

+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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20, 2020

Fr. Macdonald is continuing to say private, weekday Masses and offering an intention for each. The intentions for the next two weeks are: Sept. 21 – Caroline Gallant req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc; Sept. 25 – Lina & Charlie Cormier – req. by Elaine Cormier; Sept. 26 – Francis LeBlanc req. by Thomas LeBlanc; Oct. 2 – Bernard Taylor req. by Mary Taylor; Oct. 3 – Mary Teresa MacLellan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Chiasson. Besides these intentions, Fr. Macdonald prays for all health care workers in the whole world.

Masses are being offered in our three churches on the weekend: St. Patrick's – Sat., 6 p.m.; St. Joseph's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m. Please note: Parishioners need to call from Wednesday to Friday each week to reserve a seat for Mass: St. Joseph's – 902-248-2612; St. Michael's – 902-235-2944 and St. Patrick's – 902-248-2305.

Weekday Masses in Church – Each Mass will be followed by confessions:

Tues., Sept. 22 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Joan Thompson req. by Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Bennett

Wed., Sept. 23 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Margaret MacLellan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen MacEachern

Thurs., Sept. 24 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Mathilda O'Leary req. by Thomas LeBlanc

Tues., Sept. 29 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Henry Googoo req. by Mary L. Burton

Wed., Sept. 30 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Gloria Hunt req. by Mrs. Mary Stewart & family

Thurs., Oct. 1 - St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Helen (Moise) LeBlanc req. by Mary Anna LeBlanc

Prayer Corner: Phil Craig, Jackie Murphy, Marilyn and Joe Gledhill, Joan Burns, Rose Burns, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Lynne Cameron, John Payne, Daniel Aucoin, Elaine (Murphy) Gillis, Bob LeBlanc and Jim MacFarlane. If there is someone who is sick and would like his/her name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the parish office.

Bulletin: We will continue with a bulletin every second week only. The next bulletin will be for the weekend of Oct. 3,4.

Condolences are extended to the families of

Masses to watch: Mass on Sunday: Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at 10:30 a.m.; also available at later times. **Also on Sunday** – XFM broadcasts the Mass from St. Ninian Cathedral around 8:30 a.m.

Daily TV Mass is broadcast on VISION TV at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. each weekday. If you are not available at those times, you can find the Mass on You tube. Daily Mass live from St. Mary's Basilica weekdays (Monday to Friday) at 12:15 p.m. (Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth)

There are other Masses also available on You tube. Here is a prayer to say for a Spiritual Communion when you are watching the Mass:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pray the Rosary: We are suggesting that parishioners pray the Rosary at 11 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (or both) each day for an end to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. .

Pope Francis' Prayer for Vocations - LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. INSTILL those in religious life, of a life consecrated to you. UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

A plea for your collection envelopes: Even though the Churches are opened, we realize that some people have not returned as yet. We ask that you continue to send your contribution. For St. Joseph's: You can send your envelopes by mail to St. Joseph's Parish, Box 1C, S.W. Margaree, NS B0E 3H0
For St. Michael's: You can send your contribution by mail to St. Michael's Parish, 1181 East Margaree Rd., Margaree, NS B0E 1Y0 Drop it in the slot, **OR** by E-transfer (which is the better way if you have access). Send your E-transfer to paula.cormier@credit.ca. Paula's phone number is 902-235-2095.
For St. Patrick's: You can send your contribution by mail to St. Patrick's Parish, N.E. Margaree, NS B0E 2H0 **OR** by E-transfer. Send your E-transfer to ccl.mllr@gmail.com. Cecile's phone number is 902-248-2305. If you prefer, you can make one payment per month rather than weekly payments.
Thank you from the Pastor's desk: Thank you to all who continue to support the Church. We want to recognize you and let you know we appreciate your support. Please continue.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline - The number is 1-855-675-8749, and the service is confidential and free and available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

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.

Pope Francis' Intentions for September: Dear Lord, we pray that we would not plunder the resources of this planet which you have entrusted to us. Help us share in a just and respectful way all of the blessings and resources that you've given to us.

Pope Francis' Intentions for October - The Laity's Mission in the Church - We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

From the Pastor's Desk – I want to encourage parishioners, who because of the pandemic were unable to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter, to avail themselves of the Sacrament now that our Churches are open. I will be hearing confessions after every weekday Mass, so everyone will have a chance to receive this Sacrament. Masses during the week are as follows: Tuesdays – St. Patrick's at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays – St. Joseph's at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays – St. Michael's at 10 a.m. – Fr. Macdonald

A Message from Bishop Kirkpatrick: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions faced by our churches, several Special Collections have been affected. The Special Collections for Development and Peace and Collection for Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence) are now rescheduled for the fall.

World Tourism Day is September 27. A World Tourism Day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world, remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person" (Lk 10.5-6).

Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will take place September 21 – 25. Please pray for God's blessing on the Bishops of Canada as they meet.

Needs of the Church in Canada (September 27) - Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective episcopal assembly (in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Western regions). Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this

collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance. - ORDO

World Day of Migrants and Refugees (September 27) – A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001. “The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation.” _ Pope Benedict XVI, 2012

Development & Peace Appeal - Development & Peace is appealing for donations to support efforts to help the people of Lebanon. Donations may be made at devp.org or by mail by making a cheque out to Development & Peace and mailing it to: Development & Peace, 1425 Rene Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC H3G 1T7.

CWL NEWS

Re-watch the Summer Speaker Series Webinars! - If you missed the series of talks or wish to re-watch them, go to the CWL website cwl.ca and scroll down to “Summer Speaker Series” and click to hear the talks. The series will be stored under “To inform: Videos” for future reference.

OTHER

Adult Upgrading Classes - Adult upgrading classes (including preparation for writing the G.E.D. exam) are being offered throughout Inverness County from Oct. to May, 2020/21. Classes are free. Basic computer skills instruction will be available in your community depending on interest. COVID-19 protocols are in place for your safety. If you would like more information, please call Shirley Miller at 248-2960, Jesslyn Timmons at 258-2752, daily 258-3110, or toll free at 1-877-258-5550. Sponsored by Inverness County Literacy Council

A thought for the weeks ahead: “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.” - Jeremiah 17.7