

Saint Michael

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Bulletin for May 17, 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



The Ascension, by Tissot

Ascension Sunday

“...lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God” (Lk 24:50-53).

“This conclusion surprises us. Luke says the disciples were full of joy at the Lord’s departure.

We would have expected the opposite. We would have expected them to be left perplexed and sad. The world was unchanged, and Jesus had gone definitively. They had received a commission that seemed impossible to carry out and lay well beyond their powers... Every parting causes sadness. And yet it is written that they returned with great joy, blessing God. How are we to understand this? They do not feel abandoned. They do not consider Jesus to have disappeared far away into an inaccessible heaven. They are obviously convinced of a new presence of Jesus. They are certain that He is now present to them in a new and powerful way. They know that the “right hand of God” to which He “has been exalted” includes a new manner of His presence; they know that He is now permanently among them, in the way that only God can be close to us.

The joy of the disciples after the Ascension corrects our image of this event. Ascension does not mean departure into a remote region of the cosmos but, rather, the continuing closeness that the disciples experience so strongly that it becomes a source of lasting joy’ - from Benedict XVI’s *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*. Learn more about the Ascension through our free parish subscription to FORMED: stmichaelsbasilica.ca/formed

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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: 7pm-8pm **First Fridays**
Confessions: St. Michael’s Basilica: 3pm **Saturdays**

Weekly Mass and Prayer Intentions

Saint Michael's Basilica

Saturday May 16	4pm	Karen Barton, Lorain Irving, Adelyn Robichaud, Bradley Brawn, Sharon Somers, Jorge Mari Butad, Jacquelyn Arsenault, Louis Cripps, Leo Sullivan, and for a special Intention
<i>Ascension Sunday</i> Sunday May 17	10:30am	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>
<i>World Communications Day</i>	5:30pm	James Matchett, and Michael, Gen, and Pat Gorman
Monday May 18	9am	Patricia & Raymond Lahey
Tuesday May 19	9am	Charlene Rutter
Wednesday May 20	9am	Karen Barton
Thursday May 21	9am	For peace in the world
	4pm	<i>Liturgie de la Parole</i>
Friday May 22	9am	Louis Cripps
Saturday May 23	4pm	Karen Barton, Lorain Irving, Sharon Somers, Jacquelyn Arsenault, Louis Cripps, Rosemary Losier, Courtney & Mary Phee & d.f.m., Carroll family deceased members, and for a special intention
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Sunday May 24	10:30am	Marie Buckley, David Cadogan, Rose Isiah, Tom & Mary King, and Pearl Arsenault & d.f.m.
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday May 16	4pm	Kimberly Edwards, and Matthew MacDonald
Saturday May 23	4pm	Kimberly Edwards

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday May 16	6pm	No Mass
Saturday May 23	6pm	No Mass

Please Pray for our parish youth preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation 5:30 Sunday May 24: Lord, send Your Spirit upon our confirmandi. As they receive the seal of the Holy Spirit, protect them, guide them, and keep them strong in Faith.

And, please pray for Symone Daley, Martin Léger, Rita Taylor, and Sharon Somers.

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20

Psalm: 47 R:5 *God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet*

Entrance Antiphon: From Acts 1:11. Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw Him go, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: from Matthew 28:20.

Behold, I AM with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Parish News

Please note that **parish Mass times** are subject to change while our pastor recovers from surgery.

Faith Study 1pm Thursdays in the **parish centre**, join us to learn more about the Gospel!

Pro-life Holy Hour 7pm First Fridays at Saint Michael’s Basilica Bishop Roger’s Chapel. A special prayer will be offered for the protection of all human life. All are welcome to this peaceful time of Eucharistic Adoration and peaceful time of prayer. For more information, contact Chris Ross at 506-251-5586 .

