

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

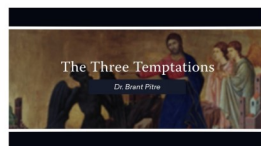
Judy Clyne, Chair (5:30pm Mass)	630-212-8522
Phyllis Benbow (5:30pm Mass)	828-273-5818
Tom Schodorf (8:30am Mass)	770-778-8335
Dan Little (8:30am Mass)	828-298-1452
Jesse Boeckermann (11:00am Mass)	605-376-4234
LeAnn Wilson (11:00am Mass)	678-993-6456
Cesar Cueva (1:00pm Mass)	828-424-1690
Salvador Figueroa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

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair	828-713-5785
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Week of February 25, 2024



The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre
Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3
The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



Talking Back: Scripture's to Answer Common Fears | Fearless | Episode 3
How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

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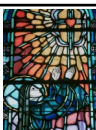
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Knights of Columbus

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.

Donate at www.ccdoc.org/give
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 25, 2024

Second 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.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
~ Mark 9:7

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 02/24 5:30pm ..The Maldonado-Enderle Family
 Sun 02/25 8:30amPro Populo
 11:00am † Rita Bathe
 1:00pm † Pedro Molina
 Mon 02/26 8:30am Gail Leferve
 Tue 02/27 8:30am † Joe Farrell
 Wed 02/28 8:30am Gail Carroll
 Thu 02/29 8:30am Blair Hughes

Scriptures for the Week

MON Feb 26
 Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Jn 6:63c, 68c; Lk 6:36-38

TUE Feb 27
 Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Ez 18:31;
 Mt 23:1-12

WED Feb 28
 Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Jn 8:12; Mt 20:17-28

THU Feb 29
 Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 8:15; Lk 16:19-31

FRI March 1: Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)
 Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Ps 105:16-21; Jn 3:16;
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SAT March 2
 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:18; Lk 15:1-3,
 11-32

SUN March 3: Third Sunday of Lent, First Scrutiny of the Elect
 Exodus 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 3:16;
 Jn 2:13-25

A message from Canongate Principal Mr. Allen:

The insert to last week's bulletin incorrectly stated that Canongate was "WNC's first and only Catholic High School." This should have read "WNC's only Catholic High School." We are proud to be following in the footsteps of educators and graduates of the former Asheville Catholic High School, St. Genevieve of the Pines, and St. John the Evangelist School in Waynesville.



**2024-2025
ADMISSION
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Catholic High School

WHO WE ARE
 Thoroughly Catholic. Forming souls & forming minds. Canongate seeks to educate the whole person, primarily through four pillars: wonder, attention, freedom, and joy.

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WNC's Only Catholic High School
 Canongate is building a Catholic future for the North Carolina mountains, through rigorous study and real conversation, liturgy and leisure, art and music. (Opportunity Scholarship eligible.)

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(828) 712-8924

office@canongatecatholic.org

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. **Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Mar 9: 9:30am Women of StMM meeting (PH)
Mar 14: 11am St. Vincent de Paul meeting (PH)
Mar 23: 11am Vigil at Planned Parenthood
March 25-29 Holy Week

Devotions to St. Joseph

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

Stewardship

February 25, 2024
 2nd Sunday of Lent

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?

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.



Transfiguration of Jesus

This week's Gospel presents us with the Transfiguration of our Lord, which took place on a mountain where Jesus offered a small glimpse of His glory to three of His apostles: Peter, James, and John. This story begins with similarities to Jesus' forty days in the desert. Jesus took these three apostles away by themselves for a time of solitude. They didn't journey into the desert, but they did climb a mountain, which was undoubtedly laborious.



Offertory for the Month of February

FEB GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,151	\$19,244	79.7%

Offertory Fiscal YrToDate Jul 1 - Feb 14

GOAL	ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$320,000	\$211,598	66.1%

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Thank you!
 May God bless you for your generosity.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024

ONE Body in CHRIST

2024 DSA : \$9,072.00
DSA Goal: \$36,717.00 % of Goal: 24.7%



Schedule for the Week

Mon Feb 26 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
Tues Feb 27 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
Wed Feb 28 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 4pm-6pm Atrium Classes
 6:30pm-7:45pm Faith Formation Classes
 6:45pm Fireside Chat (CH)
Thu Feb 29 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 Mar 01 Church and Office Closed
 First Friday
 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 5:30pm Stations of the Cross
 6:30pm Estaciones de la Cruz
 7pm Reunión del grupo masculine (PH)
Sat Mar 02 4:15pm-5:00pm Confession
 5:30pm Mass
Sun Mar 03 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 March 23rd!

