

You will find that St. Margaret Mary 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 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair 4:30pm  
Phyllis Benbow 4:30pm  
Dan Little 8:30am  
Tom Schodorf 8:30am  
LeAnn Wilson 11:00am  
Jesse Boeckermann 11:00am  
Cesar Cueva 1:00pm  
Salvador Figueroa 1:00pm

Contact any parish council member with topics you would like discussed at their next meeting.

#### FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair  
John Czarnecki  
Ernie Reynolds  
Finance Council meets quarterly.  
Next meeting is May 13, 2025.

To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: [office@saintmmc.com](mailto:office@saintmmc.com).



### This Week on Formed

Week of April 06, 2025



**The TRUTH About the Shroud of Turin w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show**  
The Shroud of Turin is the subject of a lot of rumors, myths and controversies — maybe you've heard some of them yourself and don't know what to believe. In this episode, Fr. Robert Spitzer offers amazing facts and stories about the Shroud.



#### Preparing for Holy Week

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as they walk through the liturgies of Holy Week, historical spots in the Holy Land, and how to prepare our hearts for the events of the Passion.



#### Saint John Baptist de la Salle

Celebrate the feast day of St. John Baptist de la Salle, the patron saint of teachers, with this great movie on Formed. St. John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us!

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

#### How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

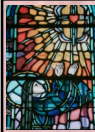
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:  
Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup):



1. Select our Parish by name;
2. Register with your name and email address;
3. Check your email account for a link to begin using **FORMED**;
4. Scan the QR Code to download the **FORMED** app.

**It's free! Download books, watch great**

### Women of St. Margaret Mary



#### OUR MISSION

Our women's group is a service organization created to support the mission of our parish and our pastor's initiatives, and to promote individual spiritual growth through prayers, 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 LeAnn at [stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:wpgraham912@charter.net).



### St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps families and neighbors 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 SVPD 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](http://saintmmc.com) by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

For more information or assistance with food, finances, etc., call 800-862-1633

"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance."  
~ St. Vincent de Paul

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

**Donate at [www.ccdoc.org/give](http://www.ccdoc.org/give)**  
Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at [HRKalisch@rcdoc.org](mailto:HRKalisch@rcdoc.org).



# Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

April 6, 2025

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Most Rev. Michael T. Martin, Bishop**  
**Rev. Brandon H. Jones, Parochial Administrator**

**Rev. Mr. Dan Hoffert, Deacon**  
**Rev. Mr. Ralph Eckoff, Deacon (Ret.)**

**Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager**  
**Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant & Stewardship Coordinator**  
**Taylor D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation**  
**Karen Parsons, Organist**

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### Celebration of the Sacraments

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass):** 4:30pm  
**Sunday:** 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)  
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:** 12noon  
**Holy Days:** Check website

#### CONFESSION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 11:30am  
Saturday: 3:30-4:00pm (check website for updates)

#### BAPTISM:

Contact the office to obtain the necessary forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once forms are completed and returned to the office.

#### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Email: [stmmcfaiith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaiith@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 bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."*

~ John 8:6-7

#### 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](mailto:office@saintmmc.com); [bhjones@rcdoc.org](mailto:bhjones@rcdoc.org)

**SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY (danger of death):**  
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 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](mailto:hofferts@bellsouth.net).

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

**VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Call parish office.

**CATHOLIC FORMATION:** Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: [stmmcfaiith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaiith@gmail.com).

April 6, 2025



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat	04/05	4:30pm	.....† John Clyne
Sun	04/06	8:30am	..... † Jessica Hanna
		11:00am	.....† Rev. Matthew Leonard
		1:00pm	..... Pro Populo
Mon	04/07	12:00pm	.....† The Mata Family
Tue	04/08	12:00pm	..... † Silvia Ines Daviglus
Wed	04/09	12:00pm	..... James Matthews
Thur	04/10		..... NO MASS
Fri	04/11		..... NO MASS



Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:

Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Kate Bogush, Dana Breeding, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, Patricia Grace, Roz Greenspan, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Dan Little, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Linda Robinson, Dennis Sadelson, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli.

Homebound or in Assisted Living:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly, Margaret Morrow

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. **First Lieutenant Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball. **Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.



Please Note our Remaining Confession times before Easter:

April 7-9 at 11:30am-11:55am  
April 12 at 3:30pm-4pm  
April 18th at 1pm-2pm

IMPORTANT DATES!

