

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church is a welcoming parish of disciples inviting all to grow in holiness through the reverent celebration of the Eucharist and Sacraments while reaching out to those in need and sharing our Catholic faith with all.

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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)
Monday - Thursday: 8:45am
Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

Confession is available immediately following each daily Mass and on Saturdays immediately following the 4:30pm Mass and Sundays immediately following the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

BAPTISM

Please contact the office to arrange preparation and to complete the required registrations and forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once these requirements are met.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please email to register: stmmcfath@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE

An appointment with the Pastor must be scheduled at least *twelve months* before the intended wedding date and to begin preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office during office hours to arrange anointing for parishioners of St. Margaret Mary. Anointing should take place immediately following diagnosis of any serious illness or before major surgery. **Please do not wait until death is imminent to receive this sacrament.** May also be requested during scheduled confession times.



Mass Intentions

Sat	04/04	7:00pm † John Clyne
Sun	04/05	8:30am † Kim Rovinski
		11:00am Pro Populo
		1:00pm † Maria DeJesus Hernandez
Mon	04/06	NO MASS
Tue	04/07	NO MASS
Wed	04/08	NO MASS
Thur	04/09	NO MASS
Fri	04/10	NO MASS



Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Donna Collins, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Dorothy Kelly, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Margaret Morrow, Sally Schoen, Marelle Struhar, Vivienne Joy, Vicki Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

All Serving in Our Military, Especially Our Parish

Family Members:
 Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball.
 Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15am - 3:00pm
 Closed Fridays, Holy Days and Holidays

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 0 for Front Desk
 Por información en español oprima 9

FAX: 828-686-8832

E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES FOR THE DYING:

A family member of a St. Margaret Mary parishioner should call 828-686-8833, after business hours press 2

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Join O.C.I.A.

OCIA is Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. We welcome those who desire to learn more about our Catholic faith, those who wish to become Catholic, and those who wish to return to the practice of their faith. For more information, please email Deacon Dan and Linda Hoffert at hofferts@bellsouth.net.

ADULT CHOIR/SCHOLA: Call parish office.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION: Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: stmmcfath@gmail.com.

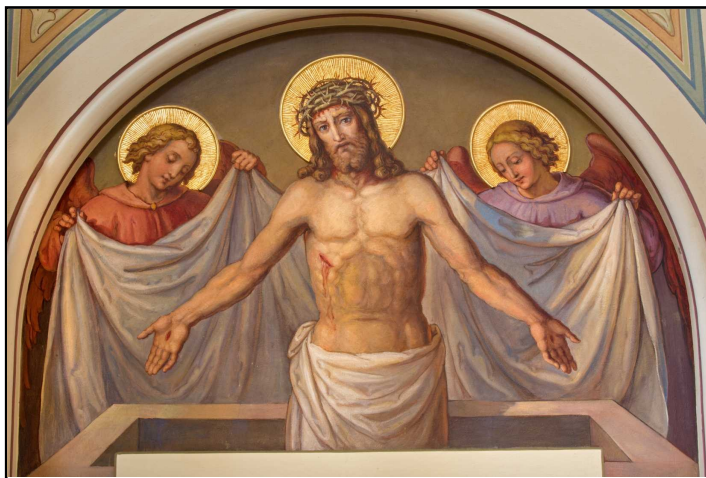


The Resurrection of the Lord
April 5, 2026



Saint Margaret Mary
Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

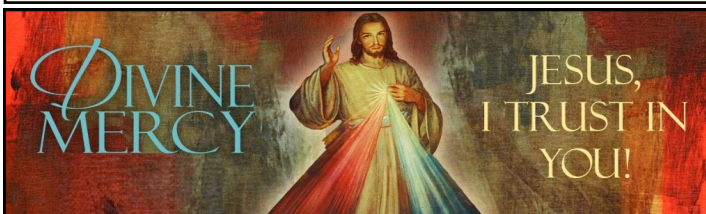


The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)
~ USCCB.org

Seminarian Education Collection

Our second collection **this** weekend supports the education of our Seminarists. Your generosity and prayers for this collection are an important part of educating our 40 seminarists. You may donate online at <https://saintmmc.com/online-giving>.



The Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12th. Join us in the Church at 3pm for the Divine Mercy Devotion.

Bells of Hope

Cash received - \$848,817
Pledges received - \$1,902,637
Goal - \$4,500,000
See insert for more information



Bells of Hope Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You in gratitude for the blessings You bestow upon us. May we, as a parish community of faith, never lose sight of the love You have given us through Your Son. Unite us with a single vision and purpose to preserve and beautify our church during this "Bells of Hope" initiative. May every endeavor of ours magnify Your glory, for we understand that without the Lord's hand in the building, our labor is in vain.

Holy Spirit, may charity govern our partnership as the body of Christ, and may Your wisdom guide our labor to make us good stewards of the many gifts You share with us.

*Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.
St. Margaret Mary, pray for us.*

Amen.



Congratulations to all who received Easter Sacraments this year.

Welcome Home to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church!

Bekah, Bentley, Brystal, Chani, Eliza, Ethan, Geoffrey, Jackson, Karen, and Manuel.

My dear parishioners and friends of St. Margaret Mary,
Thank you for your prayers for me!
I send you all my prayers and wish you God's abundant blessings for a Blessed Easter.

With all my heart,
Father John Allen



Thank You for Your Easter Flower Donations!

Donations were made...

In loving memory of:

Deceased members of the Adams and Curtin Families
by Alison & Paul Curtin
Amy Elliott, Chuck Green, Ann Bridgman, and Kim Rovinski
by John & Maureen Czarnecki
Michael Gillen, John Cottrell *by Seth Gillen*
Deceased members of the Thomas Geraghty and Dr. James Graham Jr. families
by Claudia & Peter Graham
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by Jennifer & Mark Puzerewski
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by Gardner & Barbara Roberts
Chris, Karen, Craig, Louie, Larry, Al, Louis & Regina Latuszek
by Joan Widmayer

In honor of:

Lane Fulwiler and her family
by Peter & Claudia Graham
Rebekah Gresko, Ethan Merchant, Karen Parsons, Manuel Rodriguez,
Geoffrey Roberts, Eliza Roberts, Chani Sanchez, Jackson Smith,
Bentley Warnock, Brystal Warnock
by Father John Allen and the Parish Office Staff

Additional donations were provided by:

Margarito & Ruth Anaya Escobar
Jose & Chris Desousa
Beverly Penland

Easter 2026

