



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

Ascension Sunday, May 17, 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., May 19 – St. Joseph's, 6:30 p.m. – Angus (Gus) MacLellan req. by David & Joyce Gillis

Wed., May 20 – St. Michael's, 10 a.m. – Clara Thomas req. by Sadie Ann Thomas-Frye

Thurs., May 21 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Jim Harris req. by Annie Wall

Fri., May 22 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Raymond Athanase LeBlanc req. by his sisters

MINISTRY

Meeting

St. Michael's Parish AGM will take place on Sun., May 24 at 2 p.m..

Call for Nominations - Nominations for a new Parish Pastoral Council will be accepted over the next two weeks. We are seeking three members from each church: one to serve a one-year term, one a two-year term, and one a three-year term. Previous council members will be given priority for the one-year terms. Nomination forms and a nomination box can be found at the entrance of each church. Please prayerfully consider who may be called to serve our parish communities in this important ministry. - Fr. David Rankin

World Communications Day, May 17 – “[On this day] Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communications (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.” - ORDO

St. Michael's AGM – The Annual Meeting for St. Michael's Parish will occur on May 24, 2026 at 2 p.m. in the Hall. Please submit any agenda items to Al Cormier at alc7796@gmail.com All members of the parish are asked to attend this important gathering. We have one vacancy coming up on Pastoral Council. Please let Father Rankin know if you are interested in serving the Parish in this important ministry.

St. Michael's Cemetery Clean-up Day - St. Michael's Cemetery Clean-up Day is Sat., May 30, beginning at 9:00 am. "Many hands make light work." Please join us as we continue to maintain the resting place of our dearly beloved. A light lunch will be served at noon. We are most grateful for your support.

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".

The Pope's Pastoral Works (Papal Charities Collection) -May 17 – "This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church." - ORDO

CWL/KOC NEWS

What's Your CWL? - SOCIAL JUSTICE - Called by sacred scriptures, church teachings and tradition, Catholic Women's League members commit themselves to furthering God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Join us on this exciting journey to create God's justice here and now!

KOC Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner – The Annual Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner will be held at St. Michael's Parish Hall on Sun., May 17 from 11:45 – 1 p.m. Adults: \$20; children under 12 - \$10 Proceeds will go to high school scholarships.

OTHER NEWS

Entre Deux Rivières/Between Two Rivers with Fr. Peter LeBlanc on CKJM FM: Coopérative Radio Chéticamp Ltée on Sundays from 7 – 9 p.m. Uplifting reflections and spiritual music aired on 106.1 FM in Chéticamp, 92.5 FM in Pomquet and 97.5 in Sydney. Listen via radio or the CKJM website: <https://www.ckjmf.ca/> Past shows are available on the CKJM website or via podcast at Mixcloud.com.

Jobs for Students This Summer - The Margaree Salmon Museum are looking to hire two (2) students for the summer months, July and August. Details are not finalized yet, but the jobs will pay 16.75/hr, 35 hrs/wk for 8 weeks. If interested please email your resume to: lawrence.maclellan@gmail.com., or you can call Lawrence at 902-248-2180 for questions or concerns.

St. Michael's Hall Committee is planning our annual flea market for late June/early July. Please remember us when you are tackling your spring cleaning/purging. We are at the hall every Monday afternoon from 1-4 and will be accepting gently used items. Thank you for your generous support.

Monday afternoon gatherings are at St. Michael's Hall on Mondays at 1 p.m.

Annual ICMH Spring Tea & Sale - The ICMH Auxiliary will be holding its annual Spring Tea and Sale on Sunday, **May 31 from 2 to 5 p.m.** at the Inverness Legion. Our Tea is staged on-site or available for take out, with tickets - \$5. Sale tables include: Crafts (from all areas); Fudge (Broad Cove Parish), New-to-you Jewellery (all areas); Parcel Post (Port Hood/Judique); the ever popular Bake Table (Margaree/Mabou,). There will also be a wonderful silent auction, a seasonal table, a variety of raffles and a children's activity table. Food items (including breads, sweets, pies, jams, etc.) from the Margarees can be delivered to Therese Doucet (248-2575) or Eileen Coady (248-2951) before 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 31. The Auxiliary appreciates your continued support and hopes to see you at the Tea!

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.

Inverness County Cares will conduct community presentations on their six-week visit to schools for the blind and visually impaired in Zambia. Come and learn about their life, the challenges they face, their resilience and how donations from Canada have changed their lives. The presenters will be at the Inverness Legion on June 1 at 7 p.m. and at the Margaree Forks Fire Hall on June 8 (Note new date.) at 7 p.m. Free admission.

PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for May 2026 – *That everyone might have food* – Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Condolences are extended to the families of Raymond Athanase LeBlanc, brother of Emilia & Marie Hilda; and Ruby MacKay.

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, Odette (Emile) LeBlanc, Marie Tompkins (Sydney), Ernie LeBlanc, Devon Chisholm, Marg Burton, Sadie Stockley, Eva Murphy and Isadore Murphy. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the parish office.

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.

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: “Alleluia. Alleluia. Go make disciples of all nations. I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.” – Gospel Acclamation for Ascension Sunday