**April 8:** 6pm Vespers and Soup (PH)  
**April 11:** Stations of the Cross  
5:30pm English; 6:30pm Spanish  
**April 15:** Diocese of Charlotte Chrism Mass at St. Mark's in Huntersville, NC

(PH = Parish Hall)

Scriptures for the Week

**MON Apr 07 John Baptist De La Salle, Priest, Religious Founder**  
Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ezekiel 33: 11; John 8: 12-20

**TUE Apr 08**  
Numbers 21: 4-9; Ps 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8: 21-30

**WED Apr 09**  
Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 8: 15; John 8: 31-42

**THUR Apr 10**  
Genesis 17: 3-9; Ps 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 95: 8; John 8: 51-59

**FRI Apr 11 Stanislaus, Bishop - Day of Abstinence from Meat**  
Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 6: 63c, 68c; John 10: 31-42

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

**SUN Apr 13 Palm Sunday**  
Luke 19: 28-40; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Philippians 2: 8-9; Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56



We invite you to pray for four men expected to be ordained priests on June 14th. Four special kneelers are now making their way to St. Margaret Mary. These kneelers, or prie-dieus, are commissioned each year for the ordinands by Mary's Sons apostolate.

The kneelers allow the faithful to pray for these men and for vocations in general.

Kneelers for; Deacon Nicholas Kramer, of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Swannanoa; Deacon Kolbe Murrey, of St. John the Baptist Parish in Tryon; Deacon Andrew Templeton, of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Gastonia; and Deacon Joseph Yellico, of St. Mark Parish in Huntersville, arrive at St. Margaret Mary on April 7th.

Journals accompany the kneelers; please write your well-wishes to the future priests.

At ordination the new priests will receive their kneelers and the journal of notes from the faithful.

Stewardship

Stewardship Reflection

April 6, 2025  
Fifth 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 God may be glorified through it." Every aspect of our lives -- our suffering as well as our gifts - can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.



You Can Help Save Lives by Supporting Newborn Safety Devices

**Fact:** North Carolina has enacted "Safe Surrender" legislation that allows women to surrender her newborn to hospital staff, EMTs or Social Workers without any legal repercussions.

**Fact:** Many women may not want to surrender her baby in a face-to-face encounter.

**Fact:** Over 20 states have recognized this truth and have enacted legislation to allow for mechanisms that facilitate anonymous surrender of a newborn baby to a safe place. North Carolina is not one of those states.

**Action:** You can help by supporting these two pieces of legislation for "New Born Baby Devices": House Bill (HB139) and Senate Bill (SB9) which have been files this session to amend the North Carolina Safe Surrender Act. This act must be passed by one of the chambers before the end of May 2025 for it to be considered by the other chamber. Time is short. A sample letter is in the bulletin. Make copies and fill them out and mail to your State Senators and Representatives.

See insert for letter!

# CHRISM MASS

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

Witness Bishop Martin bless holy oils for the sacraments & our priests renew their promises to the church

**10 A.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 15**  
**ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
14740 STUMPTOWN ROAD, HUNTERSVILLE, NC 28078



Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

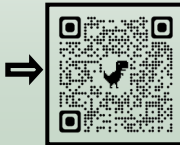
MAR. GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$32,500	\$28,563	88%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Mar 31

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$338,000	\$237,437	70%

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May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$19,091.00  
2025 Goal: \$35,506.00  
% of Goal: 54%



Schedule for the Week

This week the office is open Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm  
The church is open for prayer during office hours.

<b>Mon Apr 07</b>	11:30am Confession; 12noon Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
<b>Tues Apr 08</b>	11:30am Confession; 12noon Mass 6pm-7pm Vespers & Soup
<b>Wed Apr 09</b>	11:30am Confession; 12noon Mass 12:30pm Rosary in the church
<b>Thur Apr 10</b>	11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
<b>Fri Apr 11</b>	Office & Church Closed 5:30pm Stations of the Cross-English 6:30pm Stations of the Cross-Spanish
<b>Sat Apr 12</b>	9:30am Women of St MMC Mtg (PH) 3:30pm-4pm Confession 4:30pm Mass
<b>Sun Apr 13</b>	<b>Palm Sunday-The Passion of the Lord</b> 8:30am Mass (Incense) 9:30am KoC Rosary in Church 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass Español (Incense)

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary following the 8:30am Mass on each Sunday during Lent. Please join us as a small part of your Lenten sacrifice.



The barrel for 40 cans & 40 days will be outside the parish office until Holy Thursday!