

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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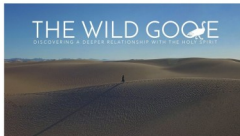
This Week on Formed

Week of May 24, 2026



Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.



The Wild Goose

The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.



The Victory of Joan of Arc

Meet Joan of Arc. In this powerful movie-of-the-mind audio drama, you'll hear the true story of how she rose from an obscure peasant village to serve God and her country in the most surprising and miraculous ways.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

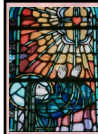
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to formed.org/signup:

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 movies, podcasts, and more!



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: office@saintmmc.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 Jesse Boeckermann at 605-376-4234 or email jessebach7@gmail.com.



St. Vincent de Paul Society



Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. Most folks just need some help through a rough patch in their lives. If you can help us financially, 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 given on the parish website saintmmc.com by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you would like to make an honor or memorial gift, contact Terry at 919-522-9892 or email terry.f.foley@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please remember that SVdP is here to help. Call 828-582-7932 on Mondays 6am – noon, all calls are held in strictest confidence.

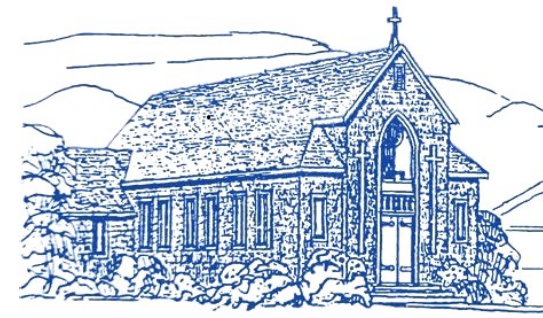
"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

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



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

✦ Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936 ✦

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Father John Allen, Pastor

Deacon Dan Hoffert

Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired

Claudia G. Graham

Chief Financial & Operating Officer and Pastoral Associate

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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)

Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

Confession times will be announced via Flocknote.

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: stmmcfaith@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.



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - John 20:21-23

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 the office.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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

Mass Intentions			
Sat	05/23	4:30pm	† Anne Papay
Sun	05/24	8:30am	† Mary Francis Taylor
		11:00am	† Rev. Matthew Leonard
		1:00pm	Pro Populo
Mon	05/25		No Mass
Tue	05/26		No Mass
Wed	05/27		No Mass
Thur	05/28		No Mass
Fri	05/29		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, Marellen Struhar, Bonnie Vess, 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.



Mass of Ordination
to the Priesthood

WATCH LIVE!
 On the Diocese of Charlotte's Youtube channel
9 a.m. Saturday, May 30, 2026
 St. Mark Catholic Church, Huntersville, NC



Scriptures for the Week

MON May 25 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Ps 87: 1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; John 19: 25-34

TUE May 26 Philip Neri, Priest
 1st Peter 1: 10-16; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Matt 11: 25; Mk 10: 28-31

WED May 27 Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Religious
 1st Peter 1: 18-25; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 10: 45; Mark 10: 32-45

THUR May 28
 1st Peter 2: 2-5, 9-12; Ps 100: 2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 8: 12; Mk 10: 46-52

FRI May 29
 1st Peter 4: 7-13; Ps 96: 10, 11-12, 13; Jn 15: 16; Mk 11: 11-26

SAT May 30 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Jude 1: 17, 20b-25; Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6; Colossians 3: 16a, 17c; Mark 11: 27-33

SUN May 31 The Most Holy Trinity
 Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2nd Corinthians 13: 11-13; Revelation 1: 8; John 3: 16-18

Schedule for the Week

Office open Tuesday - Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm
 The church is open for prayer during office hours.

Mon May 25 Memorial Day
 No Mass-Office and Church Closed

Tues May 26 No Mass

Wed May 27 No Mass

Thur May 28 No Mass
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Fri May 29 Office and Church Closed


Sat May 30 10am First Communion Rehearsal (CH)
 3:30pm Confessions
 4:30pm Mass-Fr. Yves Llapi

Sun May 31 The Most Holy Trinity
 8:30am Mass-Fr. Yves Llapi
 11:00am Mass-Fr. Yves Llapi
 1pm Mass (Español)-Fr. Yves Llapi

IMPORTANT DATES!

