

# 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.*

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb. 11, 2024

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

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

## MINISTRY

**Ash Wednesday** – February 14 is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's at 10 a.m. and at St. Michael's at 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence (no meat).

**Enrich Your Lenten Journey:** "On February 14, we begin the Sacred Season of Lent. May your Lenten Journey be richly blessed with quiet contemplation, deep prayer and refreshing spiritual renewal." – Living with Christ Some suggested resources: 1) "Living Lent Daily" - <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/>; 2) "A Historic Journey to Eucharistic Consecration : Join the Life-Changing Spiritual Pilgrimage this Lent" - <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>; 3) Stations of the Cross – (video) <https://www.crsricebowl.org/stations-of-the-cross>; (text) <https://www.usccb.org/resources/scriptural-way-cross-lent>

**The Margaree Food Security Program** offers assistance to all people in need of financial help for grocery items. If you, or someone you know, could use a little financial boost, please call 902-248-2888 on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A volunteer will assist you in obtaining a Co-op Gift Card that can be used to purchase whatever items you require with the exception of alcohol, tobacco products and lottery tickets. This service is confidential.

The Margaree Food Security Program is accepting monetary donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. If you would like to make a donation, please forward your donation to Cecile Miller c/o St. Patrick's Parish, N. E. Margaree, NS B0E 2H0 if you would like to be issued a tax receipt.

**Children's Liturgy** - The Margaree Highland Games Board is delighted to offer children's liturgy during Mass on the first Sunday of the month. If families show interest, we will make it a more permanent fixture in our Masses. Starting the first Sunday in March, we will provide a safe, nurturing space, sharing songs, colouring pictures and listening to God's word.

**Diocesan Ministry Protocol** – Work is being done to update the file for the Diocesan Responsible Ministry Protocol for our parishes. The Diocese is in the process of rolling out a free, online course for Responsible Ministry offered by Ecclesiastical Insurance. Participation in this course will be mandatory for all parishes beginning in January. The course is forty-nine minutes long and will help reduce the cost of our insurance and provide a safe environment for everyone.

**Study of the Four Constitutions of Vatican II** – A study of the four constitutions of Vatican II will be organized if there is enough interest among parishioners. Is anyone interested in doing a study during Lent? Contact Anne Marie or Cecile if you are.

**Jubilee Year 2025** – Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as the year of prayer in preparation for *Jubilee 2025* under the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*. Parishioners are encouraged to consult the Vatican website, [vatican.va](http://vatican.va), about the tradition and significance of a jubilee year and to join in prayerful preparation for *Jubilee 2025*, which the Pope will inaugurate with the rite of opening the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Advent 2024. To prepare, the Pope has invited the faithful to study and reflect on the four constitutions of Vatican II and the meaning of these documents for the life of the Church today. You will find the Jubilee Prayer below for sharing and praying in preparation for the Jubilee Pilgrimage.

**Attention: All Those in Ministry** – If you are involved in a ministry and have not filled out a *Staff/Volunteer Request for Information Form*, there will be an envelope for you to pick up (as soon as we get them ready). Please fill out the form and return it to the Church or the Parish Office. If you are involved in a high risk ministry, you will be required to get a Criminal Record Check if you have not had one done in the last five years; you will also need a Vulnerable Sector Check both of which can be obtained at the local police station. Please read the cover letter, so you will know what to do with the forms when they are completed.

## **CWL/KofC News**

**CWL** – St. Patrick's CWL will host the World Day of Prayer on Fri., Mar. 1 at St. Patrick's Hall.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Pancake Lunch/ Shrove Tuesday** – A pancake lunch will be held on February 13 at 11:30 at St-Michel's Parish Hall, East Margaree. There will be pancakes, potato pancakes, sausages, dessert, tea or coffee, all for \$15.00; children under 10 free. It is sponsored by St-Michel's Parish Hall. Come one; come all!!!

**Pancake Supper** – There will be a pancake supper at St. Patrick's Hall on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13 beginning at 4:30 p.m. – pancakes, sausages, dessert, tea & coffee. \$8 for adults; \$5 for children under 12; \$20 per family.

**Change of Date for Foot Clinic** – The Foot Clinic at the N.E. Margaree Seniors' Hall will take place on Thursday, Feb. 15 instead of Tuesday for this month only.

**Pancake Breakfast** – A pancake breakfast sponsored by the N.E. Margaree Seniors will take place on Sat., Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.; \$15 per plate – pancakes, sausages, eggs, muffins, biscuits, homemade jam, tea, coffee and juice

## **PRAYERS**

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February** – For the terminally ill – We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**Pilgrims of Hope – The Jubilee Prayer** - Father in Heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom. May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.

**Our condolences are extended to the families of Eugene Chiasson and Antje Cormier, wife of the late Wayne Cormier.**

**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, Mary Stewart, Margaret Ross, Isidore Doucet and Calum MacDonald. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

**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 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 B. 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: "Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself." - St. Peter Chrysologus

Fasting/Feasting – It's that time, again!

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ in them.

Fast from wanting more; feast on being thankful.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from worry; feast on trust.

Fast from complaining; feast on enjoyment.

Fast from negatives; feast on positives.

Fast from stress; feast on prayer.

Fast from anger; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from fear; feast on truth.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from gossip; feast on silence.

Fast from fighting; feast on peace.

An adaptation from the poem "A Lenten Prayer" By William Arthur Ward (1921-1984)

[https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2009/02/lent-faq-with-joe -p](https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2009/02/lent-faq-with-joe-p)