

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 28, 2024

Weekend Masses: St. Patrick's – Sat., 6 p.m.; St. Joseph's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Mon., July 29 – St. Joseph's – 11 a.m. - Funeral Mass for Ann Maillet, sister of Donald the blacksmith

Tues., July 30 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Angus Gillis req. by Rhoda & Stan Mills

Wed., July 31 – St. Michael's - 10 a.m. – Beverly Timmons req. by Billy Carroll

Thurs., Aug. 1 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Julia LeFort req. by Alphonse, Annette, Francine, Angele & Andrea & their families

Fri., Aug. 2 – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m.; Adoration & Confessions - 5:30 p.m. – Albert & Zenaida Solis

Solemnities, Memorial, Feast – Mon., July 29 – Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Disciples of the Lord; Wed., July 31 – Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest; Aug. 1 – Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

Please note: The next bulletin will be printed for the weekend of Aug. 24, 25.

From the Pastor's Desk: My dear people,

The warm weather is great because the sun boosts our mood. There is green, more life, outdoor activities, visitors, etc. The Highland Games on the second weekend of August, square dance on Fridays at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, the dinners at all Parish halls boost the spirit of our community, the Parish family and create a fun-filled and memorable summer. I personally request you to be part of all the activities and enjoy every bit of this summer.

We have four baptisms at St. Micheal's this Sunday and ask you to kindly keep them in your prayers so that they may be filled with grace and love Christ in their life.

The glebe chimney has been fixed; flashing is installed and the stones were pointed.

I will be available for confessions anytime you need it. I can help you before or after the Holy Mass or at your convenience. If you would like to have your house blessed or like a visit from me, please contact me but no pressure. I am happy to visit and take care of the spiritual needs of the sick and the shut-ins anytime but let me know.

We are in the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings today help us have a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. Three elements are emphasized in John's account of the multiplication to provide a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. These elements are the time of the multiplication, references to Psalm 23, and the gathering of the fragments that are left over. The Gospel of John places the multiplication of the loaves and fish at the time of the Passover. This isn't just a passing note. The Passover was the sacred meal of the Jews celebrating their freedom from slavery in Egypt and the Lord's continual protection. Jesus was providing a meal at the Passover time. He would provide another meal during another Passover. The Last Supper was the First Supper of the new People of God, eating the Body and Blood of the Lord. So, from the very start of today's Gospel, we know that John is speaking about a lot more than loaves and fish. In today's Gospel, Jesus sees the needs of the people. He has them recline on the green grass. He restores their strength with his food. This is not just about loaves and fish. Jesus is performing a prophetic action. He provides the banquet Psalm 23 spoke of, the Banquet of the Lord. Those who eat this food will continue to eat it in the House of the Lord forever.

The third element that John emphasizes in his account of the multiplication is the recovery of the fragments that are left over. When the people of Israel gathered manna in the desert, they were told not to gather more than

they needed. Moses told the people that leftover manna was not to be stored. Jesus, though, tells his disciples to gather up the remains. They were entrusted with twelve baskets of bread to be preserved for the people. One of the mandates the Lord gives his disciples is to care for the food he provides so those who are not present might also eat his food. The Eucharist which is not consumed during the Christian banquet is not to be thrown out. It is the Body of the Lord. It is to be saved for those who were not able to be present at his meal so they also can partake of his food. What we have here is the biblical basis for the preservation of the Eucharist in our tabernacles. The Eucharist is stored so those who cannot attend the feast might still receive the Lord's Body.

These three elements emphasized by John in his account of the multiplication: the Passover, the fulfillment of Psalm 23, and the preservation of the fragments, remind us that God has provided a meal that is far greater than we could ever hope for, or even ever imagine. God is so great that he has found a way for all of us to attend the eternal Passover. God is so great that he leads us into his presence and feeds us his meal. When we receive communion, we enter into the intimate union with God that Jesus came to earth to provide for these creatures whom he loves so deeply.

Today we pray that every time we receive communion, we might come to a deeper and deeper understanding of the great gift of Love that is the Eucharist.

In Christ we trust,

Fr. Silvichan Dominic CFIC

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 28 – Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Jan. 31, 2021 to highlight the importance of providing adequate pastoral and spiritual attention to the elderly and to call on communities to manifest the closeness of the Church to them. "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Ps 71.9) is the theme of the 4th Annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, being celebrated this year on July 28. This year, the Holy See published a Decree granting a Plenary Indulgence for those who take part in the celebrations of the Day or who visit the elderly alone. For more on the Plenary Indulgence, and to read Pope Francis' message: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/do-not-cast-me-off-in-my-old-age/>

Attention, Those in Ministry: If you were given forms for the Diocesan Responsible Ministry Protocol and have not filled them out and/or have not had your Police Check/Vulnerable Sector Check, please attend to this matter as soon as possible.

