

+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.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov. 19, 2017

Masses for next weekend: St. Joseph's – 6 p.m. on Saturday; St. Patrick's – 9:30 a.m. and St. Michael's – 11 a.m. on Sunday

Weekday Masses: Confessions 30 min. before the Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - this week

Mon., Nov. 20 – St. Michael's - 10 a.m. – Dora Carignan req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. Simon LeBlanc

Tues., Nov. 21 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m.- Johnny MacLellan req. by Kay MacLellan

Wed., Nov. 22 -St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Eddy MacLean req. by Jeanette & Paul Crane

Thurs., Nov. 23 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Camille LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edmund LeBlanc

Fri., Nov. 24 – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m. – Harold Gillis req. by Mr. & Mrs. Alex Dunn

Sat., Nov. 25 – Margaree Manor – 10 a.m. - Tommy Burns req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Poupore

Communion calls:

Confessions 30 minutes Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Feast of Christ the King – Nov. 26, 2017

Church	Greeters/gift bearers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
St. Joseph's	Karen & Michael	Sophie	Jannette, Joan M., Karen
St. Michael's	Chris Avery	Sandy, Cyril	Therese, Archie, Art
St. Patrick's	Jack & Marguerite	Carmel, Olivia	Shaun, Allen, Mose

MEETINGS

The Evangelization & Vocations Committee will meet on Tues., Nov. 21 after Mass in St. Joseph's vestry.

Prayer Corner: Please pray for healing for Joe & Marilyn Gledhill, Barry Guihan, Hazel Rhindress (great granddaughter of Tommy & Helen Timmons), Jeanette Crane, Hughie MacKenzie, Lionel Cormier, Fr. Paul Abbass, Lorette MacGillivray, John Daniel LeBlanc, Jr., Hugh Allan Chisholm, Viola MacNeil, Eunice McGuigan (daughter of Jeanette MacIntyre), Judy MacIsaac, Allen Ross, Lorraine (Cormier)LeBlanc, Carolyn Sullivan and Bud Fraser.

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 Michael (Mickey) Arsenault (brother of Claire (Simon) LeBlanc) and Mayme Tingley.

Bulletin announcements may be emailed to bulletins@mfocc.ca no later than 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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 November: During this month of November, we remember Christians in Asia. That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Ministry News

Small Faith Communities' Initiative – The Small Faith Communities will meet on Thurs., Nov. 23 at St. Michael's Hall. Come and bring a friend and your Bible.

Confessions – Confessions will be heard the 3rd week of each month 30 minutes before the Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thank You – A BIG thank you is extended to the six parishioners of St. Patrick's who put a new steel roof on St. Patrick's Hall last week: Shaun Bennett, Alfred Gallant, Tom Godreau, Gerard Miller, Jack Miller and Jimmy Murphy. The roof is beautiful – a truly professional job!

Mass For Shut-ins – Just a note to remind people that Mass for Shut-Ins is now back on CTV on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Suggestion Box – There is a suggestion box at the entrance of each Church. Please jot down any observations you may have about what is not being done or what is not being done right.

St. Joseph's: Parishioners are needed for all ministries: altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and readers. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to serve.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline - The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition also has set up a Compassionate Community Care Helpline for anyone seeking advice, help and support regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and all end-of-life treatment issues. 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.

Recyclables – St. Michael's is once again looking for someone to look after recyclables. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

YOUTH NEWS

MFOCC Youth Group Announcements:

MFOCC Youth Group has placed a prayer box, along with paper and pencils, at the entrance of the church. We invite you to write down any intention you would like the youth group to pray for (sickness, financial, peace, frame of minds, worries you may have etc.) Every Sunday evening at the youth group meeting, the youth will spend time praying for these intentions. Thank you!

Also, if anyone needs help that you think the youth group could help you with, please contact the following people to discuss your request; Audrey LeBlanc [902-235-2626](tel:902-235-2626) or Elaine LeBlanc [902-224-0152](tel:902-224-0152). Thanks

MFOCC Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 19.

