

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

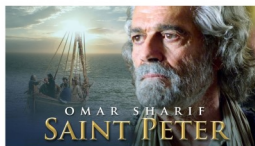
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| Judy Clyne, Chair (5:30pm Mass) | 630-212-8522 |
| Phyllis Benbow (5:30pm Mass) | 828-273-5818 |
| Tom Schodorf (8:30am Mass) | 770-778-8335 |
| Dan Little (8:30am Mass) | 828-298-1452 |
| Jesse Boeckermann (11:00am Mass) | 605-376-4234 |
| LeAnn Wilson (11:00am Mass) | 678-993-6456 |
| Cesar Cueva (1:00pm Mass) | 828-424-1690 |
| Salvador Figueroa (1:00pm Mass) | 828-424-5085 |

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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| Doug Thigpen, Chair | 828-713-5785 |
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Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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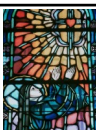
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Knights of Columbus

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: 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~

We couldn't do what we do without our caring, dedicated volunteers and your generous donations.

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Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at HRKalisch@rcdoc.org.

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

February 18, 2024

First 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
Kim MacNeil, Administrative Assistant
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
Or by appointment, call office to schedule.

BAPTISM:

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

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 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.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION:

Contact the Faith Formation Team at: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.
~ 1 Peter 3:18

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, 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.

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St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat 02/17 5:30pm† Jason Kinnear
 Sun 02/18 8:30am† Lauren Marie Maenza
 11:00am † Finley Brice
 1:00pm Pro Populo
 Mon 02/19 8:30am† Linda Shippee Saunders
 Tue 02/20 8:30am † Todd Boyd
 Wed 02/21 8:30am Joan Bellows
 Thu 02/22 8:30am Renee Courage

Scriptures for the Week

MON February 19
 Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 2 Cor 6:2b; Mt 25:31-46

TUE February 20
 Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 4:4b; Mt 6:7-15

WED February 21: Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor
 Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Joel 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32

THU February 22: Chair of Peter, Apostle Feast
 1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19

FRI February 23: Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr, Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)
 Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Ez 18:31; Mt 5:20-26

SAT February 24
 Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; 2 Cor 6:2b; Mt 5:43-48

SUN February 25: Second Sunday of Lent
 Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mt 17:5; Mk 9:2-10



Please Pray for...

Those who are ill 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, 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.



IMPORTANT DATES!

Feb 23: 4:45pm Confession; 5:30 Stations of the Cross
Feb 24: 11am Vigil at Planned Parenthood
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Devotions to St. Joseph

At 9:45am this Sunday and for the four following Sundays, the Knights will lead the Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph.

Retreat into the Passion of Jesus



Get spiritually ready for Holy Week with a one-night retreat. March 22-23

Each year, the Palm Sunday and Good Friday liturgies feature a reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ. It's a powerful and richly textured telling of the final hours of Jesus. It is also the core of the Gospel message and the foundation of the Christian faith.

This retreat is for those who want to make the most of these sacred liturgies in both understanding the historical context and reflecting upon the application to their own life. There will be a balanced blend of scriptural background, topics for reflection, and prayer.

For more information contact the Catholic Conference Center at <https://catholicconference.org/passion/>

Stewardship

February 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism . . . that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

Lenten Stewardship Opportunity

40 Cans for 40 Days 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.



Lent is a 40-day season of **prayer, fasting & 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, **we serve** the Lord by giving alms and **we practice** self-control through fasting.
 May we commit to our faith and choose to 'live' Lent, not just observe it.

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 -Evangelium vitae, 89

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| FEB GOAL | MONTH ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
| \$24,151 | \$13,570 | 56.1% |
| Offertory Fiscal YrToDate Jul 1 - Feb 14 | | |
| GOAL | ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
| \$320,000 | \$205,924 | 64.4% |

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DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024

ONE Body in CHRIST

2024 DSA : \$8,602.00
 DSA Goal: \$36,717.00 % of Goal: 23.4%

Schedule for the Week

Mon Feb 19 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm OFFICE CLOSED

Tues Feb 20 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Wed Feb 21 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 4pm-6pm Atrium Classes
 6:30pm-7:45pm Faith Formation Classes

Thu Feb 22 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am Rosary
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
 4pm Parish Council Mtg (PH)

Fri Feb 23 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 Feb 24 11am Prayer Vigil Planned Parenthood
 4:15pm-5:00pm Confession
 5:30pm Mass

Sun Feb 25 8:30am Mass (Incense)
 9:45am K of C St. Joseph Devotion (CH)
 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 of each month at 11am at Planned Parenthood.

Your presence is needed on Feb 24th!

