

You will find that St. Margaret Mary's is a parish where the fullness of the Truth of Jesus Christ is taught and lived, under the protection of our Patroness, St. Margaret Mary.

St. Margaret Mary Councils

PARISH COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair (5:30pm Mass) 630-212-8522
 Phyllis Benbow (5:30pm Mass) 828-273-5818
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 LeAnn Wilson (11:00am Mass) 678-993-6456
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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

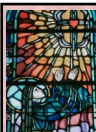
Doug Thigpen, Chair 828-713-5785

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a global Catholic fraternal order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882 to assist families upon the death of the main income earner. The organization has grown to become the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Knights support vocations, charitable outreach, professional insurance programs and more. Knights are dedicated to the principles of unity, charity, fraternity, and patriotism. Membership is open to practical Catholic men, aged 18 years or older. Learn more about the Knights of Columbus, by contacting Peter Graham at 828-989-2505 or email wpgraham912@charter.net.



Women of St. Margaret Mary



OUR MISSION

Women of St. Margaret Mary is a service organization created to support the mission of our parish and our pastor's initiatives, and to promote individual spiritual growth through prayer, reflection, and action.

BECOME A MEMBER!

Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to join. Our group gives women the opportunity to fully live their Catholic faith by sharing their gifts and talents with our parish, the community, and each other. Questions? Email LeAnn at stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities Asheville

Catholic Charities serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion. We offer financial help, burial assistance, bilingual licensed clinical mental health counseling, elder ministry, immigration services, and a food pantry at our Asheville office.



We aim to strengthen families, build communities, and reduce poverty.

SAVE THE DATE!!!
 ~ Spirit of Hope ~
 Dinner and Program
 Thursday, May 9, 2024
 at 5:30pm

If you would like to attend, please email Jesse Boeckermann at jdboeckermann@ccdoc.org



St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps families and neighbors in crisis with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs.

Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. If you would like to help us continue our mission of serving our neighbors, the SVdP poor boxes are in the church vestibule and in the overflow seating entrance.

Donations may also be mailed to PO Box 4, Swannanoa, NC 28778 or online through the parish website saintmmc.com by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

For more information or assistance with food, finances, etc., call 800-862-1633

"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance."
 ~ St. Vincent de Paul



Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Bishop-Elect, Rev. Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv.

Rev. W. Christian Cook, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Dan Hoffert, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ralph Eckoff, Deacon (Ret.)

Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager
Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant & Stewardship Coordinator
Taylor D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation
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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30am
Holy Days: 8:30am & 5:30pm
First Fridays: 5:30pm

CONFESSION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00am
 Saturday: 4:15pm

BAPTISM:

First Sunday of the month at 10am. Contact the office to obtain the necessary forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once forms are completed and returned to the office.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Email: stmmcfaiht@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE: An appointment with a priest or deacon must be scheduled at least *twelve months* before the intended wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If a Catholic is in danger of death needing the Anointing of the Sick call the office during regular hours (828-686-8833) and press 4; **after** hours, press 2. If there has been a terminal diagnosis, please call the office as soon as possible to schedule an anointing early in the illness.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.
 ~ John 14:23

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00AM - 3:00PM
 Friday: Closed

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 4 for Front Desk
 Por información en español oprima 3

FAX: 828-686-8832

E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY (danger of death):
 828-686-8833, after business hours press 2

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Join R.C.I.A.! RCIA is Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. We welcome those who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith, who desire to become Catholic, or who have been away from the church and would like to return. If you want to know more, please email Deacon Dan and Linda Hoffert at hofferts@bellsouth.net.

ADULT CHOIR/SCHOLA: Call the office at 828-686-8833.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

CATHOLIC FORMATION: Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: stmmcfaiht@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of May 05, 2024



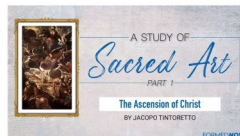
Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyla, who would one day become Pope John Paul III! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.



The Fountain of Salvation | The Bible and Baptism | Episode 1

Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book *The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation* (Baker Academic). This episode dives into how Baptism is the fountain of salvation for the Christian.



