter & Shirley Harrison

Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019) Masses: St. Joseph's – 10 a.m.; St. Michael's – 7 p.m.

### Communion calls:

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Mar. 3, 2019

	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers
St. Joseph's	Michael, Karen	Willena	Jannette, Joan M., Karen
St. Michael's	Mathilda	Mary H., Lawrence	Bernice, Pauline, Lisa
St. Patrick's	Kay Hannigan	Stella, Barbara	Allen, Shaun, Brooks

### Meetings

Catechesis & Youth Committee meeting on Wed., Feb. 27 at 7:15 in Mary's Room

**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 and Gloria (Delaney) Matthews.

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 family of Joseph P. Cormier, Sydney.

**N.B. - Bulletin announcements** may be emailed to [ccl.mllr@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February** – Dear Lord Jesus, during this month of February, we cry out to you and pray for the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence. Rescue them, O Lord.

**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.

**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.

## **Ministry News**

**175<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage** - Have you ever desired to visit Jerusalem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Bethlehem, Cana, Galilee, Nazareth, etc? The Holy Land is often described as the Fifth Gospel because it helps people discover Jesus in a deeper way. Bishop Dunn will be leading a group of people to the Holy Land in September. The trip will take place from September 1-12, 2019. Cost will be around \$4,000. Brochures are available at the Emmaus Centre and at the Chancery Office. The Diocesan website has a registration form. Half registration is due on March 1. Limited space is available, so register soon. This pilgrimage will give participants an opportunity to grow tremendously in their relationship of faith.

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendars** are available at the entrance of each Church. These are free.

**Resurrection Eggs** - A set of colorful, plastic Easter eggs, each containing a different symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus includes a booklet explaining the contents and significance of each of the 12 eggs. This is a fun and interactive tool for catechists and families to teach children the importance of the Easter season. Stop by the Emmaus Book Store in Membertou to pick up your set.

**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.

**Mark Your Calendars!** - 1) March 6 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. To enrich your Lenten experience, there will be a Parish Mission from March 17 -19 in the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches. More details are elsewhere in this bulletin. 2) A celebration for all parishioners involved in ministry will be held on Sun., March 31.

**World Day of Prayer** – Friday, March 1 is World Day of Prayer. The theme this year is “Come – Everything is Ready!” St. Patrick’s CWL will host a worship service, prepared by women of Slovenia, on Friday at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick’s Church. A reception will follow in the hall. Everyone is welcome!

**Blessed Palm** – Please bring any blessed palm which you have from last year to your Church next weekend. It will be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**First Spiritual Exercises** - “If you are looking for a clear, simple, and practical approach to developing your prayer life, the First Spiritual Exercises are well worth exploring.” We are inviting Young Adults & Young at Heart to First Spiritual Exercises. Beginning Wednesday, April 24, and ending on May 22, 2019 (one evening per week for 5 weeks) at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River. The cost is \$30.00 which covers the cost of the book written by Fr. Michael Hansen, S.J. For more information, you may call Winnie Odo at 902-862-2330 or Norma Blinkhorn at 902-736-2972. Please register by March 25, 2019 by contacting [youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca)

**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](mailto:norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca)

**The Bishop William E. Power Family Charitable Foundation** disburses \$20,000 each year to individuals for courses and conferences that they can use to strengthen our faith communities. Could you or someone in your parish use this support? Visit our website for details: [www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca](http://www.bishoppowerfoundation.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 the Margaree Seniors Hall.

**St. Michael's CWL** - There will be no March meeting. Plan to attend the World Day of Prayer at St. Patrick's on Fri., Mar. 1 at 7 p.m. and Ash Wednesday Mass at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's on Mar.6. 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, birthday or sympathy cards, please pass on to Colette MacDonnell or Anne LeBlanc as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Patrick's CWL** – There will be a Pancake Supper at St. Patrick's Hall on Shrove Tuesday, Mar. 5 beginning at 4 p.m. Come and enjoy pancakes, sausages, tea, coffee and dessert! adults: \$8; children: \$4; family: \$20

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## **Other & Community Events**

**Men's Cursillo 2019** - The next Western Cape Breton Men's Cursillo is scheduled for Feb. 28 - Mar. 3 in Mabou. If you are interested in attending or wish to sponsor a candidate and require further information, please contact Eddie or AnnaLee MacEachern at 902-258-2089. Cursillistas have the privilege and the responsibility of sponsoring a candidate. You are encouraged to take this responsibility seriously.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch** - The New Horizons Seniors Club in East Margaree will be having their annual Pancake Lunch on Tuesday, March the 5 at 11:30 a.m.. Cost is \$10. All are welcome.

**Winter Wellness Program** – will begin on February 1, Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Drs. Coady Tompkins Memorial Library. An opportunity to socialize, listen to a presentation and enjoy lunch together; welcoming all area residents with a particular focus on seniors, seasonal workers and women.

**Program for Mar. 1 – Supporting Mental Health & Fighting Social Isolation – Mindfulness – April Crowley & Adam Matthews, Mental Health Community Outreach**

**Mar. 8 – Wills & Estate Planning – Matthew Hart**

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

**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.

**Raveston Music School in Cheticamp** will soon be opening its doors. Sign up today for one of our classes. We offer voice, guitar, piano, fiddle and dance lessons for children and adults. It's never too early or too late to make music! Contact us at [www.raveston.com](http://www.raveston.com) or by calling Nicole LeBlanc at 902-224-7749.

**Gayle's Healing Soles** - A mobile service providing and promoting quality foot care - trimming & filing toenails, reduction and/ removal of corns, calluses and some ingrown toenails. There will also be skin care to reduce cracks, dryness etc. Home visits or foot clinics available. For an appointment, call 224-0042.

## **Parish Mission in the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches, March 2019**

**with Columban Father, Fr. Seán Coyle from Ireland**

**Mission Theme:** 'For the Lord takes delight in his people' (Psalm 149:4).

**Introduction to Mission** – Homily of Weekend Masses

**First talk** - 'What do you want me to do for you?' (Mark 10:51). Sun., Mar. 17 at St. Patrick's – 7 p.m.

**Second talk** - 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34). Mon., Mar. 18 at St. Joseph's at 7 p.m.

**Third talk** - 'Simon son of John, do you love me? . . . Feed my sheep' (John 21) Tues., Mar. 19 at St. Michael's – 7 p.m.

**\*Plus daily Mass, Sacrament of Penance (confessions), adoration and rosary.**

**\*See future bulletins for more details.**

### **Brief biography of Fr. Seán Coyle:**

Fr. Seán Coyle is a member of the Missionary Society of St. Columban (Columban Fathers).

He was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1943, and ordained in 1967.

Fr. Seán studied in Manhattanville College, New York; Regis College, Toronto, and Rome, Italy.

He served nearly 40 years in Bacolod City, Philippines, spending long periods in vocations work and in the formation of seminarians. He also served two years in Britain on special assignment.

From 2002 until 2017 he was also the editor of the Columban magazine *MISYONonline.com*

Seán now lives at St Columban's, Dalgan Park, Navan, Ireland in a large community that consists mainly of retired and infirm Columban priests.

He is fluent in Gaelic and has the Irish knack of telling a good story.

In preparation for the mission, Fr. Sean has asked the people to pray that they will be occasions of God's special grace.