

+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.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 17, 2017

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

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Sept. 18 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Freddie LeBlanc req. by Louis Arsenault

Tues., Sept. 19 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Jimmy Gillis req. by Mr. & Mrs. Donnie MacLellan

Wed., Sept. 20 -St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Donald Tompkins req. by Billy Carroll

Thurs., Sept. 21 – St. Michael's -10 a.m.- Frankie LeBlanc req. by Cecile Miller

Fri., Sept. 22– St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m. – Rose Leblanc req. by Jessie Tompkins

Sat., Sept. 23 – **Margaree Manor** – 10 a.m. – Angie LeBlanc req. by Michael LeBlanc (Every second Saturday, Mass will be celebrated at the Margaree Manor. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 9:30 a.m. There will be no Mass on the other Saturdays due to the Zone Meetings. **N.B. This is a weekday Mass, not the weekend Mass.**)

Communion calls: St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's on first Wednesday and St. Michael's on first Friday of the month

Confessions: available before Mass

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 24, 2017

<u>Church</u>	<u>Greeters/gift bearers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>
St. Joseph's	Donald & Florence	Eileen	Jannette, Joan M., Karen
St. Michael's	Kempton	Mary H., Lawrence	Hubert, Claudia, Eugene
St. Patrick's	Alex & Margaret	Campbell & Stella	Allen, Mose, Mary L.

MEETINGS

A very important meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Wed., Sept. 20** at St. Patrick's Church following Mass.

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

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 and friends of Irene Chatterton (sister of Ann Earle) and Allan J. MacEachen.

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 September: Lord Jesus, we ask your abundant blessing on our parishes. May they be sanctuaries where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Ministry News

Inverary Manor Birthday Party for September will be hosted by St. Joseph's on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. There will be music and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Calling All Youth - Youth Group for the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches, will be starting this Monday, September 18 in Mary's Room, Margaree from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Grades 7 to 12 are welcome to come join us. If you are not sure about joining the group, come out and meet with us this Monday, just to check it out. No obligations! We look forward to meeting you.

A message from MFOCC Evangelization & Vocations Committee: A complimentary spaghetti dinner for all parishioners of MFOCC will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at St. Joseph's parish hall at 5 p.m. Please register for this dinner by calling Rosita at 248-2612, Therese at 248-2575 or Stella at 248-2748 by Monday, October 9, so we can be prepared. Our menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce OR spaghetti with meatless sauce, rolls and dessert. We cancelled our dinner in August because we didn't have anyone pre-register. We apologize for any confusion that may have occurred and we are excited to reschedule this dinner for all members of our parish community. Please contact one of us if you plan to attend. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

St. Michael's Church will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from July 23 – the end of October.

YOUTH NEWS

Fall Retreat 2017 - Young Adults Youth Ministry (18 years and older) – will take place Friday, September 22 (5 p.m.) – Sunday, September 24 (noon) at Camp Geddie, Merigomish, NS. Registration fee: \$60.00 (transportation available); Register online: <https://goo.gl/forms/5rEkpwyJ7SNcf4QN2> or contact Fr. Andrew Gillies: fr.gillies@yahoo.ca or 902-863-4846

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>

St. Patrick's Fall Fair Thank You – Thank you to all who contributed to the Fall Fair: those who: provided baskets for the raffle and items for the tables; canvassed businesses for donations; made fancy cakes; worked the tables/youth activities/canteen and sold and bought tickets on the quilt.. A special thank you is extended to our auctioneer Shaun Bennett and his helper Allen; Keith Tompkins and Farmers for once again donating 12 – 2L of ice cream, and all the businesses who continue to be generous in donating items for the auction. The

winners of the baskets were: Judy LeBlanc, Bell Murphy, Grace Chollock, Theresa Verge, Mose Fortune, Mary Earle, Betty Fortune and Cecile Miller. The quilt was won by Tommie Murphy (North East) and the even-split winner was Mose Fortune.

