



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 27, 2026

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:

Tues., Sept. 29 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Joan Barrett req. by Marlene & Alfred Gallant

Wed., Sept. 30 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – John Hannigan req. by Marlene Fortune

Thurs., Oct. 1 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Lena & Charlie Cormier req. by Elaine Cormier

Fri., Oct. 2 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Marion & Christina Avery req. by Joan Sheehan

Feasts: Sept. 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels; **Memorials:** Sept. 30 – St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor; Oct. 1 – St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor; Oct. 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

MINISTRY

E-transfer Email for St. Michael's – smcc1181@gmail.com

What's Wrong with MAiD? – There will be an Information Session (bilingual) on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), "What's wrong with MAiD?" on Sun., Oct. 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Seniors' Hall (Club des retraites), Cheticamp. The presentation will be given by Larry Worthen, Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDA Canada), who will provide timely information on MAiD in Canada, the policies that regulate MAiD, and how we can advocate for dignity-affirming alternatives and conscientious practice in Nova Scotia. All are welcome. For more information, contact: Ida [902-224-2370](tel:902-224-2370) or Joséphine [902-224-2665](tel:902-224-2665).

Season of Creation - The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. Pope Francis established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the Roman Catholic Church in 2015, and in 2019 started celebrating the Season of Creation as well. The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. In recent years, statements from religious leaders around the world have also encouraged the faithful to take the time to care for creation during the month-long celebration. Throughout this time, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. (adapted from the Season of Creation website)

Pope Leo XIV's Message – Visit vatican.va for Pope Leo's message "For the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2026".

Season of Creation Prayer Service will be hosted by Wilson United Church this year on Fri., Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Wilson United Church followed by fellowship in the Hall.

Weekend for Care of Creation at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Oct. 2 – 4 – Visit <https://antigonishdiocese.com/season-of-creation-3/> for more details.

There are changes coming to the Lector Ministry in November! In that vein, Fr. David will lead a lector workshop on Tuesday, October 20 right after the 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Church. If you are not able to make it to Mass, the workshop will start roughly at 7 p.m. All current lectors should make every effort to attend. Parishioners who may want to become a lector are warmly invited to attend as well.

Sun., Sept. 27 – World Tourism Day, World Day of Migrants and Immigrants, World Children's Day (27-28)

Sun., Sept. 27 – Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada - Our offering helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Donate with your envelope, online through our diocesan website: www.antigonishdiocese.com, or visit cccb.ca/donate.

Thank You - A hearty (and warm!) thank you to all who contributed to the firewood for the woodstove at the glebe; this will make a difference in the heating costs through the winter. Also a special thank you to the crew who helped stack it. - Fr. David

Diaper Drive - The CWL will be coordinating the Diaper Drive spearheaded by Cape Breton Right to Life during the month of October. Donations of diapers, wipes and pull-ups will be gratefully accepted. Parish contacts are: St. Joseph's – Cathy Miller, 902-248-2610; St. Michael's – Yvonne Harris – 902-235-2323; St. Patrick's – Marguerite Miller, 902-248-2106. Cape Breton Right to Life will collect the donated items from the bins at the entrance of each of our churches and give them to Family Place Resource Centres across the island. The closest Centre to us is in Inverness. E-transfer for diaper drive: info@capebretonrighttolife.ca

Margaree Food Security Society – offers assistance to all people in need of financial help for grocery items. **Effective February 10, 2026**, calls for assistance will be accepted on the second Tuesday of each month only. This does not change the amounts offered, rather is a more efficient and organized manner to process requests. Hours remain 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and phone number is 902-248-2888. A volunteer will assist you with obtaining a Co-op gift card that can be used for any items you require with the exception of alcohol, tobacco products and lottery tickets. This service is confidential.

The Margaree Food Security Society continues to accept monetary donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. Donations can be made by forwarding your cheque, made out to St. Patrick's Parish c/o Cecile Miller, St. Patrick's Parish, NE Margaree, NS, B0E 2H0. Tax receipt will be issued. Donations may also be put in Sunday Collection in envelope marked "Margaree Food Security".

