



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

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord, April 5, 2026

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:

Tues., Apr. 7 – St. Joseph's, 6:30 p.m. – Frank MacInnis req. by Joyce & David Gillis

Wed., Apr. 8 - St. Michael's, 10 a.m. – Geraldine Kennedy req. by Marlene Fortune

Thurs., Apr. 9 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Herman Deveau req. by Anne & Simon LeBlanc

Fri., Apr. 10 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. - Margaret & Leo LeBlanc & Effie Dunn req. by Anne Marie & Gordon, Bernard & the Dunn family

Thank you to Fr. Peter LeBlanc for ministering to us for the last few weeks. We are very grateful that you were available and willing to “fill in” when needed. May God bless you!

Welcome to Fr. David Rankin who has been appointed as Administrator for the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches. We wish you abundant blessings from the Lord and offer our prayers as you embark on this new chapter in your life's journey.

MINISTRY

EASTER SUNDAY – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Sunday, April 5 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Patrick's Church; 11 a.m. - St. Joseph's Church

Message from St. Michael's Cemetery Committee - You may or may not be aware that, throughout the years, when a family lost a baby or a young child, baptized or not, that child was not buried in the sacred ground of the cemetery. That child, of which there were many, was buried on the outside, on the edge of the cemetery. We would like to acknowledge these beautiful souls by erecting a memorial. It will be further discussed at the annual meeting.

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”.

Divine Mercy Sunday – The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. All are encouraged to attend the Divine Mercy celebrations at St. Michael's Church on Sun., Apr. 12. There will be Adoration and Confessions from 2-3 p.m. followed by the Divine Mercy Prayer Service.

Hope Compassion Care Sunday, April 19 – The Third Sunday of Easter has been designated as Hope Compassion Care – A Catholic Response to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in the Dioceses of Antignish and Halifax-Yarmouth. More details will follow.

CWL/KOC NEWS

What's Your CWL? - SERVICE - Baptism calls us to witness to God's love – especially for the outcast and vulnerable in this world – be they human or other. Catholic Women's League members witness this service in many ways. Come be a part of this compassionate service.

KOC Meeting – The next KOC meeting will be at St. Patrick's Hall in N.E. Margaree at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of April (Apr. 9) because the first Thursday is Holy Thursday.

CWL Meeting – The next meeting will be held at the Margaree Meeting Place on Apr. 8 at 2 p.m.

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.

Monday afternoon gatherings at St. Michael's Hall have resumed on Mondays at 1 p.m. Bring your own craft projects, work on the parish quilt or the community puzzle. Tea, coffee and dessert are served. Our company is exceptional. Donations for the hall are accepted.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage, April 26 - May 6, 2026 with Fr. Andrew Gillies and Rhonda-Lynn Cormier (group leader). \$2,899. (return flights from Halifax). Single supplement \$350 (if available). Included in price: airfare, ground travel in Europe, two meals a day, professional Medjugorje guide, two days of excursions to the UNESCO city of Mostar and a local village's Divine Mercy Chapel. Contact: rhonda_lynn_c@hotmail.com or (902)448-3660.

PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for April 2026 – *For priests in crisis* – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Condolences are extended to the families of Donald Aucoin, Claudette Gallant, wife of Joseph Henry; and David Millar.

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 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.

Another 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.

Collections for March 2026

St. Joseph's – Reg. - \$3 780; Loose - \$82.10; Fuel - \$440; Ins. - \$20; Share Lent - \$310; Initial - \$10; Donation - \$200

St. Michael's – Reg. - \$5 125; Loose - \$501; Fuel - \$490; Ins. - \$20; Initial – New Year's - \$10; Share Lent - \$530

St. Patrick's – Reg. - \$1 750; Loose - \$28; Fuel - \$280; Initial - \$50; Ins. - \$60; MFSS: St. Joseph's - \$240; St. Michael's - \$500

Quote: “Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” - Jesus speaking to St. Faustina as recorded in her *Diary*, 699.

“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!”

Happy Easter, Everyone and a Blessed 50-Day Easter Season!