Auction \$1 283.75, Even-split - \$112, Home Baking - \$475, White Elephant - \$217.75, Canteen - \$151.85, Raffles - \$316.25, Fancy Work - \$60, Tickets - \$1 779.60, Donations - \$395 – TOTAL - **\$4 791.45**

2017 Atlantic Catechetical Association Conference hosted by the Diocese of Antigonish will be held at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, Sydney, NS on Oct. 20-22, 2017. The theme is: The Spirituality of the Catechist – Growing in Faith. Registration Fees: Early (before Sept. 15) - \$225; Late (after Sept. 15) - \$275. Brochures with a registration form are available at the entrance of the three churches.

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!

Knights of Columbus – Crib games will start on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Margaree Seniors Hall Margaree. Everyone welcome; bring a partner. Our KNIGHTS' JACKPOT IS BACK.

Msgr. Donald MacPherson Assembly 2017 will hold their monthly meeting **and Installation of Officers** at St. Joseph's Church, Port Hawkesbury on Sunday, Sept. 17 starting at 2 :30 p.m. Important by-laws to be discussed. PLEASE MAKE AN EXTRA EFFORT TO ATTEND! Paul P. Boudreau, Faithful Navigator

Other & Community News

Attention Seniors: Come to the Renewal Centre and relax, enjoy a meal, a little entertainment and a guest speaker. This will take place on September 26 starting at 10:30 in the morning. Please register before Sept. 21 by calling 902-945-2392. We look forward to seeing you.

100 Women Who Care – New Chapter formed in rural Cape Breton - You may register online at <https://www.100womenruralcapebreton.com> or contact Mary Janet MacDonald at [902-870-6504](tel:902-870-6504) or Gail MacNeil at [902-577-3394](tel:902-577-3394) for more information.

Upcoming Women's Cursillo - Applications are already being sent in for the Women's Cursillo this upcoming November at St Joseph Renewal Centre, Mabou. A Cursillo is defined as a short course in Christianity. The new fee is \$100 for this 3-day retreat. Anyone who has already made a Cursillo or a Challenge can sponsor you.

Memorial & Celebration Hymn Sing- Calvin United Church, Margaree Harbour is hosting the 5th Annual Memorial and Celebration Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 17 at 2 p.m. Letters are in the church entrance for further information.

The New Horizons Seniors Club in East Margaree will have their first meeting on Wednesday October 11 at 1:30. No meeting in September.

S.W. Margaree Seniors Card Game - There will not be a card game on September 18, 2017 at the South West Margaree Seniors Club. The cancellation is due to the annual general meeting of the Margaree Co-Op which is being held that night. Play will resume for the winter on September 25/17.

Return of the Vanishing Cape Breton Fiddler - A live revival with producer Ron MacInnis and on fiddle: Shelly Campbell, Donna-Marie DeWolfe and more! Wed., October 4 at 7:30 p.m. Advance Tickets: \$20 adult, \$10 youth, \$45/family; Phone: [902-945-5300](tel:902-945-5300); Online: www.strathspeyplace.com; In Person: Wednesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Under One Umbrella-Cape Breton Winter Wear Donations Request - Event Date: Nov. 4, 2017 (12 p.m-4 p.m.) Centre 200, Sydney; Under One Umbrella Cape Breton is a special event designed to give people, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, access to a wide range of health and other support services all under one roof in one day. Our goal is to provide easy access to services people may not otherwise have an opportunity to access. The range of services offered at this event could vary from foot care, dental screening, eye care, hearing, medical, mental health and addiction services, , housing, haircuts, legal information, food security information, winter clothing, a hot meal and more. Last year many churches gave donations of warm socks (new) which we included in our comfort kit (500 kits) and. **warm winter wear for all ages including mitts, gloves, winter hats, jackets, boots or other foot wear (winter boots are in high demand)). A total of 396 people (Men, Women & Children) were able to get winter wear. We will be collecting donated items beginning Sept 22st with an end date of Oct 20.** We hope your faith community will once again answer our call for help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, Eileen MacNeil, Coordinator Under One Umbrella at 902-371-0101 or Erin Forsey, Health Promotion Coordinator at 902-563-2410 or email underoneumbrella@nshealth.ca. We truly appreciate your help and thank you for your time and support.