

You will find that St. Margaret Mary's 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 COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair (5:30pm Mass)	630-212-8522
Phyllis Benbow (5:30pm Mass)	828-273-5818
Tom Schodorf (8:30am Mass)	770-778-8335
Dan Little (8:30am Mass)	828-298-1452
Jesse Boeckermann (11:00am Mass)	605-376-4234
LeAnn Wilson (11:00am Mass)	678-993-6456
Cesar Cueva (1:00pm Mass)	828-424-1690
Salvador Figueroa (1:00pm Mass)	828-573-4141

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

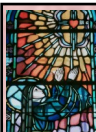
Doug Thigpen, Chair	828-713-5785
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Knights of Columbus

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 Peter Graham at 828-989-2505 or email wpgraham912@charter.net.



Women of St. Margaret Mary



OUR MISSION

Women of St. Margaret Mary is a service organization created to support the mission of our parish and our pastor's initiatives, and to promote individual spiritual growth through prayer, 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 Jane at stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com.

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 aim to strengthen families, build communities, and reduce poverty.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

~ Spirit of Hope ~
Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 5:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps Swannanoa Valley families in crisis with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs. Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. If you would like to help us continue our mission of serving our neighbors, the 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 online through the parish website saintmmc.com by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please call 800-862-1633 to leave a message for our volunteer team; all calls are held in strictest confidence.

Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most Rev. Peter J. Jugis J.C.D., Bishop
Rev. W. Christian Cook, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Dan Hoffert, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ralph Eckoff, Deacon (Ret.)

Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager
Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant & Stewardship Coordinator
Karen Parsons, Organist

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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30am
Holy Days: 8:30am & 5:30pm
First Fridays: 5:30pm

CONFESSION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00am
Saturday: 4:15pm

BAPTISM:

First Sunday of the month. Call the office one month prior to anticipated date for forms and information.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Email: stmmcfait@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 4; **after hours**, press 2. If there has been a terminal diagnosis, please call the office as soon as possible to schedule an anointing early in the illness.



Jesus answered them, saying: The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Amen, amen I say to you, unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground die, Itself remaineth alone. But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. ~ John 12:23-24

OFFICE HOURS:

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

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 4 for Front Desk
Por información en español oprima 3

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 R.C.I.A.! RCIA is Rite of Christian Initiation for 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.

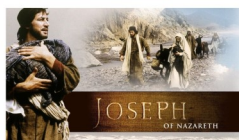
ADULT CHOIR/SCHOLA: Call the office at 828-686-8833.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION: Contact the Faith Formation Team at: stmmcfait@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of March 17, 2024



Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ
Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

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St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat 03/16 5:30pm† Sister Jane Marie Davis
 Sun 03/17 8:30am Pro Populo
 11:00am† Vicki Cram
 1:00pm† Angel Moreles
 Mon 03/18 8:30am Jack Crowley
 Tue 03/19 8:30am Cecelia Meredith
 Wed 03/20 8:30am † Mary Hatten
 Thu 03/21 8:30am Edwin Lugo

 Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:

Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Dana Breeding, Ann Bridgman, Dianna Bryant, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Sister Pat Coyle, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Mike Fitzgerald, Maureen Flannigan, George Frazier, Allison Geraghty, Patricia Grace, Jackie Gunn, Eleanor Harker, Allison Hoefling, Michael Hayduk, Jim Lauer, Jamie Lauren, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Bea Madden, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Beverly Penland, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Kim Rovinski, Deb Rummell, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Larry Scott, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, John F. White, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli, Fran Yoli.

Homebound or in Assisted Living:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Julie Howachyn, Dorothy Kelly, Margaret Morrow, and Anne Papay.

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. **SPC Alex Czarnecki**, son of Maureen & John Czarnecki. **First Lieutenant Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball. **Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Mar 23: 11am Vigil at Planned Parenthood
March 25-29 Holy Week
March 30-31 Seminarian Education 2nd Collection
Mar 31: Easter Egg Hunt following all Masses
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who joined us for the pancake breakfast this past Sunday. Your generous donations totaled \$406.00!



