

+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.

Third Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2019

Masses for next weekend: St. Patrick's – 6 p.m. on Saturday; St. Joseph'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., May 6 – St. Michael's – Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass – Leonard LeBlanc req. by St. Michael's Sacristans
Thurs., May 9 – St. Michael's – Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass – Dora Carignan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc

Fri., May 10 – St. Patrick's – Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Anna Rose Bennett req. by Sharon & Donald B. Cameron

Sat., May 11 – Margaree Manor – Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass – David Doucet req. by Alex Ross & family

Communion calls: St. Michael's – Fri., May 17 beginning at 10 a.m.; St. Joseph's – Tues., May 14 after Mass; St. Patrick's – Wed., May 15 beginning at 10 a.m

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2019

Gift bearers

St. Joseph's - Alex & Mary

St. Michael's - Rose Anne

St. Patrick's – Lowell

Readers

Eileen

Yvon, Barbara

Shaun, Ethna

Ministers of Communion

Marie, Lawrence, Bill

Archie, Art, Mary H.

Mary L., Cecile, Allen

Servers

Jannette

Daniel, Claire

Alfred

Meetings

Inverness North Zone Pastoral Council will meet on Thurs., May 9 at 7 p.m. in Mary's room.

The Alpha Planning Committee will meet on Thurs., May 16 at 7 p.m. 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, Gloria (Delaney) Matthews, Kara MacLellan, Mary Anna LeBlanc, Jackie Murphy and D.J. Timmons.

If there is someone who is sick and would like his/her name in the prayer corner, please contact the parish office.

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.

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Easter Season – Dear Lord Jesus, during this Easter Season, we pray for evangelization in Africa: may the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

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

From the Pastor's Desk - The month of May is a month of special devotion to Mary . Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary individually and as a family during May. We will pray the Rosary before each weekday Mass and one half hour before the weekend Masses. This is an invitation for us to pray as a community for the intercession of Mary for our community and the needs of others.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care – May 5 – 11, 2019 is National Hospice Palliative Care Week. The theme this year is, `Busting the myths on Hospice Palliative Care`. This year, St. Michael's will again host the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care in St. Michael's Church beginning at 6 a.m. on Thursday, May 9. A sign-up sheet has been placed at the entrance of each Church. Everyone is encouraged to come and pray that palliative care will be available to all people in Canada.

175th Anniversary Celebration Quilt - As part of the 175th Anniversary Celebrations, we are endeavouring to create a quilt which will be composed of fabric squares from all the parishes in the Diocese. What can be depicted on the square? 1. A symbol of faith; 2. An image of particular significance to the parish; 3. Anything else that might come to mind when reflecting on what the square could contain - The image can be stitched, embroidered, or designed with fabric paint. At the bottom of the design, please print the name of the parish and its location. The square is eight inches by eight inches but we ask you not to exceed seven inches by seven inches. If you are interested in completing the square for your parish, please see any member of the Team to pick up the square.

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.**

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.

Pilgrimage - Come on pilgrimage to Cap-de-la-Madeline, St. Joseph's Oratory, Ste Anne de Beaupre and Montmorency Falls with Fr. Patrick O'Neill June 10—17, 2019. Price \$850.00 per person with double occupancy. To book your seat and for more information please call Helen at 902-304-4101.

Cemetery Cleanup at St. Michael's will take place on Sat., May 25 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parishioners are encouraged to come out and share the load!

Blessing of the Fleet will take place at Margaree Harbour, near Laurence's Store on Mon., May 6 at 6 a.m.

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

St. Patrick's CWL will meet on Wed., May 8 following the Rosary and Mass at 6 p.m. Our new Diocesan President Janice MacDougall and Past President Cleo Windsor will be present for their parish visit. All members are encouraged to attend. Members are reminded to bring their `Water Challenge` sheet which they received at the last meeting.

Show for Leaside Transition House – St. Patrick's CWL is hosting a shower for Leaside Transition House, Port Hawkesbury on Sun., May 5 at 2 p.m. Items needed at Leaside and requested for the shower are: sizes 5 & 6 diapers, pull-ups – small, medium and large; baby wipes and soap; liquid hand soap; disinfectant wipes; paper towel and toilet paper; liquid laundry soap, towels and face cloths. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted as well. Everyone is welcome to attend the shower and listen to a guest speaker from Leaside.

Other & Community Events

Thank You - St. Michael's Parish Hall Committee, Margaree would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make our Annual Turkey Dinner a great success. Thanks to our cooks and all the workers helping out that day and the day before preparing for this meal. Thank you to all who donated food or monetary donations and to all those who came and supported our event. Our total profit was \$2 175.71. Thanks, everyone!

Margaree Daffodil Campaign Thank You from Gerard Miller (2019) - Thanks to wonderful support from all the Margaree communities, a total of \$3255.00 was raised this spring for cancer research. A special thank you to the canvassers who so generously volunteered their time to make the campaign such a success – Mary C., Sandra, John, Lisette, Christena, Marg, Delina, Brenda, Debbie, Edie, Shauna, Ashley, Norman, Joanne, Bernice and Jocelyn.

Are you a past patient of the Cape Breton Cancer Centre? - The Cape Breton Cancer Centre is looking for past patients or their family members to help advise the Cancer Centre re-development project which is currently underway! If you have a couple hours a month to attend meetings, share your thoughts from a patient viewpoint and work with health providers who want to offer enhanced services for patients in Cape Breton, contact: Lisa McNeil-Campbell via email at lisa.mcneil-campbell@nshealth.ca or phone 902-567-8160.

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

Raveston Music School – Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. - Sunday Jam: bring an instrument or simply enjoy the music. Donations will be accepted. Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. - Learn to do the Cheticamp Square Set. \$10. Limited space; reserve in advance. www.raveston.com 902-224-7749

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.

A Blessed Easter Season to Everyone