You will find that St. Margaret Mary 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 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair	4:30pm	
Phyllis Benbow	4:30pm	Contact any
Dan Little	8:30am	Parish Council
Vacant	8:30am	member with topics
LeAnn Wilson	11:00am	you would like
David Langdon	11:00am	discussed at their
Cesar Cueva	1:00pm	next meeting.
Salvador Figueroa	1:00pm	

#### FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair

John Czarnecki

Finance Council meets quarterly. **Ernie Reynolds** 

Tom Schodorf

To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: office@saintmmc.com.



### This Week on Formed

Week of September 14, 2025



# The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the ed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feas



# Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus

Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liquori, narrated by Dr Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer



#### The Seven Sorrows of Mary | Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis as he prays and explores the Sever Sorrows of Mary Devotion!

Our parish has a Formed subscription Visit signup formed org and select our parish name

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- Select our Parish by name;
- Register with your name and email address;
- Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED;
- 4. Scan the QR Code to download the **FORMED** app

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### Women of St. Margaret Mary

#### **OUR MISSION**

Our women's group is a service organization created to support the mission of our parish and our pastor's initiatives, and to promote individual spiritual growth through prayers, 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.

# 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 Jesse Boeckermann at 605-376-4234 or email jessebach7@gmail.com.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



In 2024 we helped 306 Swannanoa Valley families with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs (many are hurricane victims). Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. Most folks just need some help through a rough patch in their lives. If you can help us financially, 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 given on the parish website saintmmc.com by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you would like to make an honor or memorial gift, contact Terry at 919-522-9892 or email terry.f.foley@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please remember that SVdP is here to help. Call 800-862-1633 on Mondays 6am – noon, all calls are held in strictest confidence.

'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

### Catholic Charities Asheville

Catholic Charities serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of race, ethnicity, or

Catholic Charities

Diocese of Charlotte 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 couldn't do what we do without our caring, dedicated volunteers and your generous donations.

> Donate at www.ccdoc.org/give Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at HRKalisch@rcdoc.org.



# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

♦ Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936 ♦

September 14, 2025

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father John Allen, Pastor **Deacon Dan Hoffert** Deacon Ralph Eckoff, (Ret.)

Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant & Stewardship Coordinator Tayler D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation Karen Parsons, Organist

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#### **Celebration of the Sacraments**

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 4:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish) Monday - Thursday: 8:45am Holy Days: Check website

#### CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession will be available immediately after every daily Mass and on Saturdays after the 4:30pm Vigil Mass and Sundays after the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

#### BAPTISM

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: stmmcfaith@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 0; after hours, press 2. If there has been a terminal diagnosis or scheduled surgery, please see Father in the confessional after Mass or call the office.



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

- John 3: 13-15

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM Friday: Closed

**OFFICE:** 828-686-8833, press 0 for Front Desk

Por informatión en español oprima 9

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 O.C.I.A.!

OCIA is Order of Christian Initiation of 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: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.

## Mass Intentions

Sat	09/13	4:30pm	† Mary & Bill Hayes
Sun	09/14	8:30am	Rev. Anthony del Cid Lucero
		11:00am	Pro Populo
		1:00pm	† Marsiano Galdamez
Mon	09/15	8:45am	† Andy Zichy
Tue	09/16	8:45am	Adam Rovinski
Wed	09/17	8:45am	† Larry Mobley
Thur	09/18	8:45am	† Benjamin Adler
Fri	09/19		NO MASS



# Please Pray for...

#### Those who are sick or have special needs:

Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Kate Bogush, Dana Breeding, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, Patricia Grace, Baby Elizabeth Heimer, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Linda Robinson, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli.

#### **Homebound or in Assisted Living:**

Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly, Margaret Morrow

#### **Our Family Members Serving in the Military:**

Chief Petty Officer Chris Balot, son of Randy Balot Staff Sgt. Jordan Owensby, grandson of Linda Gurecky. Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball. Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

### **IMPORTANT DATES!**

Sept 14: 9:30am OCIA Meeting (St. Teresa Conf. Room)

Sept 20-21: Priest Retirement Second Collection

Sept 21: Parish Picnic!