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, 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.

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OTHER NEWS

The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine, Mabou is a place of prayer and devotion, of piety and faith, a Catholic Shrine which welcomes visitors of all faiths and interests. Become a "Friend of the Shrine"; enroll a friend as a gift or "In Memory" of a loved one. Our goal is \$50,000. "We need your help."

ADULT Square Dance will be held on August 2 at St. Joseph's Hall, South West Margaree, with music by Robie Fraser, time 8-11, admission \$10.

FAMILY Square Dance will be held on August 9 at St. Joseph's Hall, South West Margaree, with music by Chrissy Crowley, time 8-11, admission \$10.

50th Wedding Anniversary - The Miller children wish to invite you to a 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for our parents, Gerard and Shirley Miller, Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, 2-4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, N.E. Margaree. Best wishes only!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July – *For the pastoral care of the sick* – We pray that the sacrament of the anointing of the sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become evermore a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August – *For political leaders* – We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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.

PRAYERS

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Ann Gillis, Karen Baer, Johnny Coady, Vicki MacEachern, David Timmons, Lucy MacIntyre, Denise LeBlanc, Mary Stewart, Margaret Ross, Calum MacDonald, Donna McDaniel, Hugh Allan Chisholm, Delores Harris and Sandy Ross. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

Condolences are extended to the families of Duncan Chisholm, grand nephew of Archie Chisholm and Marie Pearson, and Isaac Goswell.

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.

Collections for June 2024:

St. Joseph's – Reg. - \$3 915; Loose - \$170.25; Fuel - \$30; Ins. - \$310; L.A. - \$102; Cem. - \$695; ADS - \$20; Papal Charities - \$20; Poor Can - \$193.25; Donation (Knights of Columbus) - \$500

St. Michael's – Reg. - \$5 280; Loose - \$898; E-Transfers - \$80; Insurance - \$430; Fuel - \$20; L.A. - \$135; PC - \$10; Cem. - \$1 130

St. Patrick's – Reg. - \$2 705; Loose - \$128.75; Fuel - \$20; Ins. - \$140; L.A. - \$35; Cem. - \$145; ADS - \$20; PC - \$30; Good Fri. - \$15; Donation (KofC) - \$500

Margaree Food Security Program – St. Joseph's - \$30; St. Patrick's - \$40

UPDATE FROM MARGAREE HIGHLAND GAMES

We are pleased to inform parishioners that profits from the 2023 Margaree Highland Games have been used to help in a number of ways. Some of these investments include asphalt purchased for the filling of potholes at the St. Michael's parking lot, repairs to St. Michael's Hall after engineer findings, aiding with the purchase and installation of heat pumps at St. Michael's Parish Hall (including necessary electrical changes after heat pump installation) and the purchase of a storage container that will be jointly used by MHG and St. Michael's Parish Maintenance/Grounds committee. These investments total almost *\$15,500!*

Through many generous donations of time, talent, and money, we remain very grateful to God for the way He works through our parishioners, community members at large, and visitors who support our annual event.

Next month, we will be celebrating our 11th Annual Margaree Highland Games

Saturday, August 10 & Sunday, August 11, 2024.

As always, this exciting weekend kicks off Saturday with our annual Bingo (See announcement below.) and 4 p.m. Mass, Fricot Supper, and Family Square Dance.

On Sunday, the festivities continue with Heavy Events commencing at 10 a.m. when we welcome over 20 athletes from across the Maritimes! Sunday will also feature our annual Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Pipe & Highland Dance performances, Kids' Zone, Horse Rides, Canteen, Beer Garden, Merchandise Table, etc.

***Remember! This is a cash only weekend! Rain or Shine! Bring your own chair!**

Visit us on Social Media for a full weekend schedule.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!*

Margaree Highland Games Bingo

Saturday, August 10, 2024

1 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall, Margaree

Doors will open at 11 a.m.

Come early as we were full capacity last year.

Fourteen games of \$100.00 and one jackpot game of \$500.00

Loonie Jar

\$15.00 for block of 3

\$35.00 for block of 9

Extra cards will be sold for the jackpot game.

Come one and all and try your luck.