

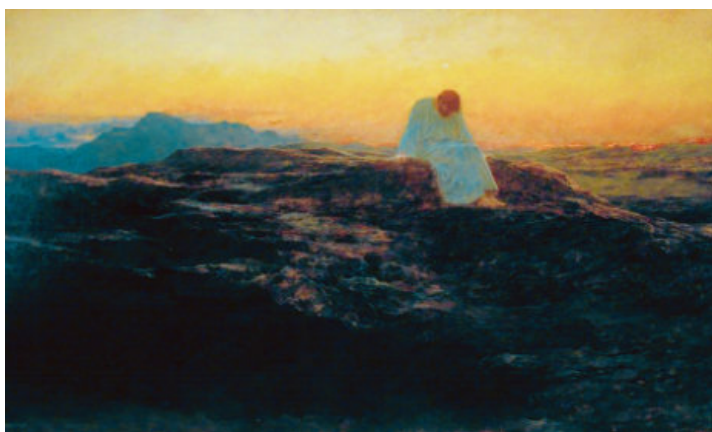
Saint Michael

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Bulletin for March 2, 2025

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



Temptation in the Wilderness, by Briton Rivière

The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. This annual season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is to prepare catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery through Christian Initiation. The Lenten Season prepares all the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the Church year.

Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. We are reminded of

the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

On Ash Wednesday, we in the Church pray with King David's Psalm 51: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me."

We hear this plea echoing in our hearts, as we approach the Lord's altar to receive ashes on our forehead in accordance with a very ancient tradition. 'This act is filled with spiritual allusions and is an important sign of conversion and inner renewal. Considered in itself, it is a simple liturgical rite, but very profound because of its penitential meaning: with it the Church reminds man, believer and sinner, of his weakness in the face of evil and especially of his total dependence on God's infinite majesty' (Saint John Paul II's Ash Wednesday 2000 homily).

Learn more about Lenten observance through our freely accessible parish subscription to FORMED (stmichaelsbasilica.ca/formed).

Watch FORMED's new ***How to Lent*** series, or, ***Eternal Rest: the Art of Dying Well***.

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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 March 1	4pm	David Gilliss, Karsten Keoughan, Helen Keoughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Gerard Doucette, Ivan Hallihan, Henry McFarlane, Theresa Reynolds, Edmond Boucher, Julie Richard, Herbie Dickson, Wayne McCarthy, Mariña Boyle, Shirley Buckley, Tom & Jean Olsen & d.f.m., Ron Barry & d.f.m., Austin Johnston & d.f.m., and Gerald Glynn & d.f.m.
<i>Eighth Sunday</i>		
Sunday March 2	10:30am	Patrick O'Donnell
	5:30pm	Oswald & Marguerite Vienneau, Howard, Marie, Marilee & Michael Carroll, and Mary & Courtney Phee & d.f.m.
Monday March 3	9am	Clara Hennessy, and Colin & Alice Fleiger
Tuesday March 4	9am	Marie Perry, Ron Barry, Eldon Comeau, and for thanksgiving
Ash Wednesday March 5	9am	Ivan Hallihan, and for d.f.m. of the Carroll family
	6:30pm	
Thursday March 6	9am	Julie Richard, Jack Barry, and for holy souls in Purgatory
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday March 7	9am	Fred Doucette, and Patria McGrath
Saturday March 8	10:30am	<i>Syro-Malobar Malayalam Mass</i>
	4pm	Rita LeBlanc, Mary E. Keoughan, Stella Matthews, Adelyn Robichaud, Ivan Hallihan, Shirley Buckley, Ron Barry, Marie Francoise McGraw, Mary Breau, Peter, Stella & Roger Daigle, Julie Richard & d.f.m., Danny & Brandon & Brian Breau, Magno Ramones & d.f.m., Gerald Glynn & d.f.m., and Norma Crawford & d.f.m.
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>		
Sunday March 9	10:30am	Marilyn Goguen, Judy McGrath & d.f.m., and Debbie Young & d.f.m.
	5:30pm	Anna & Thomas Power & deceased family members

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday March 1	4pm	Gene Walsh
Ash Wednesday March 5	4pm	
Saturday March 8	4pm	Gene Walsh

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday March 1	6pm	David Cook, Kenneth Cook, and Edward Quinn
Ash Wednesday March 5	6pm	
Saturday March 8	6pm	William Dunn, and David Cook

Please Pray For: As we pray for the health and wellbeing of Pope Francis, let us also pray for his March prayer intention, for families in crisis, that they may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. And, please pray for William Kennedy.