CWL/KOC NEWS

CWL – The next CWL meeting will take place on Wed., Oct. 14.

KOC Meeting will take place on Thurs., Oct. 1 at St. Michael's Hall at 7 p.m.

KOC - Crib, New Season - Starting September 27, 2026; time 6:30 p.m. Place: St. Michael's Parish Hall. Come enjoy a game of CRIB with your friends. We will have all your favourites; Jackpot, Even-split, Booby and High Hand prizes. 1st prize, 2nd prize and some prizes through the year. All are welcome.

OTHER NEWS

Collection of Used Glasses/Cases – Please bring any used glasses or glass cases you have, and place them in the box at the entrance of St. Michael's Church.

Crisp & Cozy Community Supper - Margaree Highland Games and St. Michael's Hall Committee are collaborating with Celtic Colours International Music Festival to bring you a "Crisp & Cozy Community Supper" on Thursday, Oct. 15 at St. Michael's Hall. The cost is **\$40** per person for a 3-course dinner: ... butternut squash soup, chicken pot pie with mixed greens, and apple crisp à la mode. Most dishes are made with local seasonal ingredients! It will be yummy! Limited tickets remain online via the Celtic Colours website. Locally, tickets can be purchased at the Volunteer Fire Department in Margaree Forks. Seats can be reserved at two different times: 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will be no seats available at the door, so please buy your tickets early! For more information, you can email margareehighlandgames@gmail.com *If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen or serving, please reach out to Adèle LeBlanc or Paula Fortune. We hope to make this a successful fundraiser and an enjoyable community gathering for visitors and locals alike.*

MARGAREE HIGHLAND GAMES REPORT - This past August we celebrated our 13th Annual Margaree Highland Games and with the help and support of all our volunteers, sponsors, donors, spectators, athletes, etc, we were able to raise a profit of \$16,403.25. This profit includes events such as the Bingo (\$1,251.60), the Fricot Supper (\$1,546.38), the Family Square Dance (\$1,954.51), the Bake Sale (\$1,449.30) the Auction (\$4,420.00) and the grounds on Sunday (\$5,781.46). St. Michael's Parish Hall Committee led the Kick-Off Kitchen Party and retained the full profit of this event (\$1,100.00). The Board of Directors of the Margaree Highland Games wants to thank you all for always going over and above in supporting us putting on this games' weekend. It is and will always be appreciated. Thank you. Merci!

PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September 2026 – *For the care of water* – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October 2026 – *For mental health ministry* – Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Condolences are extended to the families of Bob Fortune and Ralph MacPherson.

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Karen Baer, Jessie Murphy, Ann Gillis, Kathleen Deveau, Bob Fortune, Margaret Rose Fortune, Cathy Aucoin, Ernie LeBlanc, Devon Chisholm, Marg Burton, Sadie Stockley, Eva Murphy, Isadore Murphy, Margie MacDonnell and Pauline Berry. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the parish office.

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 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. 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 Peace in the World - Loving Father, we bring to you the suffering of our world today. Look kindly upon every person living in fear, suffering persecution, or facing death. Help us to remember that you are the Father of all of your children on earth. Fill each heart with an unwavering trust in your Fatherly love. Forgive us when we have not cared for our earth, the home you have given. Forgive us when we chose the path of selfishness rather than the path of Love. Forgive us when we forgot to live as brothers and sisters on this earth, the way you have shown in fellowship with your disciples. Look upon us with your compassion, the way you looked upon the world from the cross. Remember not the evil we have done, but see the depth of our repentance. Give peace to the world, help us to live anew. Send your Spirit to guide each of our steps, to build rather than to destroy, to love rather than to hate, to live rather than to die. In Jesus' name, through the victory of his resurrection, we pray. Amen.

Quote: "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do everything with love." – St. Therese of Lisieux