

+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.

First Sunday of Advent – Dec. 2, 2018

Masses for next weekend: St. Joseph's – 4 p.m. on Saturday; St. Patrick's – 11 a.m. and St. Michael's – 9:30 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.

(Please note changes in Mass times on Sunday, Dec. 9 for the Margaree Family only.)

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Dec. 3 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Laurie Kuchela req. by Arthur Aucoin

Tues., Dec. 4 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Annie Jane Gillis req. by Gerard MacKenzie & family

Wed., Dec. 5 – at Cecile's place – 3 p.m. – Vicki Stepaniak req. by Bernadette Murphy

Thurs., Dec. 6 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Mary Teresa MacLellan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Blair McDaniel

Fri., Dec. 7 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Geraldine MacLellan req. by Donald & Ann Gillis

Sat., Dec. 8 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Roger Olson req. by Helen J. LeBlanc

Communion calls: St. Patrick's – Dec. 12 beginning at 10:30 a.m.; St. Joseph's – Dec. 13 after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's; St. Michael's – Dec. 14 beginning at 10 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent – Dec. 9, 2018

	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers
St. Joseph's	Irene	Willena	Rosita, Joan C., Cathy
St. Michael's	Gr. 4 & 5 Rel. Ed.	Jessie M., Cyril	Lisa, Claudia, Audrey
St. Patrick's	Helen & Kay	CWL members	CWL members

MEETINGS

Catechesis & Youth Committee will meet on Tues., Dec. 4 at 7:15 p.m. in Mary's Room.

Zone Pastoral Council will meet on Thurs., Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

Joint Finance Committee will meet after Mass at St. Patrick's on Wed., Dec. 12.

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Olive Myers.

If there is someone who is sick and would like his/her name in the prayer corner, please contact the parish office either by phone: 902-235-2435 or email: office@mfocc.ca.

Condolences are extended to the families of Louis LeBlanc (brother of the late Levi LeBlanc and Lucy Mae LeFort), Fr. Angus Morris and John Poupore.

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 December – God, our Father, in this season of Advent, we pray that all Christians who are involved in the service and spread of faith may find, in their dialogue with today's culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Ministry News

Change in Mass Times for Sunday, Dec. 9 ONLY – Mass at St. Michael's on Dec. 9 will be at 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's will be at 11 a.m. St. Patrick's CWL will be celebrating their 35th anniversary beginning with Mass at 11 a.m.

Small Faith Community – Our Small Faith Community will meet on Dec. 13. Others are encouraged to join us.

Pray for the Holy Souls - Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and in my family. 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.

Zone Pastoral Council – The Zone Pastoral Council is comprised of: Marcella Doucet, Donald Fortune, Rosita Gillis, Rita Larade, Leandre LeBlanc and Duncan McMaster. It will hold its first meeting on Dec. 6, 2018 in Mary's Room at 7 p.m..

175th Anniversary Celebrations in Our Diocese -

MFOCC Choir Practice for all three choirs and anyone else who is interested in joining will take place at St. Michael's Church on Wed., Dec. 5 at 7:15 p.m.

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.

Date of Teaching Mass – The date of the Teaching Mass has been changed to Dec. 9, 2018 at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney at 6 p.m.

St. Patrick's – If you are interested in having a weekday Mass in your home, please contact Cecile. Masses in the homes will begin in December.

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.

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.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS Poster Contest is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and is open to students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. The guidelines and paper are at the entrance of each church. A prize will be given to each grade level. Good luck.

The Christmas tree lighting sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place at St. Joseph's Parish on Saturday, December 8 after the 4 p.m. Mass. Refreshments to follow.

Knights of Columbus Insurance – You are invited! A meeting to educate you how to plan for: lifetime income, leaving a legacy, long term care and much more will be held at St. John Paul Centre, 314 Main St., Antigonish on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. Members, non-members and spouses are all welcomed to attend. There will be door prizes, plus refreshments and snacks provided. Phone 902-446-3150 or email gilles.seguin@kofc.org if you plan to attend.

St. Michael's CWL – Membership dues (\$22) are being accepted until Dec. 6. 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 December meeting of St. Michael's CWL which was to be held on Wed., Dec. 6 is cancelled due to renovations at the hall. As well, the dinner planned for the Belleview Restaurant **is cancelled due to a death in the community**. PLEASE NOTE: The next meeting of St. Michael's CWL will be held on Wed. Feb. 6 at 1:30 pm at the hall. HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!!

St. Patrick's CWL 35th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sun., Dec. 9 beginning with Mass at 11 a.m. All CWL members are invited.

St. Patrick's CWL – Dues (\$22) are now being collected. Please pay Sheila or Barbara Ross.

Other & Community Events

Offering hope to bereaved parents - Compassionate Friends is an organization that offer support to bereaved parents. A candle lighting memorial service for children who have passed on recently or in years gone by will be held on December 09, 2018 at the Mabou Renewal Centre. Parents can register between 6:15-6:45p.m. Family members are also welcome. A memory table will be set up for parents to share their child's photo and favourite memorabilia.

Christmas Shopping Sale - The Gift Shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will be having a Christmas Shopping Sale on Sunday, December 2. All merchandise in stock will be 50% OFF for these two days only from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Thank-you all for your support of the Shrine this year. The Shrine is open year round. For any questions or requests please call 902-945-2221

Calling for Volunteers (St. Michael's Hall) – The clean-up will be rescheduled as soon as the renovations are completed.

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.

Annual Turkey Dinner – The Annual Turkey Dinner scheduled for Dec. 2 at St. Michael's Hall has been cancelled until the spring.

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.

Annual Seniors' Christmas Party – The annual seniors' Christmas party will be held at the Margaree Kin Centre on Sunday, December 16 starting at 12 noon. Come out and have lunch with us; enjoy some local entertainment, and visit with Santa. Looking forward to seeing you there....sponsored by Margaree Kinsmen and Kinettes.

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

Christmas Variety Concert - The Margaree Kinette Club is hosting a Christmas Variety Concert at St. Michael's Parish Hall on Saturday evening the 22nd of December at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will be used for our annual donations to the local hospitals and manors. Admission is by donation at the door.

Advent and Christmas Gift Ideas - *The Season of Advent begins on Sun., Dec. 2, 2018.* The Emmaus Book Store invites you to stop by and view our selection of Advent and Christmas items: Advent Wreath Rings and Candles, Foam Advent Wreaths for children, Advent and Christmas devotional books, for adults, young people and families, Christmas Gift ideas and cards, Christmas books for children and much more...Drop by early for the best selection. Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 200 Churchill Drive, Suite 103, Membertou, NS 902-539-6188 ext 224 or 1-800-656-5311 ext 224

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.