



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 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 5 – St. Joseph's, 6:30 p.m. – Corinne MacDonald req. by Sara & Ricky

Wed., May 6 – St. Michael's, 10 a.m. – Jack Penny req. by Tom Godreau

Thurs., May 7 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Fred Arab req. by Christene Giles

Fri., May 8 – St. Michael's – 6 p.m. – Tony Dawson req. by Steve, Rosella & family

Memorial: May 6 – St. Francois de Laval, Bishop, Patron of the Bishops of Canada

MINISTRY

Annual General Meeting

St. Patrick's Parish AGM will take place on Sat., May 16 following the 6 p.m. Mass.

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

St. Michael's AGM - The Annual General Meeting of St. Michael's Parish will take place on May 24 at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. 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.

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".

St. Patrick's Cemetery Clean-up will take place on Sat., May 9 beginning at 8 a.m.

First Communion & First Reconciliation – First Communion & First Reconciliation have been postponed until the fall. We are looking for religion teachers. If anyone is interested, please contact Fr. Rankin by email – frdavidrankin@gmail.com

CWL/KOC NEWS

What's Your CWL? SOLIDARITY - We are all sisters and brothers who actively work for the common good. Through the Catholic Women's League, members are invited to build relationships – to understand what life is like for others. Join us in solidarity as we journey towards peace and justice.

The Knights Win Again! - At the second Annual Soup/Chowder Challenge, the Knights were victorious again. Congratulations to the winners, who collected the most votes from the tasters: 1st – James Shaw; 2nd – Annie Wall and 3rd – John McBride. Watch for next year's rematch!

CWL Meeting – The CWL will meet on Wed., May 13 at the Margaree Meeting Place at 2 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

KOC Meeting - The KOC will meet on Thurs., May 7 at 7 p.m.

OTHER NEWS

Cleaning of St. Joseph's Memorial Parish Hall - It's that time of year again! We will be gathering to clean St. Joseph's Memorial Parish Hall on Monday, May 4 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please bring along a bucket and some cleaning rags to use. Cleaning products will be supplied. We appreciate the help from our parishioners as we prepare the hall for a busy season. Thank you for participating--see you at the hall!

Fundraiser for MFSS - On Sunday, May 3 from 2-4 p.m., there will be an event at the Margaree Forks Fire Hall to raise funds for the Margaree Food Security Program. Please join us for an afternoon of music provided by some of the local regular jam session players. There will be some snacks to enjoy as well. (Bar will not be open.) Everyone welcome! Donations accepted with all proceeds going to this much needed program in our community. This fundraiser is hosted by the Margaree Kinette Club.

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.

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 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

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.

Quote: “Every time we go to Mass, we say: Jesus, I remember you. I remember what you did for me, Lord. I remember you, Jesus.” – Fr. Larry Richards

Collections for the month of April 2026:

St. Joseph's – Reg. - \$3 295; Loose - \$185; Good Friday - \$435; Fuel - \$10; Ins. - \$365

St. Michael's – Reg. - \$4 200; Loose -\$625; Ins. - \$425; E-transfers - \$200; Donation - \$300; Share Lent - \$35; Good Friday - \$917

St. Patrick's – Reg. \$3 564; Loose - \$141; Ins. - \$100; Fuel - \$110; Good Friday - \$300; Share Lent - \$505; MFSS – St. Patrick's - \$140