The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss *The Ascension of Christ* by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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May 5, 2024

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat 5/04	5:30pm	† Russell Gambini
Sun 5/05	8:30am	† Vicki Cram
	11:00am	Pro Populo
	1:00pm	† Pedro Molina
Mon 5/06	8:30am	Jimena Ortiz
Tue 5/07	8:30am	† Shirley Francis
Wed 5/08	8:30am	Jesse Kramer
Thur 5/09	8:30am	Sarah Kramer



Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:

Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Dana Breeding, Brother Cassian (Jeff Delgarn), Ann Bridgman, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Sister Pat Coyle, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Mike Fitzgerald, Maureen Flannigan, George Frazier, Patricia Grace, Jackie Gunn, Eleanor Harker, Allison Hoefling, Michael Hayduk, Jim Lauer, Jamie Lauren, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Bea Madden, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Kim Rovinski, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Larry Scott, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, John F. White, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli, Fran Yoli.

Homebound or in Assisted Living:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly, and Margaret Morrow.

Our Family Members Serving in the Military:

Chief Petty Officer Chris Balot, son of Randy Balot
Staff Sgt. Jordan Owensby, grandson of Don & Linda Gurecky. **David Woodward**, serving in Afghanistan-friend of Samuel Medlin. **SPC Alex Czarnecki**, son of Maureen & John Czarnecki. **First Lieutenant Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball. **Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

Scriptures for the Week

MON May 06

Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15: 26b, 27a; Jn 15: 26 – 16: 4

TUE May 07

Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16: 7, 13; Jn 16: 5-11

WED May 08

Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1; Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 14: 16; John 16: 12-15

THU May 09

Acts 18: 1-8; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14: 18; Jn 16: 16-20

FRI May 10 Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, Priest

Acts 18: 9-18; Ps 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 24: 46, 26; Jn 16: 20-23

SAT May 11

Acts 18: 23-28; Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16: 28; Jn 16: 23b-28

SUN May 12 Ascension of the Lord Solemnity

Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4: 1-13; Mt 28: 19a, 20b; Mark 16: 15-20

26TH ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MARCH & RALLY
 Halifax Mall | Raleigh, NC
 Saturday, May 18th, 2024
 @ 12:30 PM

Thanks you for the terrific feedback on THE HEART, our quarterly newsletter that premiered with the Spring 2024 edition last weekend!
 If you missed it, pick up a copy in the lobby of the church. Send comments, ideas, or letters to the editor to: theheartstmmc@outlook.com.

Altar Flowers



Sponsoring Altar Flowers is a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to honor a special birthday or anniversary.
 Call the office to sponsor flowers. Recommended donation is \$50.00

IMPORTANT DATES!

- May 9: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
- May 11: 10am Women of StMMC Mtg (PH)
- May 15: Faith Formation's last class & Fun Night
- May 18-19: International/National Combined Collection

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Stewardship



Stewardship Reflection

May 5, 2024
 6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

Coming Soon....

Beginning on May 18th, St. Margaret Mary's Vigil Mass time will be at 4:30pm.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus the Messiah was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism by John. Jesus' entire mission occurred in communion with the Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised that the Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the entire Church. After his death, he was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit.

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. . . . We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

~from the [United States Catholic Catechism for Adults](#)

Fr. Cook Confirmed 13 Youth this past Friday, May 3rd.

Mass at VA Hospital Chapel
 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:10pm all are invited.
 If you or a family member are Veterans, you may call the office to request a Mass Intention for the VA Hospital Masses.

Offertory for the Month of April

APR GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,151	\$30,617.60	127%

Offertory Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Apr 30

GOAL	ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$320,000	\$283,043.60	88%

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Thank you!
 May God bless you for your generosity.



ONE Body in CHRIST

2024 DSA Collected: \$30,585.00
 2024 Goal: \$36,717.00; % of Goal: 83%



Schedule for the Week

- Mon May 6** 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
- Tues May 7** 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
- Wed May 8** 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 4pm Atrium Classes
 6:30-7:45pm Faith Formation Classes
- Thur May 9** 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am Rosary (CH)
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
- Fri May 10** Church and Office Closed
 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
- Sat May 11** 8:30am-9:30am Flower Planting
 10am Women of St. MMC Mtg (PH)
 4:15pm-5:00pm Confession
 5:30pm Mass
- Sun May 12** Mother's Day
 8:30am Mass (Incense)
 9:45am-10:45am RCIA Mtg (PH)
 11:00am Mass
 1pm Mass Español (Incense)

Condolences...

To the family of parishioner, Julie Howachyn, who died on April 14th at 103 years of age.

Funeral Rite - Tuesday, May 14th at 11:30am.
 Inurnment will be private.
 Luncheon reception to follow in the Parish Hall.