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 Dan Little 8:30am Tom Schodorf 8:30am LeAnn Wilson 11:00am David Langdon 11:00am Cesar Cueva 1:00pm Salvador Figueroa 1:00pm

Contact anv parish council member with topics you would like discussed at their next meeting. Date: 8/20/25

#### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

Doug Thigpen, Chair

John Czarnecki Finance Council meets quarterly. **Ernie Reynolds** 

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



#### This Week on Formed

Week of August 17, 2025



#### Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church



#### The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title



#### Mary, Queen of Heaven | Brother Francis

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint

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### Women of St. Margaret Mary

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.

**OUR MISSION** 

#### **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 Charitie Catholic Charities 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 ♦

August 17, 2025

## The Twentieth 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.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfector of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. ~ *Hebrews 12:1-2* 

#### 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.

August 17, 2025

### Mass Intentions

Sat	08/16	4:30pm	† John Jensen
Sun	08/17	8:30am	Pro Populo
		11:00am	Rev. Andrew Templeton
		1:00pm	Dayana Jimenez
Mon	08/18	8:45am	Edward & Gail Carrol Ancestry
Tue	08/19	8:45am	† John Holt
Wed	08/20	8:45am	† John Pacosa
Thur	08/21	8:45am	Kevin Geraghty
Fri	08/22		NO MASS



## Please Pray for...

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

Baby Arty Auvil, 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, Dan Little, 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, Andy Zichy.

#### 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 Don & Linda Gurecky. David Woodward, serving in Afghanistan-friend of Samuel Medlin. Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball. Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.



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Diocese of Charlotte **Eucharistic Congress** September 5 & 6, 2025



Rediscover hope. Renew your spirit. Walk with Christ. Don't miss the 2025 Eucharistic Congress Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5 & 6, at the Charlotte Convention Center as we come together as *Pilgrims of Hope* with fellow Catholics from across the Diocese of Charlotte! Be inspired by dynamic Catholic speakers and uplifting music, experience one of the largest Eucharistic processions in the U.S., and find renewed hope in Christ through the Eucharist. Drop in for an hour or come both days – it's totally free and flexible! Details at www.YouBelong2025.com

## Scriptures for the Week

#### MON Aug 18

Judges 2: 11-19; Ps 106: 34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Matthew 5: 3; Matthew 19: 16-22

TUE Aug 19 John Eudes, Priest, Religious Founder Judges 6: 11-24a; Ps 85: 9, 11-12, 13-14; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8: 9; Matthew 19: 23-30

WED Aug 20 Bernard, Abbot, Doctor Judges 9: 6-15; Ps 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Heb 4: 12; Matt 20: 1-16

#### THUR Aug 21 Pius X, Pope

Jud 11: 29-39a; Ps 40: 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Ps 95: 8; Matt 22: 1-14

FRI Aug 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ruth 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146: 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Psalms 25: 4b, 5a; Matthew 22: 34-40

SAT Aug 23 Rose of Lima Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17; Ps 128: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mattew 23: 9b, 10b; Matthew 23: 1-12

SUN Aug 24 Isaiah 66: 18-21; Ps 117: 1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; John 14: 6; Luke 13: 22-30

## Schedule for the Week

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

The church is open for prayer during office hours.

#### Mon Aug 18 8:45am Mass

7pm Reunión del grupo masculine (PH)

#### Tues Aug 19 8:45am Mass

2pm Finance Council Mtg (John 23rd)

#### Wed Aug 20 8:45am Mass

5pm Parish Council Mtg (PH)

#### Thur Aug 21 8:45am Mass

Rosary following Mass

### Fri Aug 22 Church and Office Closed

Sat Aug 23 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

#### 4:30pm Mass

Sun Aug 24 8:30am Mass

#### 11:00am Mass

1pm Mass Español

#### **IMPORTANT DATES!**

Aug 16 & 17: Operation L.A.M.B. after Masses

Aug 23: 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Aug 28: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Sept 5-6: Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress

Sept 21: Parish Picnic!

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)



Our Altar flowers are offered in loving memory of John Pacosa by Anne Pacosa May John Rest In Peace.

## Stewardship

### **Stewardship Reflection**

Stewardship
A way of living

August 17, 2025 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to preserve in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict. and division, is one way to measure discipleship.

### ALZHEIMER'S \\\ \\ ASSOCIATION

#### THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES



Virtual Series: All Sessions are on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 PM

Caring for someone living with dementia brings a unique set of challenges and rewards. Learn to navigate the responsibilities of middle and late stage caregiving in this education program.

#### Topics in the program include:

- Building Foundations of Caregiving | Sept. 4
- Supporting Independence | Sept. 11
- · Communicating Effectively & Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors | Sept. 18
- Managing Money for Caregivers | Sept. 25
- Exploring Care & Support Services | Oct. 2

#### TRAVELING?

Don't take a vacation from your faith! Find a Mass by going to:



Reverentcatholicmass.com Masstimes.org Catholic mass times.org

Participants need to register for

each session

Contact Sandra Breakfield, Elder

Ministry Program Director at

704-370-3220 or sandrab@ccdoc.org for more



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## DIOCESAN

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2025 DSA Collected: \$27,718.62 2025 Goal: \$35,506.00 % of Goal: 78%





School At Nazareth needs your help for the upcoming school year.

Opportunities to serve as small group leaders and translators are open to all parishioners 18 years and older.

> If you are interested in working with us, please contact Tayler D'Abbraccio at tcdabbraccio@rcdoc.org.

There will be an informational meeting on September 7th at 12:15pm in the Parish Hall following the 11am Mass. This meeting will last about 30 minutes.





St. Margaret Mary's 89th Anniversary Parish Family Picnic!



Sunday, September 21st, 12:30pm-3:30pm COOK-OFF!



