

+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.

Epiphany of the Lord, Jan. 6, 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. 7 – St. Michael's - 10 a.m. – John Poupore req. by K of C 9936 Memorial Council

Tues., Jan. 8 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Karel MacIsaac req. by Alison & Helen Gillis

Wed., Jan. 9 – at Cecile's place – 6 p.m. - Archie Murphy req. by John Archie Chisholm

Thurs., Jan. 10 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Tommie LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Gallant

Fri., Jan. 11 – at Bell's place – 6 p.m. - Mickey Miller req. by Rosie Mackay

Sat., Jan. 12 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Frankie McDaniel req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Haley

Communion calls:

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 and Rosie MacKay..

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 Harold Wyrwas.

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.

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 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.

A note from Fr. Macdonald: May I use this medium to thank you (both as individuals and as a parish) for all your gifts and generosity to me this Christmas. I am really humbled by your kindness. I pray God to continue to bless and sustain each and every one of you this new year and always. Thanks.

175th Anniversary of Our Diocese – Did you know that the first parish council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada was organized at St. Ninian parish in Antigonish in 1921? A second council soon followed at Sacred Heart parish in Sydney and a third at Holy Redeemer in Whitney Pier. The women strove to be modern women involved in contemporary society and the social action of the Church. The national CWL had been formed at a meeting in Montreal in the summer of 1920. St. Michael's Council was formed in 1955, and St. Patrick's CWL celebrated 35 years as a council in December 2018, having been organized in 1983.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 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.

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. This should be figured out in the next week or so. This pilgrimage is open to all ages. Full details will be finalized very soon. If you feel the call to join us let either of us know. Once details are finalized there will be a contact person you can call to register your name and send payments.

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 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.

Knights of Columbus - The next meeting of Fr. Robert F Wicks Memorial Council # 9936 Knights Of Columbus will be held on Jan 10, 2019.

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.

St. Patrick's CWL – The January meeting of St. Patrick's CWL will be held on Wed., Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick's Hall. **Dues** (\$22) are now being collected. Please pay Sheila or Barbara Ross.

St. Patrick's CWL will be having a dinner the weekend of January 25-27. More details will follow.

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.

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.

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.