Readings: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Gospel of Luke 6:39-45

Psalm: 103 R:8 *Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.*

Entrance Antiphon: from Psalm 18. The Lord became my protector.

He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Communion Antiphon: from Psalm 13. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the Name of the Lord Most High.

Parish News

Weekly Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays at 9am at Sts. Peter & Paul (Bartibog),

First Fridays following the **9am** Mass at Saint Michael's Basilica,

First Saturdays at 9am at St. Mary's Church, and Last Sundays at 4pm at St. Samuel's Church.

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

In this **Jubilee Year of Hope**, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John is hosting pilgrimages on **first Saturdays, 10am-1pm**, with prayer, Mass, and Adoration.

The **June 7 Pentecost Vigil** is designated as a **special pilgrimage day** for the **Miramichi region**. **Bus** transportation is available, contact goodshepherdparish92@yahoo.com or call 506-843-2210 . Other pilgrimage days will be July 13 in Howard, August 10 at Skiff Lake, and September 28 at Saint Michael's Basilica. Saint Michael's Basilica will host a mission by Bishop Christian Riesbeck September 29 - October 1. See more at stmichaelsbasilica.ca/jubilee

Weekly Parish Bible Study 1pm Thursdays in the parish centre. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, this study will look deeper into the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, linking the two as bookends of need and response. In this, the focus will be on what is possible along the Miramichi River by the Catholic communities.

St. Michael's Catholic Supplies & Bookstore open Tuesday-Friday 10am - 4pm starting **Tuesday March 4th**. Sunday missals at a reduced price of \$4.50 .

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 4-6pm Tuesday March 4 at **Saint Patrick's Church**, Adults \$10 Children \$6. **Ham & Potato Scallop Supper 5pm Monday March 17** following the 4pm Mass, Adults \$15 Children \$7 tickets must be purchased in advance, call 506-622-5733 **Also, Shrove Tuesday Supper 4-6pm** at the Father Morriscy Centre, Bartibog, all welcome.

World Day of Prayer Service 2pm Friday March 7 at **Calvin Presbyterian Church**

Miramichi Historical Society International Women's Day Celebration 2-4pm Friday March 7 at **Beaverbrook House**, 518 King George Highway, all welcome.

Hope in Christ Jubilee 2025 Men's Retreat March 14-16 at the **Villa Madonna Retreat House**. See posters, and get more information to register at bit.ly/DSJ-HIC

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference July 11-13 - where teens experience a life-changing encounter with Christ and leave as transformed disciple-makers. Parish youth aged 14-18 are invited to **register by June 13**. See dioceseofsaintjohn.org/youth-faith-formation for more information, and contact Renée Comeau 506-778-5153 about registration and costs.

Special Collection supporting the work of the **Catholic Missions in Canada** - **Ash Wednesday March 5**. Thank you for your generous support of our missionary work.

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

February 22-23 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$6,189	\$505	\$527
The Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier Family Foundation Inc.	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$15		
Capital Campaign	\$226		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$105	\$20	
Cemeteries	Basilica \$30	St. Andrew's \$130	



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Community breakfast Sunday March 2, 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 CWL executive invites you to the next meeting 1PM March 13th, 2025
Please note the time change for the month of March
To celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, please wear green to the meeting.
If you need transportation please call 506-623-8130.
If you are interested in knowing more about the CWL please contact
Cheryl at 506-424-1332


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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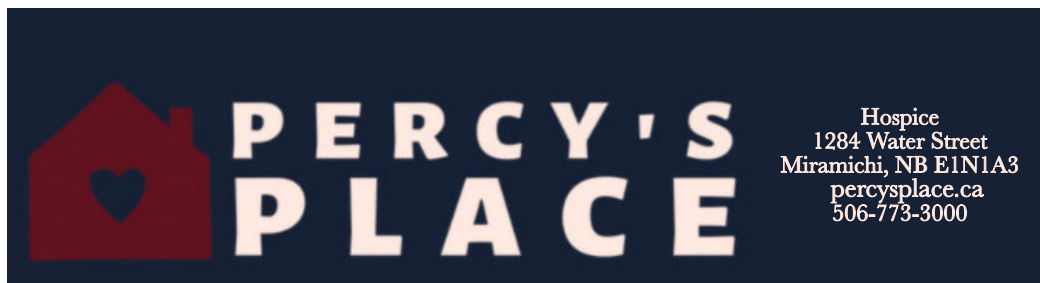
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