

+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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Jan. 13, 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., Jan. 14 – St. Michael's - 10 a.m. – Rose LeBlanc req. by Laura Paltrineri

Tues., Jan. 15 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Tony Cameron req. by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent MacKinnon

Communion calls:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 20, 2019

| | Greeters/Gift Bearers | Readers | Extraordinary Ministers |
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| St. Joseph's | David, Joyce | Norman | Jannette, Joan M., Karen |
| St. Michael's | Gene | Lawrence, Mary H. | Bernice, Pauline, Adam |
| St. Patrick's | Steve & Mary | Carmel, Ethna | Jackie, Mose, Cecile |

Meetings

Catechesis & Youth Committee will meet in Mary's Room on Jan. 16 at 7:15 p.m.

Evangelization & Vocations Committee will meet on Tues., Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's vestry.

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Olive Myers, Albert MacEachern, Denis Doiron, Barry Guihan, Joe and Marilyn Gledhill, Mary MacIsaac, William Sanford, Chase Fiset, Annie Roach, Rosie MacKay and Emily Mitchell.

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

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January – Dear Heavenly Father, during this month of January, we pray that young people, especially our younger brothers and sisters in Latin America, would follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the whole world.

Ministry News

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.

Ordinary Time – Ordinary Time begins this year on Monday, January 14. “During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord’s Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord’s Resurrection. Today’s Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord. (ORDO, 2018-19)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The theme for this year is “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue.” – Deuteronomy 16.18-20 A service to celebrate the week will be held at **Wilson United Church on Fri., Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

Attention, All Ministers: If you have not received the new list for ministers, check at the entrance of your Church or online at mfoc.ca

Youth Ministry - Anniversary 175 Pilgrimage to Montreal - March Break 2019 - High School students, grades 10-12, are invited to join us in Montreal. Visit St. Joseph's Oratory, Notre Dame Cathedral, Biodome, Newman Center (McGill University) in Montreal. Interested? Contact Norma Blinkhorn or Cathy Walsh at youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca by **January 20, 2019**.

Job vacancy - Part-time contract Diocesan Youth Minister, Inverness Deanery - We are looking to hire a Diocesan Youth Minister to build youth ministry for the Inverness Deanery. Ideally, you are now available to start a six month contract working part-time from your home office. Interested? Email your resume to youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca. Contact Cathy Walsh, Youth Ministry Coordinator, for more information.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Father Patrick O’Neill (Our Lady of Fatima Parish) and Father Paul Murphy (Holy Redeemer Parish) - This upcoming pilgrimage has a tentative date set for **May 13 until May 23, 2019**. The COST has not been established as of yet.

Attention Envelope Holders: Please pick up your envelopes at the entrance of your Church. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, and you want one, please contact Helen (St. Joseph’s), Paula (St. Michael’s) or Cecile (St. Patrick’s). The date(s) on your box of envelopes (St. Joseph’s and St. Patrick’s only) indicate when you are asked to be gift bearer(s) at Mass.

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.

Father Macdonald's vacation – Fr. Macdonald will be on vacation from January 19 to February 24, 2019. During his absence, Fr. Alex MacLellan will fill in.

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. Patrick's CWL – The next meeting of St. Patrick's CWL will be held on Wed., Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick's Hall. **Dues** (\$22) are now being collected. Please pay Sheila or Barbara Ross.

St. Michael's CWL – Please save your used stamps and pass them on to Dorothy MacKenzie (902-235-2233) or place on table in the porch of the church.

St. Michael's CWL - The next meeting of St. Michael's CWL will be held on Wed. Feb. 6 at 1:30 pm at the hall.

Other & Community Events

Thank you – I want to thank all those in the three parishes who supported me during my illness over the past year. Thank you to Fr. Macdonald and all who prayed for me, visited and brought food. I am very grateful to all of you. – Lionel Cormier

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.

Women's Cursillo Weekend 2019 - The next Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held at St. Joseph's Renewal Center in Mabou on the weekend of February 7-10, 2019. All Cursillistas & Challengers are encouraged to share the news. Cost for the weekend is \$100. For more information, please contact Annalee & Eddie Mac Eachern-902-258-2089.

Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings – St. Patrick's CWL will be having their annual turkey dinner on Sun., Jan 27 beginning at 11:45 a.m. in St. Patrick's Hall. Cost is \$15 per plate.

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 or by calling Nicole LeBlanc at 902-224-7749.