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Bulletin for March 9, 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



The Temptation of Christ, by Ary Scheffer

First Sunday of Lent

'Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and was tempted' (Luke 4:1-13).

"The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; He lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to Him. Satan tempts Jesus three times, seeking to compromise His filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the

temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves Him "until an opportune time".

The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfils Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals Himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: He "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of His filial love for the Father.

Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to Him and the way men wish to attribute to Him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.'

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church* §§ 538-540

Form your Lenten observance 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: 9:30am First Fridays

Confessions: St. Michael's Basilica: 3pm Saturdays

Weekly Mass and Prayer Intentions

Saint Michael's Basilica

Saturday March 8	4pm	Rita LeBlanc, Mary E. Keoghan, Stella Matthews, Adelyn Robichaud, Ivan Hallihan, Shirley Buckley, Ron Barry, Marie Françoise 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 Goegan, Judy McGrath & d.f.m., and Debbie Young & d.f.m.
	5:30pm	Anna & Thomas Power & deceased family members
Monday March 10	9am	Angela Galliah, and for peace in the world
Tuesday March 11	9am	Shirley Buckley & d.f.m., and for holy souls in Purgatory
Wednesday March 12	9am	Shirley Buckley & d.f.m., and for thanksgiving
Thursday March 13	9am	Marion Arseneault, and Shirley Buckley & d.f.m.
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday March 14	9am	Roland Perly, and Colin & Alice Fleiger
Saturday March 15	4pm	Adelyn Robichaud, Ivan Hallihan, Marilyn Breau, Edward Keoghan, Mary Conte, Marguerite Pitre, William Richard (Billy) Daley, Byron McIntyre Jr., Martina & Ida Keoghan, Mr. & Mrs. Marcel Cormier, Julie Richard and d.f.m., Gerald Glynn & d.f.m, Ron Barry & d.f.m., and Emile & Therese Aucoin-Wedge & d.f.m.
		<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
Sunday March 16	10:30am	Ronald Barry, Michael & Charlene Rutter & d.f.m., and Raymond, Patricia & David Lahey & deceased family members
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday March 8	4pm	Gene Walsh
Saturday March 15	4pm	Byron Eastwood

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday March 8	6pm	William Dunn, and David Cook
Saturday March 15	6pm	Anne Kane and deceased family members

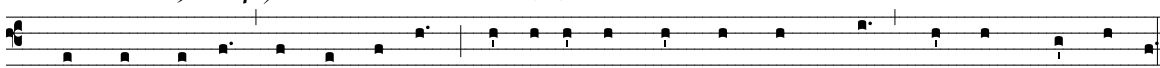
Please Pray For: The Holy Father Pope Francis, for his wellbeing, and for his March prayer intention, that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.
And, please pray for William (Billy) Kennedy.

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Gospel of Luke 4:1-13

Psalm: 91 R:15 *Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.*

Entrance Antiphon: from Psalm 91. When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Communion Antiphon: from Matthew 4:4



One does not live * by bread a-lone, but by ev' -ry word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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

Ecumenical Lenten Services every Wednesday, 12:15-12:45pm, March 5 - April 9, **Saint Andrews United Church** celebrating their 100 years of service, and **1,700 years of our shared Nicene Creed, our anchor of Faith**, followed by a luncheon reception.

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.

Weekly Parish Prayer Group resumes 1pm Tuesday March 11 in the parish centre.

Our focus will be on the mind and words of Saint Paul in his epistles regarding prayer and how an encounter with Christ can change the way one prays.

Miramichi Regional Reconciliation Service 6pm Friday April 11 at **Saint Patrick's Church**. Fr. Dan will share his story of conversion before confessions.

Living Stations - walking with Jesus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection - **Friday April 11, 2025** - doors open at **6:30pm with music - 7:30pm stations**. Goodwill offering.

Become a Foster Family - Are you ready to make a difference in a child's life? There is great need for compassionate individuals or couples to step into the vital role of being a Foster Family. For more information call 1-833-733-7835. Thank you for your consideration.

Grief Support Groups running **6-8pm April 2 - May 7** at Losier Hall, sponsored by Hospice Miramichi. For information call Kathy Avery 506-773-7607 x 201

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.

March 1-5 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$5,760	\$544	\$300
The Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier Family Foundation Inc.	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$1,570	\$30	\$35
Capital Campaign	\$169		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$165		
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$1,408	\$20	
Cemeteries	Basilica \$70	St. Andrew's \$225	\$20



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Senior Dances - Saturdays at 8pm, doors open at 6:30pm
Fundraising Bingo - Sundays at 7pm, doors open at 5pm
Community breakfast first Sunday of every month, 8am-Noon
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 Thursday March 13, 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 CWL please contact Cheryl at 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.

We appreciate donations of clothing for men, women, and children.
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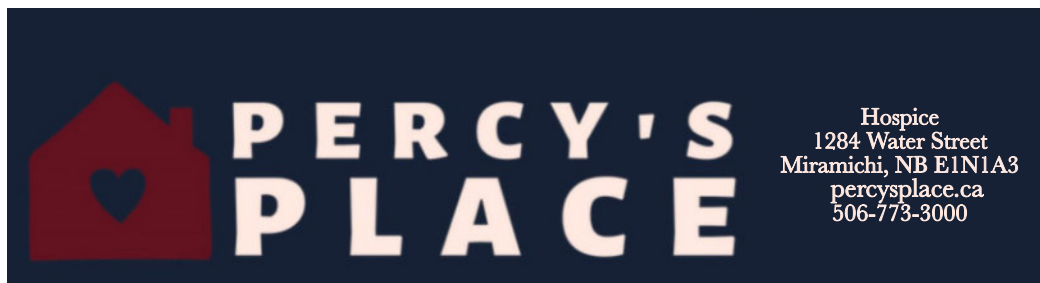
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