

Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

St. Joseph's

St. Michael's/St-Michel

St. Patrick's

Pastor: Fr. Silvichan Dominic, CFIC

Contact: Tel: (Office) 902-235-2435; In emergencies (Fr. Silvan) 1-780-932-5163; silvichen@gmail.com

bulletin announcements: ccl.mllr@gmail.com

Mission Statement: Open to God. Open to Others. Open to Transformation

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 10, 2024

Weekend Masses: St. Joseph's – Sat., 4 p.m.; St. Patrick's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Please note: All weekday Masses will be private ones this week.

Tues., Nov. 12 – Kaye MacLeod req. by Mr. & Mrs. Alex MacNeil

Wed., Nov. 13 – Beverley Timmons req. by Jessie Murphy

Thurs., Nov. 14 - Lucy MacIntyre req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc

Fri., Nov. 15 – Annie Rose & Eugene Arsenault req. by Kempton Poirier

Wed., Nov. 13 – Mass of Christian Burial for Danny Gillis will be at St. Joseph's Church at 11 a.m. Visitation will be at the Inverness Funeral Home from 4-8 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 12.

Memorials: Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

From the Pastor's Desk: My dear folks in Christ,

Greetings of peace and love in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

As I informed you, I will be away for my Retreat with my Religious Order in Mexico from November 12 to 23. It's definitely a time to refresh and renew the spirit. You are all going to be in my prayers.

I also welcome Tom Godreau to the Parish Council from St. Patrick.

You know the old joke about the chicken and the pig that saw the church sign saying, "Help feed the hungry." The chicken said, "That's a good idea! Let's help by putting in our 'widow's mite.'" Let's give ham and eggs." The pig said, "That's easy for you to say, but for me it's a total commitment!"

Blessed be the widow who placed her complete trust in the Divine Providence of God. Blessed are those who persevere in their living faith. In our seemingly prosperous society, widows (and widowers), in addition to their deep grief, often suffer from economic loss from the burden of rearing a family alone and from a strange isolation from friends which often sets in soon after protestations of support at their spouses' funerals. Let us learn to appreciate the widows and widowers of our parish community. Their loneliness draws them closer to God and to stewardship in the parish. They are often active participants in all the liturgical celebrations, offering prayers for their families and for their parish family. Frequently, they are active in the parish organizations, as well as in visiting and serving the sick and the shut-ins. Hence, let us appreciate them, support them, encourage them and pray for them.

We need to accept Christ's criteria of judging people: We often judge people by what they possess. We give weight to their position in society, to their educational qualifications, or to their celebrity status. But Jesus measures us in a totally different way – on the basis of our inner motives and intentions hidden behind our actions. He evaluates us on the basis of the sacrifices we make for others and on the degree of our surrender to God's holy will.

The offering God wants from us is not our material possessions, but our hearts and lives. What is hardest to give is ourselves in love and concern, because that gift costs us more than reaching for our purses.

We need to pour out our "whole life." Can we, like the poor widow, find the courage to share the wealth and talents we hold? Can we stop dribbling out our stores of love and selflessness and sacrifice and compassion and dare to pour out our whole heart, our whole being, our "whole life" into the love-starved coffers of this world?

With prayers, Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

MINISTRY

“Dilexit nos” (“He loved us”), Pope Francis' fourth Encyclical, was released Oct. 24. With a brief introduction and divided into five chapters, the Encyclical continues the tradition and speaks of the relevance of “the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ,” renewing his authentic devotion: the Heart of Jesus impels us to love and sends us to our brothers and sisters. To learn more and read the Encyclical: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/dilexit-nos-he-loved-us/>

Margaree Food Security Society – 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 Society is accepting monetary donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. If you would like to make a donation, please forward your cheque, made out to St. Patrick's Parish, to Cecile Miller, % St. Patrick's Parish, N.E. Margaree, NS B0E 2H0.

Save the date – Dec. 8 - A Christmas Party for all three churches – St. Joseph's, St. Michael's and St. Patrick's will be held on December 8 at St. Patrick's Hall from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. More details will follow.