Scriptures for the Week

MON March 18 Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor
 Dan 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dan 13: 41c-62;
 Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ez 33: 11; Jn 8: 1-11

TUE March 19 Joseph, Husband of Mary Solemnity
 2nd Sam 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29;
 Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Ps 84: 5; Matt 1: 16, 18-21, 24

WED March 20

Dan 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Dan 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 8: 15; John 8: 31-42

THU March 21

Gen 17: 3-9; Ps 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 95: 8; John 8: 51-59

FRI March 22: Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 & Up)

Jer 20: 10-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 6: 63c, 68c; John 10: 31-42

SAT March 23 Toribio De Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ez 37: 21-28; Jer 31: 10, 11-12, 13; Ez 18: 31; John 11: 45-56

SUN March 24: Palm Sunday of the Lord' Solemnity Passion

Mk 11: 1-10 or John 12: 12-16; Is 50: 4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2: 6-11; Phil 2: 8-9; Mark 14: 1-15: 47



April 13-14
 Saturday 9a-8p
 Sunday 9a-5p

Domestic Church

Marriage Retreat
 Grow together toward sainthood by stirring up the grace of your sacrament!

Location:
 Belmont Abbey College
 100 Belmont Mt Holly Rd.
 Belmont, NC 28012

Cost: \$100

Includes lunch both days, Saturday dinner & all retreat materials
 No overnight lodging options at Belmont Abbey College. Hotel and VRBO/B&B options are available in Belmont & Quesnois if needed

Register:



domesticchurch.org/fox.com/evangelization-retreat-nc-413-1424

A limited number of scholarships are available for this retreat. For a scholarship application, please email finances@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Begin or deepen your spiritual journey together!

A Domestic Church Marriage Retreat provides sacramentally married couples a fruitful time to encounter each other and the Lord in a new way. The retreat includes Mass, talks, and time alone with each other, and with Jesus in prayer and adoration. It also provides an introduction to Domestic Church formation. Couples new to Domestic Church may choose to join small groups called "circles" and take advantage of continued formation after the retreat.

Learn more about the Domestic Church movement at www.DomesticChurchFamilies.com

Questions?
 Contact Patrick or Jessica Kelty at charlotte@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Nursing infants are welcome. No childcare available.

A one-day retreat on the Rule of Life will be offered Saturday, May 4 at Belmont Abbey. Please contact us for further details!

Stewardship

Stewardship Reflection

March 17, 2024
 5th Sunday of Lent



When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of Man may be glorified through it." Every aspect of our lives -our sufferings as well as our gifts - can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.

Lenten Stewardship Opportunity



St. Margaret Mary's Knights of Columbus are sponsoring **40 Cans for Lent**. Donate one can of food for each day of Lent to benefit Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Deposit cans in the collection container located in front of the Parish Office Building. **Financial donations are also welcome.** Please make checks payable to 'Knights of Columbus Council 13016' with '40 Cans for Lent' in the memo field. Place donation envelopes in the collection baskets during Mass, or place in the black mailbox at the entrance of the office building.
Thank you for your generosity!

Easter Egg Hunt!

after all Masses on Sunday, March 31st
 (For ages 12 and under)

Parents: Everything will be provided by the Parish, so no need to bring anything!
 (If you are staying for the Egg Hunt, please park so you are not blocking others from leaving.)



The Paschal Mystery

The Paschal Mystery, central to our faith and highlighted during the 5th Sunday of Lent, encapsulates God's profound plan for humanity's redemption through Jesus Christ's passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. This mystery assures us that death is not the end but a passage to a more glorious existence.

Offertory for the Month of March

MAR GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,189	\$14,130	46.8%

Offertory Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Mar 13

GOAL	ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$320,000	\$230,546	72%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here →



Thank you!

May God bless you for your generosity.



ONE Body in CHRIST

2024 DSA : \$20,781
 DSA Goal: \$36,717.00 % of Goal: 57%



Schedule for the Week

Mon Mar 18 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Tues Mar 19 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Wed Mar 20 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 4pm-6pm Atrium Classes
 6:30pm-7:45pm Faith Formation Classes

Thur Mar 21 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am Rosary
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Fri Mar 22 **Church and Office Closed**
 4:45pm Confession
 5:30pm Stations of the Cross
 6:30pm Estaciones de la Cruz
 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)

Sat Mar 23 10am Clark Baptism
 11am Vigil Prayer at Planned Parenthood
 4:15pm-5:00pm Confession
 5:30pm Mass

Sun Mar 24 **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
 8:30am Mass (Incense)
 9:45am-10:45am RCIA Mtg (PH)
 11:00am Mass
 1pm Mass Español (Incense)

St. Margaret Mary parishioners are participating in a 1-hour prayer vigil on the **fourth** Saturday each month at 11am at Planned Parenthood.

Your presence is needed on March 23rd!

