

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

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 3/13 10:00AM.....Respect Life Ministry  
5:30PM.....† Al Widmayer  
Sun 3/14 8:30AM.....Pro Populo  
11:00AM.....† Bill Faulke  
1:00PM .....† Pedro Molina  
Mon 3/15 7:30AM.....† Tina & Frances Testa  
Wed 3/17 6:00PM.....Chris Cantos  
Thur 3/18 7:30AM.....Lucas Cantos  
Fri 3/19 7:30AM.....Matthew Cantos

**Scripture for the Week**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

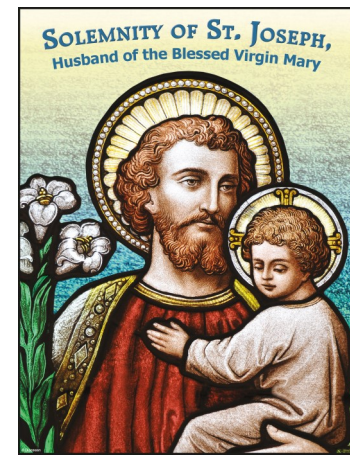
**LENT 2021 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.**

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 de Paul 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 serve those in need throughout our community. Our Poor Boxes are in the church vestibule and in the Overflow Seating doorway. Thank You!  
To learn more about SVdP and those we serve, go to the parish website: [saintmmc.com/st-vincent-de-paul](http://saintmmc.com/st-vincent-de-paul).

**Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass**



Friday March 19th  
Solemnity of St. Joseph  
Holy Hour 5:00pm  
Exposition & Benediction  
Confessions Available  
Mass 6:00pm  
(No Stations of the Cross on this 'special' Friday of Lent.)

St. Joseph is invoked as patron for many causes. He is the patron of the Universal Church. He is the patron of the dying because Jesus and Mary were at his death-bed. He is also the patron of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

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](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

**Stewardship**

Weekly Offertory needed to meet our annual parish budget: **\$4,520.00**  
Weekly Offering  
Offertory March 7, 2021: \$4,393.05  
Online Giving: \$1,135.00  
Total Offertory: \$5,528.05  
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](http://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 15 6:45AM Confessions; Mass 7:30AM  
Church open for prayer  
Office Hours 9:00AM—4:00PM  
Mar 16 **OFFICE & CHURCH CLOSED**  
Mar 17 Church open for prayer  
5:15PM Confessions; Mass 6:00PM  
6:45PM Faith Formation Classes  
RCIA (at Rectory)  
Mar 18 Confessions 6:45AM; Mass 7:30AM  
Church open for prayer  
Office Hours 9:00AM—2:00PM  
Mar 19 No **MORNING** Confessions or Mass  
Church open for prayer  
Office Hours 9:00AM—4:00PM  
5:00PM—6:00PM Adoration & Benediction with Confessions available  
6:00PM Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass  
No Stations of the Cross  
Mar 20 4:00PM Confessions  
5:30PM Mass  
Mar 21 Masses 8:30AM (Sung Mass with incense)  
11:00AM  
1:00PM-Español (Sung Mass with incense)  
All Masses are livestreamed to our YouTube channel. Go to [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com). Click on "Mass Times & Livestream", scroll down and click "acknowledge 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.**

*Please Pray for...*

**Those who are ill or have special needs:**  
Trey Bellows, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Marie Blount, Dana Breeding, Ann Bridgman, Dianna Bryant, Dona Bureson, 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](mailto:stmmc@charter.net).

**Faith Formation Focus**

Highlights for March 17, 2021  
Parents, This is a guide for you and your children in anticipation of faith formation classes this week. Here are the topics:

	Saint Journal	Memorized Prayer	Memorize the Faith	Rosary Mystery
5th-8th Grade	St. Joseph	Hail Holy Queen	TA Room: Gifts of the Holy Spirit	5th Sorrowful Mystery - Perseverance
K-4th Grade	St. Joseph	Hail Mary	Stations of Cross p125	5th Sorrowful Mystery - Perseverance