

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.

The Epiphany of the Lord, Jan. 7, 2024

Weekend Masses: St. Joseph's – Sat., 4 p.m.; St. Patrick's (in the hall after Jan. 8) – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses: NO WEEKDAY MASSES until Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Feast Days/Memorials: Jan. 8 – The Baptism of the Lord (end of the Christmas Season); Jan. 12 – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

From the Pastor's desk: Fr. Silvan is at home in India, and he will be back Feb. 22.

MINISTRY

Please note: - Beginning January 14, 2024 Sunday Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m. until further notice.

FORMED – Our subscription to FORMED will not be renewed due to lack of interest. If you have been using FORMED and would like to continue, individual subscriptions are available for \$100 in US funds.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – A Prayer Service with the theme, “You should love the Lord, your God, and your neighbour as yourself.”, for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2024 will be hosted by Wilson United Church during that week. The date will be announced later. Everyone is invited to attend.

CWL/KofC News

CWL – A very important meeting of St. Patrick's CWL will be held on Wed., Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing our outlook for 2024 and seeking input on the future direction of CWL and upcoming events – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and World Day of Prayer among other items.

Knights of Columbus: Knights are reminded that dues must be paid by the end of January.

OTHER NEWS

Last Call for Stamps – Please bring used stamps to your Church before the end of January.

N.E. Margaree Seniors' Meeting - The N.E. Margaree Seniors meet the second Monday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Seniors' Hall in Margaree Valley. All seniors are welcomed!

Monthly Foot Clinic: - The Foot Clinic at the Seniors' Hall in Margaree Valley takes place every second Tuesday of the month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next one is Jan. 9. The cost is \$10.

PRAYERS

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January – For the gift of diversity in the Church – We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Ann Gillis, Ann Mailette, Anna Matheson, Karen Baer, Dana Montgomery, Johnny Coady, Jesse Kilfoil, Claire (Simon) LeBlanc, Vicki MacEachern, David Timmons, Rosita Gillis, Lucy MacIntyre, Denise LeBlanc and Mary Stewart. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

Our condolences are extended to the families of Shirley LeBlanc, Aunt of Debbie Arsenault.

Prayer for World Peace – Father, even when things seem hopeless, we know that through You we are never without hope. We beg your intervention for a world on the constant brink of war. Beat our swords into plowshares and cause the lion to lie down with the lamb. Intervene in this world that we might avoid the horrors of war and let peace rule in all lands. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph - 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.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel - St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God cast into Hell, Satan, and all the other evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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.

Prayer of St. Patrick - May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us against the snares of the evil ones; against temptations of the world. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us; Christ be over all! May Thy Salvation, Lord, always be ours, this day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

Members of the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches Ministries

Parish Pastoral Council – The members of our Council are Chair – Lawrence MacLellan; vice-Chair – John Gillis; secretary – Mary MacNeil; other members: Mary Louise Burns, Lorna Chiasson, Mose Fortune, Alfred Gallant, Donald Angus Gillis and Hilda Murphy-Phillips.

Finance Committee – The members of our Finance Committee are: Chair – Cathy Miller; other members are: Hubert Chiasson, Paula Cormier, Aurea Gillis, Michael Gillis, Marie MacNeil, Cindy McBride, Stella McDaniel and Cecile Miller.

Liturgy Committee - The members of our Liturgy Committee are: Chair - Lawrence Cameron, Secretary – Betty MacFarlane, vice-Chair – Wilfridine Crowdis; other members: Trina Colette, Sandra Gillis, Donna MacFarlane, Mary Hilda MacIsaac, Dorothy MacKenzie, Irene MacLellan, Steve MacLennan, Denise Olson and Barbara Wyrwas.

Building & Maintenance Committee – St. Joseph's – Contact person Joey MacKinnon and other members: Alex MacNeil and Jerald Miller; St. Michael's – Contact person: Cyril LeBlanc and other members: Dennis Doucet and Emile LeBlanc, Belle Cote; St. Patrick's – Contact person Jack Miller and other members: Tom Godreau and John McBride. If you see anything which needs to be done, let the contact person know.

Bereavement Committee – St. Joseph’s – Helen Gillis, Rosita Gillis, Mary MacNeil and Marie MacNeil; St. Michael’s – Helena Chiasson, Elaine LeBlanc, Odette LeBlanc and Dorothy MacKenzie; St. Patrick’s – Sheila Fortune, Kay Hannigan, Cindy & John McBride and Cecile Miller.

Quote: “Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.” – St. Peter Chrysologus