

Saint Michael

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Bulletin for February 15, 2026

Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica 12 Howard Street, Miramichi
Saint Michael's by-the-Sea 7321 NB-117, Miramichi Bay
Saint Margaret's Church 9371 NB-11, Saint Margarets



Jesus at Jacob's Well - 'He told me everything I have ever done...' (John 4:39)
- Stained Glass in Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica

Entering into the Lenten Season

Leading the Church into Lent for the first time as Pope, Leo XIV has Trappist Bishop Erik Varden offering Spiritual Exercises on the theme *Illuminated by a Hidden Glory*. These will offer Christian contemplation on truth, freedom, and communicating hope.

Our Lenten Season of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting begins with Ash Wednesday February 18.

Ash Wednesday, along with Good Friday, are days of fasting and abstaining from eating meat. Fasting binds all persons from 18 to 59 years, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. There should be no eating between meals although fluids may be taken. Abstinence from meat binds all persons who are 14 and older, unless prevented by poor health. The Universal Law of the Church mandates these observances for the spiritual well-being of the faithful.

Receiving the ashes of the palms blessed last Palm Sunday on our heads on Ash Wednesday serves as a powerful reminder of our mortal frailty. They symbolize the dust from which God created us. We depend upon God's love and mercy, and so we should foster a sense of humility and repentance, conforming our lives to Christ's teaching.

Sign up to our freely accessible parish subscription to FORMED at stmichaelsbasilica.ca/formed and then follow their series, *How to Lent*.

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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday to Friday, 8am-4pm

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Lord's Day Mass Times: St. Michael's Basilica:
Saturday 4pm, Sunday 10:30am & 5:30pm
St Michael's By-the-Sea: Saturday 4pm
St Margaret's Church: Saturday 6pm

Daily Mass Times: St. Michael's Basilica:
9am Monday - Friday ; 4pm jeudi la Messe française

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am First Fridays
Confessions: St. Michael's Basilica: 3pm Saturdays

Weekly Mass and Prayer Intentions

Saint Michael's Basilica

Saturday February 14	4pm	Kenneth Quinn, Betty Losier, Margaret Sweeney, Patricia Gibson, Leona Hallihan, Karen Barton, Muriel Morris, Raymond MacKnight, Norine Hogan, June Dignam, Dolores Dinan, Dosithe Robichaud, Marie Rose Robichaud, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Patrick O'Donnell, Kay & Joe Richard, Tom & Valerie Hedquist, Irene Loggie & Alice McCarthy, Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., John Edward Richard & d.f.m., and holy souls in Purgatory
<i>Sixth Sunday, Quinquagesima Sunday</i>		
Sunday February 15	10:30am	Frank Kane, Wayne Hogan, Leslie Glazier, and John & Julie Richard
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Monday February 16	9am	Leona Hallihan
Tuesday February 17	9am	Kenny Doucette
Wednesday February 18	9am	Norine Hogan
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	6:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Thursday February 19	9am	John & Audrey Dinan
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday February 20	9am	Josephine Daley
Saturday February 21		Kenneth Quinn, Betty Losier, Margaret Sweeney, Leona Hallihan, Mabel Clancy, Yvonne Comeau, Gary Nowlan, Karen Barton, Norine Hogan, John Richard, John Johnson, Neil MacDonald, June Dignam, Vi Breau, Cynthia (Cyndi) Routledge, Kay & Jack Bell, Emile & Theresa Aucoin, Martin & Elizabeth Flanagan, Tom & Jean Olsen & d.f.m., Pearl & Eric Arsenault & d.f.m., Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., and for peace in the world
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>		
Sunday February 22	10:30am	Melvin Hays, Dosithe Robichaud, Marie Rose Frenette, and Walter Carroll
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday February 14	4pm	Yvonne Comeau, Michael Hallihan, and Frank Robichaud
Ash Wednesday Feb. 18	4pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Saturday February 21	4pm	Chris Williston

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday February 14	6pm	Tyson McKibbon
Ash Wednesday Feb. 18	6pm	John and Mary Doucette & d.f.m.
Saturday February 21	6pm	Clinton MacDougall

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Gospel of Matthew 5:17-37

Psalms: 119 R:1 *Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!*

Entrance Antiphon: from Psalm 30.

