

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 10, 2021

Masses are being offered in our three churches on the weekend: St. Patrick's – Sat., 6 p.m.; St. Joseph's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m. **Please note:** Mass times for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's will change the first weekend in November (Nov. 6,7).

Weekday Masses (Public):

Tues., Oct. 12 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Malcolm Phillips req. by Sadie Stockley & family

Wed., Oct. 13 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Vincent MacKinnon req. by Johnny Coady

Thurs., Oct. 14 – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m. – Bernadette LeBlanc req. by Billy Carroll

Weekday Masses (Private):

Oct. 11 – Josephine Muise req. by Rose Gracie Caisee; Oct. 12 – Tommy Murphy req. by Diane Kennedy; Oct. 13 – Gillis req. by Jim & Peggy Gillis; Oct. 14 – Michael LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Arsenault & Marie Bushor; Oct. 15 – Sylvia LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Doucet and Mary Anna LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald LeBlanc

Condolences are extended to the family of

Prayer Corner: Phil Craig, Jackie Murphy, Marilyn Gledhill, Joan Burns, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Lynne Cameron, Elaine (Murphy) Gillis, Leroy LeFort, Aaron MacLennan, Sophie Gracie, Ann (Donald Angus) Gillis, Jenna MacRae, Shirley Fitzgerald, Jennifer MacLellan, Ernie LeBlanc and Bernice Miller. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office, office@mfocc.ca.

Prayer to say: Prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick by Pope Francis during the COVID-19 pandemic:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Mother of Divine Love, for the Health of the Sick. At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did in Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin. 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, 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 October - Missionary Disciples We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Pray the Rosary: Continue praying the Rosary each day for an end to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, for all health care workers, government leaders, all who are sick and all who have died, for all others who are being impacted by this pandemic and for the equitable distribution of the vaccines, so we can all be safe.

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

New Appointments: Bishop Kirkpatrick has announced that effective November 1, 2021, the following will be in effect: Fr. Joby will become Pastor of Stella Maris, Inverness and St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove as well as St. Peter's, Port Hood. Fr. Silvichen will become Pastor of St. Joseph's, St. Michael's and St. Patrick's. Fr. Dan will become Associate Pastor of Stella Maris, Inverness and St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove as well as St. Peter's, Port Hood. Fr. Vincent van Zutphen has retired as Pastor of St. Pater's, Port Hood.

Now on the diocesan website: Truth and Reconciliation page, with suggested activities, links, and resources: first steps in an evolving diocesan plan to engage and support individual and collective healing. You are invited to visit, explore, and connect: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation/>

Call for Nominations for Pastoral Council for the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches – The Margaree Family of Catholic Churches wants to form a Pastoral Council for our three parishes. Parishioners are asked to nominate suitable candidates (those who

are involved in Church activities and have the interests of the three parishes at heart) who are willing to let their names stand and will commit to attending meetings, developing a vision and doing the necessary work to bring about that vision. To nominate a person(s), write each name on a slip of paper and drop the name(s) in the box at the entrance of your Church. It is hoped that the Pastoral Council will have two women and one man from each parish for a total of nine plus our Pastor Fr. Joby. Nominations should be in by October 10.

Fund Raiser for St. Michael's Parish – Envelopes have been placed in the pews in St. Michael's Church. Donations are requested for church repairs, to finish scraping and painting the outside of the Church, repair the pillars and the boards above the pillars. All contributions will be greatly appreciated, so the work can be completed. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Thank you – A sincere thank you is extended to Rev. Mr. Art Riley who has served as our webmaster for many years and has retired. We thank him for his dedicated service. We were very grateful when he came to our rescue when our previous webmaster moved away. Thank you, Art and God bless you!

New Webmaster – We are very pleased to announce that we have a new webmaster, Jesse (Chloe) LeBlanc. We look forward to working with him.

Messages to the Parish Office – We have a new email address: Office@mfocc.ca This address can be used for messages/bulletin announcements.

Proof of Vaccination (POV) will be mandatory for all wedding and funeral Masses as well as receptions. POV will not be necessary for other Masses.

Annual Meeting of the Antigonish Diocesan Society - The Annual General Meeting of the Antigonish Diocesan Society will take place in St. Joseph's Under the Patronage of His Excellency the Bishop of Antigonish • Sous les auspices de son Excellence l'Evêque d'Antigonish

Parish Hall, located in the basement of St. Joseph's Parish Church in Port Hawkesbury on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 2.30 p.m. The Antigonish Diocesan Society was formed in 1942 with the help of the Knights of Columbus of the various Councils within the Diocese to provide financial assistance to young men wishing to study for the Priesthood. Since that time, the Society has helped hundreds of young men, by providing thousands of dollars for their Educational Priestly Training. At the present time, the Diocese of Antigonish has two seminarians: David Rankin, a native of Mabou Inverness County is completing his Pastoral Year at St. John the Baptist Parish in New Glasgow, where Fr. Tom MacNeil is the Pastor, and the second seminarian is Joe MacMaster, a native of Troy Inverness County, who has begun his first year of studies in St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Please keep David & Joe in your prayers, as you continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood & Religious

Life.

Recitation of the Rosary during October – During October, the month of Mary, the rosary will be recited one half hour before the weekend Mass in each Church (St. Patrick's – 5:30 p.m.; St. Joseph's – 9 a.m. and St. Michael's – 10:30 a.m.).

CWL NEWS

St. Patrick's CWL Monthly Meeting: The regular monthly meeting of St. Patrick's CWL will be held on Wed., Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. **Please note: Proof of vaccination will be required. Masks are still mandatory.** Dues for 2022 (\$22) are now being collected.

OTHER NEWS

St. Margaret's Church, Broad Cove will host a series of mini concerts as a fund raiser to be held in the church on Fridays, 7-9 pm on Nov. 12th, Dec. 10th. Cost of tickets is \$25.00 each and can be purchased in the church vestry following Mass on the two Sundays prior to each of the concerts; at Stella Maris Parish Office during regular office hours, or by e-transfer to broadcove_concert@outlook.com (Please include your name in the **Note** section of the e-transfer so that tickets can be reserved in your name at the door). If purchasing in person, please have exact cash or a cheque. Hope you can join us for what is sure to be a pleasurable evening. Your support is appreciated. Covid protocols will be followed.

Sale Notice -The East Margaree New Horizon Seniors Club has come to the decision to sell the hall. Due to financial difficulties and declining membership, we can no longer afford the expenses and upkeep of the hall.

We will continue to function as a seniors' club and will rent space for meetings and functions.

We would like to thank all past and present members for their continued support. Also a big thank you to the community for supporting us in all our fund raisers. We hope to serve the seniors of our community, as we move forward. Always looking forward to welcoming new members.

Margaree Salmon Museum AGM will take place on Thurs., October 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, N.E. Margaree. Annual membership (\$5.) may be paid before the meeting. Draws for gift cards to three local restaurants as part of the membership drive. Public Health protocols will be in place and Proof of Vaccination Record must be shown. Plan to attend!