



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 11, 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., Oct. 13 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Barbara McAleenan req. by Billy Carroll

Wed., Oct. 14 - NO MASS

Thurs., Oct. 15 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Lucille MacKenzie req. by Dorothy & family

Fri., Oct. 16 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Joseph Wassell req. by Agnes Wassell

Memorial: Oct. 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, doctor; Oct. 16 – St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville, Religious; Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

MINISTRY

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

Building a World of Justice – See insert in bulletin re Development & Peace's Fall Campaign.

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).

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.

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".

From St. Michael's Cemetery Committee - We are most grateful to all who have given so generously to our cemetery fund: in the June 1st parish envelopes; the many donations received in memory of your loved ones at wakes and funerals; to those who have sent in donations from near and far. We continue to maintain the resting place of our dearly beloved. 1) A memorial bench in memory of "the babies, children and adults who are laid to rest in our cemetery and whose graves are not marked" has been placed beside the flower bed, facing the edge of the cemetery where these loved ones are buried. Anyone who may wish to support this memorial may place a donation in an envelope marked "memorial bench" in the Sunday collection or contact Anne LeBlanc (902-235-2064) (annevm-l@hotmail.com). 2) Arsenault Monuments of Antigonish has generously and graciously provided a plaque for our Calvary Monument, a place for reflection on the Passion of Jesus Christ. 3) Our next Cemetery Clean-up Day will be on Sat., Oct.17, 2026. We look forward to your help for "many hands make light work". If you are able, please join us at 9:00 am. The garden will also be trimmed and tended. 4) On Nov.2, All Souls Day, please consider making an offering towards our cemetery (a yellow envelope) as we remember our loved ones with prayer and a donation. Your thoughtfulness, generosity and support are greatly appreciated. May God abundantly bless each one of you as we continue to cherish the memory of our dear ones. So much for which to be thankful!

Preserving Faces and Voices: The Human Person in the Age of AI with Dr. David Deane, Atlantic School of Theology, Thursday, October 29, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Ninian Place, Antigonish; presented by Vicar of the Founder Lecture Series, St. Francis Xavier University. A discussion on *Magnifica Humanitas*, the encyclical of Pope Leo XIV ... a vital conversation for all of us as humanity faces a choice: "to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together." Admission Free. Light Refreshments. All Welcome. <https://antigonishdiocese.com/magnifica-humanitas-humans-in-the-age-of-ai/>

CWL/KOC NEWS

CWL – The next CWL meeting will take place on Wed., Oct. 14.at the Margaree Meeting Place at 2 p.m.

KOC - Crib – Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 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

The Annual Celtic Colours Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. There will be bacon, sausages, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, biscuits, rolls, muffins, juice, tea and coffee for \$20 / plate.

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.

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.

PRAYERS

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

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Karen Baer, Jessie Murphy, Ann Gillis, Kathleen Deveau, Margaret Rose Fortune, Cathy Aucoin, Ernie LeBlanc, Devon Chisholm, Marg Burton, Sadie Stockley, Eva Murphy, Isadore Murphy, Margie MacDonnell, Pauline Berry and Eleanor Gillis. 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: Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, we support women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. We seek to eliminate the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians. – Development & Peace - Caritas Canada

