

March 7, 2021



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out. John 2:14-15



Those who are ill or have special needs:

Trey Bellows, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Marie Blount, Dana Breeding, Ann Bridgman, Dianna Bryant, Dona Burleson, Joseph Buttera, J.R. Callahan, Barry Cook, Carolyn Dickenson, Mike Ducar, Maureen Flannigan, Mary Frazier, Linda Gurecky, Jackie Gunn, Yvonne Hale, Eleanor Harker, Allison Hoefling, Don & Rita Hoefling, Debra & Bill James, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Maggie Lindsey, Meghan McGinnis, Debra Maddox, Ruth Miller, Barb Morgan, Brandon & Heather Niemas, Jorge Ontiveros, Lori Owensby, Kathy Quarles, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Sally Schoen, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, and Vickie Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

Homebound or in nursing homes:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Norma Brandin, Vicki Cram, Bernadette Ducar, Dorothy Kelly, Fr. Andy Latsko, Margaret Morrow, Glenda Nicholson, Brenda O'Shields, Anne Papay, Dorothy Pappert, Meri Reid, Mike Slaski, Annie Tiernan, Doris Thibodeau & Thomas Zichy.

Please call or email the office to update list. 828-686-8833, stmmc@charter.net.

As we journey during this Lenten Season, let us take time to reflect on our marriage. What can we do to make our marriage even better? Learn how on an upcoming virtual **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on Apr 15-May 6, 2021 in VIRTUAL, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

Mass Intentions

Sat 3/6 5:30PM.....† Bill & Mary Hayes
Sun 3/7 8:30AM.....Pro Populo
11:00AM.....† Edwin R. Slaski
1:00PM† Benito Castro-Anaya
Mon 3/8 7:30AM.....† Dick Isele
Wed 3/10 6:00PM.....Peter Graham
Thur 3/11 7:30AM.....† Rev. Guy Morgan
Fri 3/12 7:30AM.....† Byrd & Frances Perry
Sat 3/13 10:00AM.....Respect Life Ministry

Scripture for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

LENT 2021 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

St. Vincent DePaul Society



St. Vincent de Paul Society has a new contact phone number. Please make a note of it: **1-800-862-1633**

Your generous support of SVdP helps us to serve those in need throughout our community. Our Poor Boxes are in the church vestibule and in the Overflow Seating doorway. Thank You!

View more information about SVdP at the parish website: <https://saintmmc.com>

Respect for Life Mass

Fr. Brian Becker will celebrate Holy Mass with a special intention for Respect Life Ministry in the WNC region on **Sat. March 13th**. All are invited to attend. See the parish [website](#) for more info. After Mass, all will be encouraged to go stand as a peaceful, loving, prayerful witness in front of Planned Parenthood in Asheville.

Weekend SILENT RETREATS

Spend a peaceful weekend with our Lord in silence, contemplation, and prayer at the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

For Women
April 23 - 25, 2021

Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center
Maggie Valley, NC

To register online visit mileschristi.org/spiritual-exercises or contact northcarolina@spiritualexercises.net



For more retreat locations & dates call 248-596-9677 or visit mileschristi.org/spiritual-exercises

Stewardship

Weekly Offertory needed to meet our annual parish budget: **\$4,520.00**

Weekly Offering



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Offertory February 28, 2021: \$4,447.04
Online Giving: \$1,500.00
Total Offertory: \$5,947.04

Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA)
Goal: \$29,050 Collected: \$ 8,560.00

Offertory checks may be mailed to:
102 Andrews Place
Swannanoa, NC 28778

Donate online at: www.saintmmc.com

Thank you, may God bless you for your generosity!

Schedule for the Week

In General: Church is open for prayer when staff is on campus; if front lights are on, church is open. Our campus is closed on Tuesdays.

Mar 8 6:45AM Confessions; Mass 7:30AM
Church open for prayer
Office Hours 9:00AM—4:00PM

Mar 9 **OFFICE & CHURCH CLOSED**

Mar 10 Church open for prayer
5:15PM Confessions; Mass 6:00PM
6:45PM Faith Formation
RCIA (at Rectory)

Mar 11 Confessions 6:45AM; Mass 7:30AM
Church open for prayer
Office Hours 9:00AM—2:00PM

Mar 12 Confessions 6:15AM; Mass 7:30AM
Church open for prayer
Office Hours 9:00AM—4:00PM
5:00PM—6:00PM Adoration & Benediction with Confessions available
6:15PM Stations of the Cross (English)
7:00PM Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Mar 13 10:00PM Mass—Reflect Life Mass
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Mass

Mar 14 Masses 8:30AM (Sung Mass with incense)
11:00AM
1:00PM-Español (Sung Mass with incense)

All Masses are now livestreamed to our YouTube channel. Go to saintmmc.com. Click on "Mass Times & Livestream", scroll down and click "acknowledge notice, and enter livestream"

Maintain distancing at all times in Church, overflow area, and Parish Hall. If occupancy is close to limit, ushers will redirect you to other areas.