Sept 27: 12pm-3pm Eucharistic Adoration

**Sept 29:** 5pm Confirmation with Bishop Martin

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)



Catherine's House will be here on the weekend of October 4-5, 2025 selling raffle tickets. See bulletin insert for more details.





# Scriptures for the Week

MON Sept 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
1st Tim 2: 1-8; Ps 28: 2, 7, 8-9; John 19: 25-27 or Luke 2: 33-35

TUE Sept 16 Cornelius, Pope, Martyr & Cyprian, Bishop 1st Timothy 3: 1-13; Ps 101: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Luke 7: 16; Luke 7: 11-17

WED Sept 17 Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Religious, Doc. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3: 14-16; Ps 111: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; John 6: 63c, 68c; Luke 7: 31-35

**THUR Sept 18** 

1<sup>st</sup> Tim 4: 12-16; Ps 111: 7-8, 9, 10; Matt 11: 28; Luke 7: 36-50

**FRI Sept 19 Januarius, Bishop, Martyr** 1<sup>st</sup> Tim 6: 2c-12; Ps 49: 6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Matt 11: 25; Luke 8: 1-3

**SAT Sept 20 Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Martyr & Comp.** 1st Tim 6: 13-16; Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8: 15; Luke 8: 4-15

<u>SUN Sept 21</u> Amos 8: 4-7; Ps 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1<sup>st</sup> Tim 2: 1-8; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 8: 9; Luke 16: 1-13

# Schedule for the Week

Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm

The church is open for prayer during office hours.

Mon Sept 15 8:45am Mass

7pm Reunión del grupo masculine (PH)

Tues Sept 16 8:45am Mass

Wed Sept 17 8:45am Mass

Thur Sept 18 8:45am Mass

Rosary after Mass-Women of StMMC

Fri Sept 19 Church and Office Closed

Sat Sept 20 Priest Retirement Second Collection

4:30pm Mass

**Sun Sept 21 Priest Retirement Second Collection** 

8:30am Mass

9:30am OCIA Meeting (St. Teresa Rm)

11:00am Mass

12:30-3:30pm StMMC Parish Picnic On church grounds (no 1pm Mass)



## September Wedding Anniversaries:

*Ron & Pat Krantz* ~ 59 years *Darryl & Dona Burleson* ~ 46 years Mark & Jennifer Puzerewski ~ 28 years *Benito & Teresa Penaloza* ~ 26 years *Joe & Maria Hungerford* ~ 20 years *Ervin & Vicky Cortes-Reyes* ~ 15 years

Happy Anniversary!

# Stewardship



Thanks to Dr. Timothy O'Donnell and his wife Kathy for being with us last week. Dr. O'Donnell's presentation was educational and deeply inspirational. Our 9 first Friday devotions begin on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> with Mass at 8:45am.



Pulled Pork (Thank you Fanny!)

CHILI COOK-OFF!

St. Margaret Mary Annual Parish Family Picnic!

Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 12:30pm-3:30pm

Help us to plan this picnic by signing up after all Masses this weekend. Visit the table out front.

Games and crafts for all! Folk Music by Stranger and Pilgrim!

Door Prizes!

Bring a blanket or camp chair!

Bring a dessert to share!





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A Priest Forever

The 2025 collection for Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection is scheduled to be taken in all parishes next weekend. The theme this year is "In Service to All."

- ♦ A total of 37 retired diocesan priests currently receive benefits.
- There are 161 diocesan priests in active ministry.
- A contribution will be made to the retirement funds of the nine religious orders serving the Diocese of Charlotte.
- The amount assessed each parish is 3.0% of the annual offertory income.
- While the average age of retirement in this country is 60, priests are asked to serve until age 70 and beyond.
- The Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection helps provide for the future retirement of those priests who are currently working, ensuring the funds will be available when a priest becomes eligible for retirement benefits.

We have until 12/31/25 to attain our goal of \$9,618.



**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.

