

+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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 22, 2020

Fr. Macdonald is continuing to say private, weekday Masses and offering an intention for each. The intentions for next week are: Nov. 23 – Mary & Delphis Burns req. by Wilfred Burns & Claudia MacNeil; Nov. 27 – Alexander Gillis req. by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent MacKinnon; Nov. 28 – Mike Burke-Smith req. by Art Aucoin; Nov. 30 – Jackie Dunn req. by Mr. & Mrs. Hughie Dunn; Dec. 4 - Josephine LeFort req. by Paul Tompkins; Dec. 5 – Collie Poirier req. by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Doucet. Besides these intentions, Fr. Macdonald prays for all health care workers in the whole world.

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.

Weekday Masses: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES.

Tues., Nov. 24 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Richard Gillis req. by Mary Catherine, Ashley & John Daniel MacDonald

Wed., Nov. 25 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. - Dennis Murphy req. by Bernadette Murphy

Thurs., Nov. 26 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Ambrose & Marguerite LeBlanc req. by Paulette LeBlanc

Tues., Dec. 1 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – John Robert Gillis req. by Jannette Gillis

Wed., Dec. 2 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Ranold Murphy req. by Mr. & Mrs. David Timmons

Thurs., Dec. 3 – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m. – Ronald McLean req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harold McLean

Prayer Corner: Phil Craig, Jackie Murphy, Marilyn and Joe Gledhill, Joan Burns, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Lynne Cameron, Elaine (Murphy) Gillis, Jim MacFarlane and Leroy LeFort. 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 families of Ronald McLean, brother of Harold McLean and Robert Shortt, brother-in-law of Lowell Murray.

Masses to watch: Mass on Sunday: Mass for Shut-ins is back on the air (CTV) at 11:30 a.m. **Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth** at 10:30 a.m.; also available at later times. **Also on Sunday** – XFM broadcasts the Mass from St. Ninian Cathedral around 8:30 a.m.

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 YouTube. 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.

A plea for your collection envelopes: Even though the Churches are opened, we realize that some people have not returned as yet. We ask that you continue to send your contribution. 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 902-248-2305. If you prefer, you can make one payment per month rather than weekly payments.
Thank you from the Pastor's desk: Thank you to all who continue to support the Church. We want to recognize you and let you know we appreciate your support. Please continue.

Bulletin – This bulletin s for two weeks. The next bulletin will be printed on the weekend of Dec. 5 & 6.

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 November – Artificial Intelligence – We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Pope Francis' Intention for December - For a life of prayer - We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

MINISTRY NEWS

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

St. Joseph's – Thurs., Dec. 24 – 4 p.m.
St. Patrick's – Thurs., Dec. 24 – 6 p.m.
St. Michael's – Thurs., Dec. 24 – 9 p.m.
St. Michael's – Fri., Dec. 25 – 10 a.m.

Parishioners NEED to register for a seat at these Masses. Phone the call person in your parish to reserve your seat. It will be first come, first served.

FORMED – Our two-week trial is over, and now we ask you to please let us know what you think of the programs, movies, audio, etc. and whether you are interested in continuing to watch over the next year. If there is enough interest, MFOCC will purchase a year's subscription which everyone in our three parishes can enjoy. Please let us know whenever you have decided, **no later than November 25 by emailing** mfocc@outlook.com

FORMED – A decision will be made this week whether we will subscribe to Formed. If we do, the subscription will begin on November 29, the First Sunday of Advent. For those of you who signed in, check then. For those of you who have not yet signed in, if you are from the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches, you are free to sign in at any time. As a complement to Fr. Macdonald's homilies on the Mass, you will find *Elements of the Mass* (Under "Programs", click on "Faith Formation"), a series of short videos explaining all the elements of the Mass. At the end, there is also a study guide.

Mass Stipends for Retired Priests – We will be sending stipends for 100 Masses to the Chancery Office for our retired priests to offer the Masses for our loved ones. Please pray for them.

OTHER NEWS

Food Bank Donations - Kindly remember the food bank drop-off at St. Michael's. Please note that items you wish to donate are not outdated before placing them in the box provided at the entrance of the Church.

Mother of Sorrows Shrine Sale - The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will be holding a Christmas Shopping Sale. WHEN ~ On Saturday, December 5 and on Sunday, December 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. with Public Health Protocol in place. All merchandise in stock will be 50% OFF for these two days only. The Shrine remains open year-round and at this time we thank you for your wonderful support during this unprecedented year. If you wish to enrol someone in "Friends of the Shrine", call 902-945-2221, leave a detailed message and we will return your call. If requesting an enrolment as a Christmas gift, we must set a deadline of December 14 for mailouts. Wishing all of you Peace and Joy and a heart filled with Hope - Board & Management of Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine."

Annual Kinette Christmas Craft Show – Sunday, November 22, 12-3 p.m. at the Margaree Forks Fire Hall Social distancing rules will apply and masks are to be worn at all times by everyone. There will be a limited number of people in the building at once. No lunch will be available.

Deceased Parishioners of the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches remembered on Nov. 1 - John Maclean, Vincent MacKinnon, Marie Helene LeBlanc, Stephen LeBlanc, Peter Poirier, Russell Chiasson, Joseph Claude LeFort, Catherine Cameron, John Chiasson, Marcel Chiasson, Betty Matheson, Helen LeBlanc, Danny Burns, Harriette Aucoin, John Payne, Charlene Golemeic, Mary Doyle, John Phillips, Don Nelson Burton, Alice Cormier and Catherine McDaniel

Prayer for the Deceased - Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray. May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in your presence light, happiness and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent begins Sun., Nov. 29 - We are encouraged to stay awake (by the Church) and stay safe (by the Department of Health). Below are some suggestions to help you on your Advent journey. (with thanks to Doreen Boudreau, Antigonish Diocesan chair of Spiritual Development)

1. Read the reflection for the week in your Sunday Missal. Make sure you up your Missal.
2. Read a passage in the Bible, as Fr. Macdonald is always telling us to do, and reflect on it. How does this relate to you? Where you are on you journey?
3. Create your own reflection on what is important to you and your family at this particular time in your life.
4. Prepare an Advent wreath and pray with your family daily.
5. Spend time with someone who might be lonely, shut-in or in poor health. The gift of your presence (even if only by a phone call) can be a very special occasion for both of you.