

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 29, 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: On Tuesday and Friday, the weekday Mass will be preceded by Adoration and Confessions beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 1 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Dougald MacLellan req. by Mary Jessie Gillis

Wed., Oct. 2 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Margaret Kulchycky (Margie Mike Jack) req. by Barbara Wyrwas

Thurs., Oct. 3 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Sally MacKinnon req. by Mr. & Mrs. Albert LeBlanc

Fri., Oct. 4 – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m. – Mary & Collie Poirier req. by Kempton Poirier

Memorials – Sept. 30 – St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor; Oct. 1 – St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor; Oct. 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels; Oct. 4 – St. Francis of Assisi

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -- Mary in our Life by Fr. William G. Most.

MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet on Tues., Oct. 8 at St. Joseph's following the 6:30 Mass.

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.

Important Appeal – The following is a message from the Christian Medical & Dental Association (CMDA Canada): The College of Physicians and Surgeons has recently passed a policy requiring doctors to refer patients for euthanasia, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), and other procedures. 42 Doctors and thousands of Nova Scotians have signed on but we need to do more. We are particularly worried about vulnerable patients being offered MAiD. For instance, a doctor shared a story of a patient who, after recovering from a heart procedure, was offered MAiD instead of homecare assistance. Thankfully, the patient chose homecare, but stories like these highlight the urgency of our cause. **Here's how you can help:**

We have created a website for individuals to share their stories. Please visit this link (<https://e584193.capsule.video/record>) to record your story. If more time is needed, you can record it in parts. Collecting these stories is crucial to demonstrate to politicians that these are not isolated incidents.

Margaree Food Security Society -Established in July of 2023, the Margaree Food Security Society has been helping those in need of financial assistance in the Margaree area by providing gift cards for the Margaree Co-op Store to purchase groceries or personal items for their households. People can call the Food Security telephone line at 902-248-2888 on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to access assistance. Volunteers will determine the eligibility and the appropriate amount of funding for the number of household residents and mail the gift card to the applicant. Maintaining personal dignity and confidentiality is of utmost importance to the Society. We stress to our applicants that these cards are not to be used to purchase alcohol, tobacco or lottery products. We trust our clients and in turn offer them our promise of confidentiality. At this time, we have 25 registered recipients. Of that number, 11 are families of three or more, 5 are two person households and 9 are individuals. Seven of those registered do not use the service on a regular basis.

We have disbursed over \$23,000.00 to date. We depend on donations from individuals, businesses, groups and organizations for funding and have reapplied for additional funding from the United Way Cape Breton and the Municipality of the County of Inverness. Donations can be forwarded to Cecile Miller, % St Patrick's Parish and a charitable donation receipt will be issued. The Society is registered with Joint Stocks and in the process of finalizing our Charitable Status with the Canada Revenue Agency. Our application has been submitted and we are waiting for confirmation of approval. When that process is complete, we will offer receipts for donations directly from the Food Security Society.

The Society meets every six months and is composed of representatives of Margaree churches and organizations. The executive members are: Mary MacNeil, President, Janet Gillis, Vice-President, Treasurer, Jeanette Cameron and Secretary, Hilda Murphy-Phillips.

We recognize and appreciate the support of those who have made donations: the Margaree Coop, The Margaree Family of Catholic Churches, the Municipality of the County of Inverness and the numerous businesses and organisations who have been so very generous.

With a donation from the Margaree Coop, we have been able to produce posters and magnets containing information about our program. We hope that you will pick up a magnet or two at the entrance of the church for yourself or to pass on to someone you may know.

Volunteers Needed at St. Michael's: We are in the process of establishing a fundraising committee at St. Michael's Parish. Persons with many skills and talents are required. Please contact Lorna Chiasson at 1munrochiasson@gmail.com or 902-248-2451.

CWL/KOC NEWS

Knights CRIB GAMES are back, starting September 22 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall with 1st Prize, 2nd Prize, Even-split, Knights Jackpot and High Hand. Come enjoy a great game of cards with your friends.

St. Patrick's CWL Executive will meet on Oct. 2 at St. Patrick's Hall at 7 p.m..

OTHER NEWS

Used Stamps- Used stamps can be left at the entrances of each Church, and they will be sent away periodically by St. Patrick's CWL.

St. Michael's Cemetery: We take great pride in keeping our cemetery tidy and inviting, the final resting place of our loved ones. Please consider helping to keep it well kept by donating periodically to St. Michael's Cemetery fund, a heart-warming project for our families, near and far. Sincere thanks to those who have so generously donated to our cemetery this spring/summer. Our next cemetery Clean up Day will be on Saturday, Oct.5 beginning at 9 a.m. If you are able to help in any way, please join us. Thank you for your support! - St. Michael's Cemetery Committee

N.E. Margaree Seniors' Crib & Dessert – Thursdays at the N.E. Margaree Seniors' Hall, 66 Crowdis Crossroads, Margaree Valley: 6:30 p.m. – refreshments and dessert; 7 p.m. – play starts; \$10 for dessert & refreshments, even-split ticket, 24-hand special pot and play OR separate – refreshments - \$2; even-split – \$2 each or 3 for \$5; 24-hand - \$1; play - \$5 with 1st and 2nd prizes

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September – *For the cry of the earth* – We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October – *For a shared mission* – We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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, Mary Stewart, Margaret Ross, Calum MacDonald, Donna McDaniel, Hugh Allan Chisholm, Delores Harris, Sandy Ross, Mildred MacDonald, Kim MacPhee, Kenny Schack, Bob Fortune, Gen Rose, Germaine Cormier, Jamie Wilson-McDermott and Claire LeBlanc. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

Condolences are extended to the family of Joan Burns.

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.

Prayer for the Season of Creation:

Triune God, Creator of all,

we praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home.

Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection. We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.

We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Quote: ““There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families... that cannot be solved by the Rosary.” - Lucia dos Santos, one of the shepherd children who saw the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, once said about the blessed Rosary.

According to the Dominican tradition, the Virgin Mary revealed the 15 promises first to St. Dominic and later to Alain de la Roche, a Dominican friar very devoted to the Rosary (XV century). The 15 promises guarantee Saint Mary's assistance to those who pray the Rosary when facing problems and worries of daily life. Moreover, she will intercede for our eternal salvation.

These are **the 15 promises of the Blessed Virgin Mary** to the faithful who pray the Rosary:

1. *Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.*
2. ***I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.***

3. ***The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.***
4. *It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the heart of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.*

5. *The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.*

6. *Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered and never overwhelmed by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death (unprepared for heaven). The sinner shall convert. The just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.*

7. *Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.*

8. *Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.*

9. *I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.*

10. *The faithful children of the Rosary shall **merit a high degree of glory in heaven.***

11. ***You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.***

12. *All those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be **aided by me in their necessities.***

13. *I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.*

14. ***All who recite the Rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.***

15. *The devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of **predestination.***

You are encouraged to pray the Rosary during the month of October which has been designated as the month of the Rosary.

Mysteries of the Rosary:

The Joyful Mysteries prayed on Monday and Saturday: