

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church is a welcoming parish of disciples inviting all to grow in holiness through the reverent celebration of the Eucharist and Sacraments while reaching out to those in need and sharing our Catholic faith with all.

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This Week on Formed

Week of March 22, 2026



The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.



The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



The Annunciation: Hail Mary

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to formed.org/signup:

1. Select our Parish by name;
2. Register with your name and email address;
3. 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: 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



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 828-582-7932 on Mondays 6am – noon, all calls are held in strictest confidence.

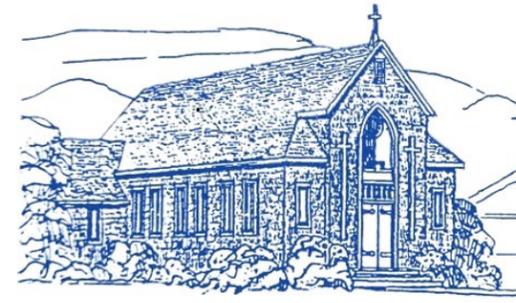
"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Charities Asheville

Catholic Charities serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of race, ethnicity, or 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@rdoc.org.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

✦ Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936 ✦

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Father John Allen, Pastor
Deacon Dan Hoffert
Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired

Claudia G. Graham
Chief Financial & Operating Officer and
Pastoral Associate
Jennifer Puzerewski
Director of Ministries and Pastoral Associate
Kristina Maldonado, Youth Formation
Karen Parsons, Organist

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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION

Confession is available immediately following each daily Mass and on Saturdays immediately following the 4:30pm Mass and Sundays immediately following the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

BAPTISM

Please contact the office to arrange preparation and to complete the required registrations and forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once these requirements are met.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please email to register: stmmcfath@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE

An appointment with the Pastor must be scheduled at least *twelve months* before the intended wedding date and to begin preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office during office hours to arrange anointing for parishioners of St. Margaret Mary. Anointing should take place immediately following diagnosis of any serious illness or before major surgery. **Please do not wait until death is imminent to receive this sacrament.** May also be requested during scheduled confession times.



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
~ John 11:25-26

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM
Closed Fridays, Holy Days and Holidays

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 0 for Front Desk
Por información en español oprima 9

FAX: 828-686-8832

E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES FOR THE DYING:

A family member of a St. Margaret Mary parishioner should call 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 our Catholic faith, those who wish to become Catholic, and those who wish to return to the practice of their faith. For more information, 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 FAITH FORMATION: Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: stmmcfath@gmail.com.

| Mass Intentions | | | | |
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| Sat | 03/21 | 4:30pm |† | Candido Calva Cuellar |
| Sun | 03/22 | 8:30am |† | Britany Romero Claios |
| | | 11:00am |† | Tommie Lokey |
| | | 1:00pm | | Pro Populo |
| Mon | 03/23 | 8:45am |† | Kim Rovinski |
| Tue | 03/24 | 8:45am | | Celebrants Intentions |
| Wed | 03/25 | 8:45am |† | Maria DeJesus Hernandez |
| Thur | 03/26 | 8:45am | | Cecelia Meredith |
| Fri | 03/27 | 8:45am | | No Mass |

 **Please Pray for...**

Those who are sick or have special needs:
 Marian Bogdanowicz, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Donna Collins, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Dorothy Kelly, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Margaret Morrow, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Vivienne Joy, Vicki Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

All Serving in Our Military, Especially Our Parish Family Members:
 Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball.
 Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

IMPORTANT DATES!
Mar 29: SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH)
April 2 & 6: Office Closed
April 8: 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
May 21: Catholic Charities Spirit of Hope
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

 **DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE**

Bishop's Youth Pilgrimage 2026
 March 28, 2026
<https://goeucharist.com/bishops-youth-pilgrimage/>

2026 Diocesan Youth Conference
 April 24-26
charlottediocese.org/form-diocesan-youth-conference

Quo Vadis Days 2026
 June 15-19, 2026
charlottediocese.org/vocations/priest/quo-vadis-days

Duc In Altum 2026
 June 22-26, 2026
charlottediocese.org/vocations/woman-religious/duc-in-altum

| Scriptures for the Week | |
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| MON Mar 23 | Toribio De Mogrovejo, Bishop Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Daniel 13: 41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ezekiel 33: 11; John 8: 1-11 |
| TUE Mar 24 | Numbers 21: 4-9; Ps 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8: 21-30 |
| WED Mar 25 | Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10: 4-10; John 1: 14ab; Luke 1: 26-38 |
| THUR Mar 26 | Genesis 17: 3-9; Ps 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 95: 8; John 8: 51-59 |
| FRI Mar 27 | Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 6: 63c, 68c; John 10: 31-42 |
| SAT Mar 28 | Eze 37: 21-28; Jer 31: 10, 11-12, 13; Ez 18: 31; John 11: 45-56 |
| SUN Mar 29 | Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord Matthew 21: 1-11; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2: 6-11; Philippians 2: 8-9; Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66 or Matthew 27: 11-54 |

Schedule for the Week

Office open Monday - Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm
 The church is open for prayer during office hours.

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| Mon Mar 23 | 8:45am Mass |
| Tues Mar 24 | 8:45am Mass 6pm Vespers (CH) and Soup (PH) |
| Wed Mar 25 | 8:45am Mass |
| Thur Mar 26 | 8:45am Mass; Rosary following Mass 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH) 6:30pm Living Stations Practice (PH) |
| Fri Mar 27 | Office Closed 5:30pm Stations of the Cross (CH) 6:30pm Estaciones de la Cruz (CH) |
| Sat Mar 28 | 4:30pm Mass 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood |
| Sun Mar 29 | 8:30am Mass 11:00am Mass 12pm SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH) 1pm Mass (Español) |

Easter Egg Hunt!

On Sunday, April 5th,
 at 9:30am & 12Noon
 (For ages 12 and under)

Parents: We provide the bags and baskets.
 (If you are staying for the Egg Hunt, please park so you are not blocking others from leaving.)



Have you donated or made a pledge to St. Margaret Mary's Bells of Hope Capital Campaign?

If not, it's not too late.

As Father reminded us on the First Sunday of Lent: "This is the season for sacrificial almsgiving." Be part of the most important parish initiative since our church was dedicated 90 years ago!

For questions or more information on giving, contact Bells of Hope at 828-747-7261.



| Stewardship | | |
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|  Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date | | |
| MAR GOAL | MONTH ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
| \$30,000 | \$17,487 | 58.3 % |
| Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Mar 18 | | |
| GOAL | YTD ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
| \$312,000 | \$217,658 | 70% |
| Donate online at saintmmc.com or here  | | |
| May God bless you for your financial stewardship!  | | |

TENDING the VINEYARD

2026 DSA Collected: \$7,097
 2026 Goal: \$31,947
 % of Goal: 22.2%




DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

CHRISM MASS

Witness Bishop Martin bless holy oils for the sacraments & our priests renew their promises to the Church



March 31, 2026 | 3 P.M.
 St. Mark Catholic Church
 14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC 28078

Bring your blessed palms to church next weekend and place in the "Palms Barrel." We will dispose of them properly.

We need your HELP!
 If you are an Usher, Lector, Sacristan or Altar Server, please sign up to help with **Holy Week and Easter Masses.**
 A Flocknote sign up has been sent out.