Youth Choir - If you are interested in joining a youth choir, please contact Noah Doucette, 902-235-2038.

Youth Ministry – “Encountering God through Serving – People, Community and Environment” - This is our year to bring back activities and events for Youth of our Diocese. Parishioners are asked to support our Youth by contacting your Parish Priest and the Youth Office to see how you can help! Youth that are interested in joining in the fun while we journey in our faith can “like” us on facebook and keep updated on pending activities and events. email: youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca; facebook: Dioceseofantigonishyouth; 902-863-3335, ask for Cathy Walsh

We're Listening....Youth of the Diocese - Youth are invited to lend their voices to the upcoming Bishops Synod 2018: *Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment*. The survey can be found at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K2RBCH9>

Youth Rally - "Called to Serve" **NEW DATE** - Saturday, December 2, 10am - 3pm (lunch provided) at St Ninian Place, Antigonish; A bus will transport youth from CBRM with stops along Hwy 105. Ticket for bus: \$15.00 per person. (Call Cathy Walsh, [902-870-9117](tel:902-870-9117)) Admission: donation to the food bank. Open to youth in Confirmation preparation; youth in grades 9 - 12, University and College students. Registration is now open at: Diocese of Antigonish website, Youth Events page.

A Voice: Hear, Love, Follow: An Advent Youth / Intergenerational Gathering - Sunday, December 10, 2017, 2 p.m. at St. Joseph, Port Hawkesbury Come together to embrace the Advent Season. Prayer and activities catered for all ages.

CWL & K of C

St. Michael's CWL is encouraging parishioners to donate non-perishables (dry and canned goods that are not outdated) for the Food Bank and place them in the box at the entrance of the Church. Be sure that the food is fresh. Only dry goods should be donated. Check the "best before" date!

Petition - St. Michael's CWL has prepared a petition titled "Full Implementation of the Supreme Court decision, in R. v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders". We encourage you to sign our petition at the entrance of the church. In it we ask the federal government to ensure that all judges are provided with a Gladue report of all Indigenous offenders before sentencing them. A Gladue report gives an historical background of the offender such as effects of residential schools, child welfare removal and adoption, physical and sexual abuse, poverty, etc. Thank You.

Knights of Columbus – Crib games will be held on Sundays 7 p.m. at the Margaree Seniors Hall, Margaree. Everyone welcome; bring a partner. There is a Knight's Jackpot.

Attention grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 students. The Knights of Columbus Poster contest "Keep Christ in Christmas" is open to grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. Please pick up the contest guidelines at the entrance of each church. A winner will be picked from each grade. Good luck!

St. Patrick's CWL – We are now collecting dues of \$22. for 2018. Please submit your dues to Sheila 902-248-2516 or Barbara Ross 902-248-2511 or drop them in the collection in an envelope marked `CWL Dues` before Christmas.

Seniors' and Couples' Milestone Anniversary Dinner – St. Patrick's CWL will be hosting a Seniors' and Couples' Milestone (30th, 40th, and 55th) Anniversary Dinner at St. Patrick's Hall on Sun., Nov. 19. Games will begin at 11 a.m. followed by dinner at 12 p.m. Contact Kay (902-248-2310) or Lorraine (902-248-2397) if you plan to attend.

St. Michael's CWL - Membership dues (\$22.00) may be paid to Anne LeBlanc or placed in a CWL addressed envelope and dropped in the Sunday Collection before Nov.30, 2017. Thank you in advance.

St. Michael's CWL - On Monday, Dec.11, the members of St. Michael's CWL will meet at the Gabriel Restaurant in Cheticamp for lunch at 12:00 noon. If you would like to join us, please contact Odette LeBlanc at 235-2628 before Dec.1, 2017.

Other & Community News

S.W. Margaree Seniors Card Game - Mondays at 7 p.m.

