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St. Joseph's St. Michael's/St-Michel St. Patrick's

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Statement: *Open to God. Open to Others. Open to Transformation.*

Second Sunday of Lent, Feb. 28, 2021

Masses are being offered in our three churches on the weekend: St. Joseph's – Sat., 4 p.m.; St. Patrick's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m. Please note: Parishioners need to call from Wednesday to Friday each week to reserve a seat for Mass: St. Joseph's – 902-248-2612; St. Michael's – 902-235-2944 and St. Patrick's – 902-248-2305.

Condolences are extended to the families of: Jeanette Gallant, Helen (Simon) Gillis and Mary MacKinnon.

Prayer Corner: Phil Craig, Jackie Murphy, Marilyn & Joe Gledhill, Joan Burns, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Lynne Cameron, Elaine (Murphy) Gillis, Jim MacFarlane, Leroy LeFort, Bernice Munro, Donelda Gillis and Wilfred Aucoin. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

Weekday Masses: Fr. Macdonald will continue to say private Masses with the following intentions: Mar. 1 – Mary Anna LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Chiasson; Mar. 5 – Mary Melski req. by Paul Tompkins; Mar. 6 – Leonard Brin req. by Edna Brin; Mar. 8 – Raymond Doucet req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. Simon LeBlanc; Mar. 12 – Lorraine Aucoin req. by John V. MacEachern; Mar. 13 – Bernadette LeBlanc req. by Annette & Willie MacDonald.

Tues., Mar. 2 – St. Joseph's – Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Teresa MacKenzie req. by Rose & Doreen MacLellan

Wed., Mar. 3 – St. Patrick's – Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Archie Murphy req. by Mary Fleck

Thurs., Mar. 4 – St. Michael's – Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Bob Shortt req. by Mr. & Mrs. Pat Wall

Tues., Mar. 9 – St. Joseph's – Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Helen Dumas req. by Helen & Alison Gillis

Wed., Mar. 10 – St. Patrick's – Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Tommie Murphy req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harold McLean

Thurs., Mar. 11 – Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. followed by Mass – Pauline Dunn req. by Mr. & Mrs. Hughie Dunn & Carolyn

Mass on Sunday: Mass for Shut-ins airs on Sundays on CTV at 11:30 a.m.

Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at 10:30 a.m.; Masses, Monday to Friday, 12:15 p.m. **Also on Sunday –** XFM broadcasts the Mass from St. Ninian Cathedral around 8:30 a.m. **Other Masses in the Inverness Deanery:** Check on the Antigonish Diocesan website (dioceseofantigonish.ca) for other live-streamed Masses on Sundays.

Daily TV Mass is broadcast on VISION TV at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday, the Daily TV Mass is broadcast at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. If you are not available at those times, you can find the Mass on You tube. Daily Mass live from St. Mary's Basilica weekdays (Monday to Friday) at 12:15 p.m. (Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth)

There are other Masses also available on Youtube. Here is a prayer to say for a Spiritual Communion when you are watching the Mass:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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, 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.

Thank you for your contribution to your parish during 2019. Our parishes have done well this year, and we ask you to continue to support your parish. For those who have not returned to Mass as yet, you can send your contributions to your parish: For St. Joseph's: You can send your envelopes by mail to St. Joseph's Parish, Box 1C, S.W. Margaree, NS B0E 3H0

For St. Michael's: You can send your contribution by mail to St. Michael's Parish, 1181 East Margaree Rd., Margaree, NS B0E 1Y0 Drop it in the slot, **OR** by E-transfer (which is the better way if you have access). Send your E-transfer to paula.cormier@credit.ca. Paula's phone number is 902-235-2095.

For St. Patrick's: You can send your contribution by mail to St. Patrick's Parish, N.E. Margaree, NS B0E 2H0 **OR** by E-transfer. Send your E-transfer to ccl.mllr@gmail.com. Cecile's phone number is 902-2482305. If you prefer, you can make one payment per month rather than weekly payments.

Annual Reports: Annual reports will be given out the weekend of Mar. 13, 14. If you want a copy and are unable to be at Mass, get in touch with your parish contact, and it will be sent to you.

St. Michael's – If you have not done so already, please pick up your envelopes at the entrance of the Church.

Bulletin – The next bulletin will be for the weekend of Mar. 13, 14.

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.

Pope Francis' Intention for Lent – Heavenly father, throughout this season of Lent, we pray for women who are victims of violence that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. We also pray throughout Lent that each of us may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

MINISTRY NEWS

What Are You Doing for Lent? – Would you like to join other parishioners via ZOOM for a weekly reflection and discussion on matters of faith? If yes, contact Cecile at ccl.mllr@gmail.com . We would like to know what day and what time you would be available. If you are unfamiliar with ZOOM, we will direct you. Please let Cecile know by Friday, March 5.

Year of St. Joseph - Pope Francis has declared a Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. Here is a prayer to say during the year.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Apostolic Letter for the Year of St. Joseph – Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*. It can be downloaded from the Vatican website: vatican.va

FORMED – Every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. watch *The Augustine Institute Show* hosted by Dr. Tim Gray. It is a half hour show with a special guest each week. “It will engage and encourage you to a deeper level of trust and growth in your Catholic faith.”

New on FORMED - *The Sanctuary Course*, exploring the intersection of faith and mental health has been recently added. There are eight sessions with each one featuring someone with a lived experience and commentary by therapists, clergy, bishops and clinicians. The topics include: mental illness, stigma, self-care, recovery and support of the community. Its purpose is for education.

Also on FORMED - Check out information on the Year of St. Joseph. Click on SEARCH and type in the topic you would like to learn more about.

FORMED FOR LENT: Lenten meditations are being offered including: “Why 40 Days?”, “Into the Wilderness”, “Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving” and “What’s Distracting You?”

CWL & K of C NEWS

St. Michael's CWL - We hope and pray that all is well with you and your family. Did you remember to pay your 2021 membership dues (\$22)? If not, Anne (902-235-2064) and Marie Hilda (902-235-2944) will gladly accept your dues until Feb.28, 2021. Keep safe and healthy! May God abundantly bless you and yours!

ABCs for Lent

Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits. **B**elieve in yourself. **C**onsider things from every angle. **D**on't give up and don't give in. **E**njoy life today; yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come. **F**amily and friends are hidden treasures; seek them and enjoy their riches. **G**ive more than you planned to give. **H**ang on to your dreams. **I**gnore those who try to discourage you. **J**ust do it. **K**ee on trying; no matter how hard it seems, it will get easier. **L**ove yourself first and most. **M**ake it happen. **N**ever lie, cheat or steal; always strike a fair deal. **O**pen your eyes and see things as they really are. **P**ractice makes perfect. **Q**uitters never win, and winners never quit. **R**ead; study and learn about everything important in your life. **S**top procrastinating. **T**ake control of your own destiny. **U**nderstand yourself in order to better understand others. **V**isualize it. **W**ant it more than anything. **X**-celerate your efforts. **Y**ou are unique of all God's creations; nothing can replace you. **Z**ero in on your target, and go for it!!

Share Lent – The Share Lent theme for this year is *Share Love, Share Lent*. Materials and resources are available for download at devp.org

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.