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of Your name.

Communion Antiphon: from Psalm 77.

They ate and had their fill, and
what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Parish News

Holy Spirit Renewal 2pm Sunday weekly gatherings in the parish centre

Do you ever wonder why the world is in the state that it is in, as well as so many people in the world? In our next Faith Study we will explore Genesis 1-3 where the answers are clearly shown. This **Faith Study** begins **Thursday February 26** at **1pm** in the **parish centre**.

Cursillo - Ultreya every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the parish centre.

March Break High School Youth Retreat Friday, March 6 - Sunday, March 8, youth are invited to spend two nights at the Villa Madonna, growing in faith, friendship, and community. See more and register (\$125/person) at stmichaelsbasilica.ca/YouthMarchBreakRetreat

Register now for July 10-12 **2026 Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference** at Dalhousie University, Halifax. Rising grade 9s through graduating grade 12s are welcome to attend with our group. Join hundreds of Catholic teens and encounter the transforming love of Christ. See more at stmichaelsbasilica.ca/Steubenville2026 and register with Renée Comeau 506-778-5153

Pancake Suppers on Shrove Tuesday, February 17:

4-6pm at St. Patrick's Church. Pancakes, sausages, homemade beans and dessert, juice, tea or coffee. Adults: \$12, Children: \$6 (50¢ extra for take-out). Hope to see you there!!!

4-6pm at Father Morrissey Centre, Bartibog (Sts. Peter and Paul Church). Pancakes, sausages and baked beans. Price: Adults- \$10; Youth-\$5. Everyone welcome!

3:30-6:30pm at St. Paul's Anglican, Bushville, Pancakes, Home Baked Beans, Sausages Gingerbread Cake. Price: Adults \$12, <11 \$6 Everyone welcomed to dine inside, or take out.

Chatham Ministerial Lenten Services 12:15-12:45pm Wednesdays February 18 - March 25 at **Skyway to Heaven Church** with each week meditating upon the Seven Last Words of Christ. A light lunch will follow. Free-will donation proceeds to Jeremy's Mission.

2-5pm February 22 Smelt Fry or bologna supper at the Father Morrissey Centre, Bartibog. On the menu is Miramichi Bay smelts or bologna and potatoes, peas, roll, chow chow, homemade lemon chiffon pie and coffee/tea. Price: Eat in - \$20. Take out - \$21.

Character Matters Miramichi afternoon performance of **music and original theatre** **1pm Saturday March 14** at the **Nelson Community Hall** (102 Islandview Dr).

Cindy Rule's folk music tells local stories in ways that thoroughly entertain, and, after some refreshments at intermission, settle in for The Tide Recedes, the story of the Harley family's journey from Ireland to Miramichi. Tickets \$20. For further details, contact 506-210-1830

Ash Wednesday February 18 Collection for Catholic Missions in Canada, to support missionaries proclaiming Christ's word in Canada. Thank you for your generous support.

Parish Charitable Donation Receipts are available for pick-up in the parish office.

February 7-8 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular		\$5,712	\$380
Renovation		\$155	
Capital Campaign (raised so far: \$898,630)		\$69	
St. Vincent de Paul ministry		\$299	
Cemeteries	Basilica \$99	St. Andrew's \$215	\$20



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Community breakfast first Sunday of every month, 8am-Noon
Senior Dances - Saturdays at 8pm, doors open at 6:30pm
Fundraising Bingo - Sundays at 7pm, doors open at 5pm
All are welcome to our accessible hall at 67 King Street!
Call 506-773-7225 for information or to join in service, in fraternity and charity!



Catholic Women's League of Canada

Saint Michael's Council

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and witness to the love of God through ministry and service.
Visit CWL.CA to see all our resources.
New members are always welcome! We meet the second Thursday of each month.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Saint Michael's Basilica

Clothing for those in need, from community donations

The Saint Vincent de Paul **clothing ministry** is open to those in need, **Saturdays from 9am-Noon**, in the Saint Michael's Basilica Parish Centre.
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