Development & Peace Fall Campaign - **Together, let's work towards *Reaping our Rights!*** Development and Peace — Caritas Canada invites you to join the ***Create Hope: Reaping our Rights*** campaign. See how peasant and rural communities in the Global South are uniting to ensure their rights are respected in the face of challenges such as land grabbing, resource theft and the contamination of soil, water and air by private corporations. Let's ensure that no Canadian company tramples on their rights by calling on Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation!** Sign at devp.org/act! To learn more about peasants' rights and due diligence, read our **action sheet** (in last week's bulletin) or visit devp.org/campaign. If you have the D&P postcard, there is still time to return it to Church.

Christmas Wreath Making will take place at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, S.W. Margaree beginning at 2 p.m. on Dec. 1/24 with instructor Michael Gillis. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25.00 If interested, call Cathy Miller 902-248-2610.

CWL/KOC NEWS

Knights CRIB GAMES are on Sunday 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.

Membership Breakfast - Knights and their wives and wives of deceased members are invited to breakfast. If you know of any men in our community who would like to join the Knights or just want to check us out, please invite. Our Membership Breakfast is scheduled for November 16 at 9:30 a.m. at St Patrick's Hall, N.E. Margaree. All we ask is that you call to reserve your spot. (We have to know how many eggs to cook.) PLEASE CALL Tom Godreau at 248-2697 or Mose Fortune at 248-2260.

St. Patrick's CWL – On Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m., St. Patrick's CWL will have their Memorial Service for all deceased CWL members in St. Patrick's Hall. All members and family members of deceased CWL members are invited and encouraged to attend.

OTHER NEWS

St. Michael's Parish – (Please note – This is cancelled for Nov. 11 in honour of Remembrance Day.) St. Michael's Parish Hall will be open every Monday from 1-4 p.m. All are welcome to stop in. Feel free to bring a project you are working on. There's a puzzle, cards, and a quilting frame set up. Experienced and beginner quilters are welcome to try it out. Enjoy a cup of tea, say hi to an old friend or meet a new one.

Margaree Kinette Club Annual Christmas Craft Show will take place at the Margaree Forks Fire Hall on Sunday, November 17 from 12-3 p.m. Admission is \$2 with door prizes. There will be local crafts and more.

ICMH Annual Christmas Tea & Sale - The Inverness Hospital Auxiliary are hosting their annual Christmas Tea and Sale on Sunday, November 24 at the Inverness Legion from 2 to 5 p.m. Tea tickets at \$5 each are available from members of the Auxiliary in the Margaree communities. In East Margaree, those interested in purchasing Tea tickets or in making a donation to the Auxiliary may contact Anne LeBlanc at 235-2064. Items for the Bake Table including breads, sweets, pies, pickles, jams and jellies are all welcome. Baking may be dropped off with Aurea Gillis (248-2061) or Eileen Coady (248-2951) by 11 a.m. on November 24.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies - November 11

The **St Michael's / Calvin United Remembrance Ceremony** will be held at **St Michael's Church**. The ceremony will start at **11 a.m.**

The **Wilson United / St Patrick's Remembrance Ceremony** will be held in the **Cranton Crossroads Community Centre**. The ceremony will start at **9 a.m.**

The **S.W. Margaree Remembrance Ceremony** will start at **9:30 a.m.** at **St. Joseph's Hall**.

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

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November – *For anyone who has lost a child* – We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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, Kenny Schack, Bob Fortune, Gen Rose, Germaine Cormier, Jamie Wilson-McDermott, Claire LeBlanc, Darrell LeBlanc (Harry & Gloria) and Kathleen Deveau. 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 Danny Gillis, Karen Hart (wife of John Hart) and Kurt Timmons.

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.

Quote: “They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”

Collections for October 2024:

St. Joseph's – Reg. \$2 400; Loose - \$135.46; N of CC - \$5; Fuel - \$265; Ev. of Nations - \$160; T & R - \$50; Donation - \$100

St. Michael's – Reg. - \$4 215.25; Loose - \$771; E-transfers - \$345; Fuel - \$515; Ev. of Nations - \$200; N of CC - \$20; Cemetery - \$350

St. Patrick's – Reg. - \$3 285; Loose - \$157.05; Ins. - \$20; Fuel - \$100

Margaree Food Security Society – “Season of Creation” Service collection - \$175; In Memory of Duncan Roddie Chisholm - \$250; St. Joseph's - \$40; St. Patrick's - \$200