Couples for Christ - a family ministry, to build the domestic Church. Renew and strengthen your marriage and family life. Call Brother Dennis Lambus at 506-364-7987

Cursillo Weekends - Men’s Cursillo May 21-24 Women’s Cursillo May 28-31. These weekends offer an opportunity to deepen your faith, grow in community, and encounter Christ in a meaningful way. For more information contact Elkin Cook 506-624-8328 or Nancy Lavoie 506-627-0799

Hey Teens! Only 3 seats remain on the second bus for Steubenville Atlantic! Registration is closing soon, for the July 10–12 conference in Halifax. If you’re entering Grade 9 through graduating Grade 12, this is your chance to experience an unforgettable weekend of faith, music, powerful speakers, and hundreds of teens from across the region. See steubenville.ca and contact our parish catechist Renée Comeau (506-778-5153).

“Taste and See” **June 2026 Retreats** invite adults to step away from the busyness of life and deepen their relationship with God through the Ignatian spirituality of finding God in all things. From June 10–17, 2026, participants may choose either a 7-day directed retreat that begins with four days online and concludes with three days in silence at Villa Madonna, or a fully in-person silent 3-day directed retreat at Villa Madonna (June 15–17). Both retreats include daily accompaniment by a spiritual director and opportunities for prayer, Scripture, nature, and worship. For details and application, visit aaseasaintjohn.ca or contact Bob McDermott at 506-696-4772 or mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca

EBH Garden Club Spring Plant Sale 10am-2pm Saturday, June 6 at the Father T. A. MacDonald Church Hall, 7321 Hwy 117 Miramichi Bay. includes perennials, annuals, vegetable starts, houseplants, trees, shrubs and more. Food Bank Donation box will be available for those who would like to donate non-perishable items. Hope to see you there.

Special May 16-17 Collection to support papal charities. Two-thirds of the funds collected directly support the pastoral mission of the Holy Father in his service to the Universal Church by financing the various Secretariats, Dicasteries, Academies, and other institutions of the Holy See. The other third supports the fund known as Peter's Pence, which, in addition to supporting the needs of the Holy See, also devotes a portion of the money to charitable projects.

Last week’s collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael’s By-the-Sea	St. Margaret’s
Regular	\$5,865	\$606	\$377
Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$110		
Capital Campaign (raised so far: \$903,144)	\$99		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$179	\$20	
Cemeteries	Basilica \$199	St. Andrew’s \$220	\$280



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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.
Those requiring more information or transportation call 506-424-1332 or 506-623-8130.

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.
We appreciate donations of clothing for men, women, and children.
Thanks for your continued generosity!



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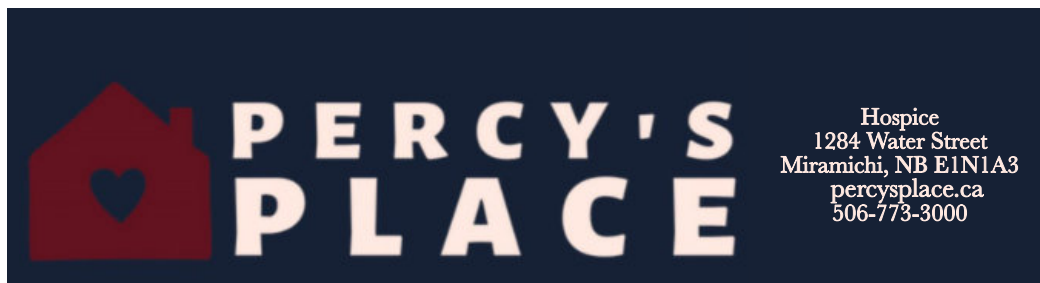
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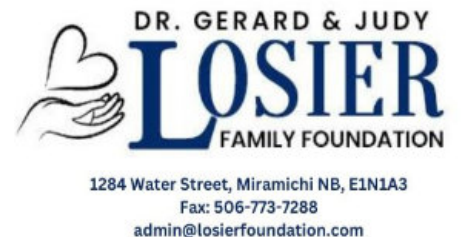
POT OF GOLD 50/50

Drop a toonie marked with your number into one of the yellow boxes at St. Michael's Basilica, Chatham Superstore, or Kingston's Gas Bar for a chance to win. Email potofgold5050@gmail.com or call 506-623-9056 to get your number to play your toonies. May 11 #1094 Tilly Gordon won \$197, congratulations!



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