Our **3rd Annual Christmas Turkey Dinner**, with pie and all the trimmings will take place on Sunday, November 26 starting at **11:45 a.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall, Margaree**. Door prizes will be drawn randomly throughout the meal. Adults \$13.00, Children 12 years old and younger \$7.00, Family Rate of \$35.00. Proceeds going towards St. Michael's Parish Hall. **Anyone wishing to donate** in any of the following ways: their time, monetary donation for supplies, turkey bucks, rolls, potatoes, carrots or frozen peas, are asked to contact Audrey LeBlanc 235-2626 or Bernice Miller 235-2280. **Thank you!**

ICMH Christmas Tea & Sale - will take place on Fri., Nov. 25 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Inverness Fire Hall. The Margaree Areas are asked to provide for the bake table. Donations to the other tables, especially crafts, would be very much appreciated, too. The Fire Hall will be open at 9 a.m. on Friday to receive any donations.

L'Arche Cape Breton Christmas Tea - will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. at the Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre. Join us for Christmas music and a retelling of the Christmas story. Tea, treats and friendship in abundance! The Angels' Loft Craft Studio will have beautiful greeting cards, weaving and art available to purchase. Free will offerings gratefully accepted.

Free Instruction - Adult upgrading classes and GED exam prep. are being offered throughout Inverness County from Oct./2017 to June/2018. Basic computer skills instruction can be provided in your community depending on interest. If you would like more information, please call Shirley Miller at 248-2960, Jesslyn Timmons at 258-2752, daily at the Literacy Office 258-3110, or toll free at [1-877-258-5550](tel:1-877-258-5550). Sponsored by Inverness County Literacy Council.

Lights of Love Christmas Campaign, 2017 - Celebrating our 20th Year! Join the celebration this year by helping the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home light up their tree with bulbs dedicated to love. You can dedicate a bulb in memory of a deceased loved one, or honour someone presently in your life. Money raised will be used to support Phase 2 of the construction of the “Dementia-Friendly, Healing and Sensory Garden” project. This central courtyard garden will provide a serene, safe, and accessible space, where residents can have that vital connection to nature. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, and are not already on our mailing list, please call the R K Foundation office, and leave your mailing address-902-863-2578, ext. 223. Please join us for our 20th Dedication Ceremony in the R.K .MacDonald chapel on Sunday, Dec. 3

Margaree Area Development Assoc. Annual Meeting - All are invited to attend the 2017 MADA AGM at South West Margaree Parish Hall on Monday, November 20 at 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity to hear more about the on-going work that MADA does in our communities and to meet our Board members. Plan to attend!

The Homemade Apple Pie Fundraiser will be held again this year on Thursday, November 30 to raise funds for the Mabou Hall parking lot. Extra large 10” unbaked Cortland apple pies will sell for \$12 or four for \$45. Pre-ordered pies will be available for pick up that day from 11 am to 6 pm, ready with baking instructions for you to take them home to freeze or bake! A limited number are being made. Pre-orders will be accepted starting Nov. 20 until they sell out, through diannecox@ns.sympatico.ca 945-2031. These are great to have in the freezer for holiday meals and are the perfect gift for busy families and those who like a delicious, practical gift.

Happy 85th Birthday - Bill Cameron's 85th birthday will be celebrated Nov. 25 from 2 to 4 at Kelly Doucet's home. Drop in to wish him a happy birthday and have a piece of cake. Best wishes only.

On Sun., Nov. 26 at Wentworth Park – Bandshell 3 p.m.-5p.m.. All are welcome to this inaugural event, Christmas at the Park! Come enjoy a mug of hot chocolate and a homemade cinnamon roll with your family and friends while enjoying some very talented Cape Breton musicians. Bring a lawn chair and a blanket!

Concert with John and Pattie Fukala and friends at St Joseph Parish, North Sydney (November 19 at 7 p.m.) Come to St. Joseph Parish in North Sydney for an awesome concert to support the parish. Cost is only \$10.00 at the door. Don't miss an awesome night of great music and entertainment. You will enjoy this evening very much. Look forward to seeing you.