May 25: OFFICE CLOSED- Diocesan Holiday
May 30: 10am First Communion Rehearsal (CH)
June 3: 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
June 5: 8:45am First Friday Mass
June 6: 10am First Holy Communion (CH)

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

 **Join the Knights of Columbus June 1st at 7pm for the Silver Rose Prayer Service.**
 Each year, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights & parishioners to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Here's what you need to know about the feast day.

The timing and origins of Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus and 10 days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the novena — nine days of prayer — because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together “continuously” for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church prays the novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word “pentecoste,” meaning 50th.

What happens at Pentecost?

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk — but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission — to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

~ ewtnvatican.com

Stewardship

 **Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date**

MAY GOAL	MAY ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,000	\$14,928	49.7%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - May 20

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$265,063	85%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here 

May God bless you for your financial stewardship! →

International Collection - \$1,099

TENDING the VINEYARD

2026 DSA Collected: \$15,321
 2026 Goal: \$31,948
 % of Goal: 48%



Bells of Hope

Pledges received - \$1,910,899 (42.5%)
 Goal - \$4,500,000
 139 Donors

Have you donated or made a pledge to St. Margaret Mary's Bells of Hope Capital Campaign?

If not, it's not too late.

Recall Father Allen's words that were announced to us on May 10th, "The greatest gift you could give me is a donation or pledge to our Bells of Hope Campaign. Thank you all, and may God continue to bless you, your new priest, and St. Margaret Mary Parish."





CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Diocese of Charlotte



Keep Your Faith After Graduation

The transition after high school brings new opportunities and new challenges. No matter where you're heading, a Catholic Campus Ministry offers a vital connection to keep your faith strong.

Realizing the importance of remaining deeply rooted in your faith as a young adult, The Diocese of Charlotte is partnering with the Newman Connection–Faith Forward program to provide continued support and connection during this important stage of life.



What is Catholic Campus Ministry?

Often called a Newman Center or Campus Ministry, these are the official communities of the Catholic Church designed for your stage of life.

You'll Find:

Community

Retreats, small faith-sharing groups, social events.

Worship

Sunday and weekday Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation.

Mission

Service projects and mission trips.

Guidance

Support from dedicated campus ministers, priests, and mentors

Leadership

Opportunities to take on roles that shape the community and serve others

We help you live your faith every day- not just on Sundays.

Our 2026 Graduates!



Sol Selena Bonilla Mireles
Graduate of the Medical Assistant Program at AB Tech



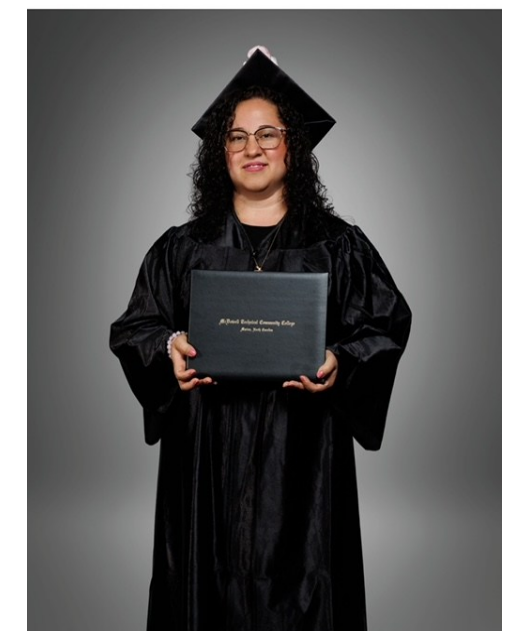
Fernando Maldonado Enderle
Graduated of Owen HS
Plans on working



Stephany Alvarez Morales
Graduate of McDowell HS
Plans to attend WCU to study biology and become a general surgeon.



Jackson Warnock
Graduate of Owen HS
Attending Cleveland Comm College for Business and Baseball



Elizabeth Alvarez
Graduate of McDowell Technical Community College
Plans on studying photography or pastry

SAINTS

School At Nazareth

"Forming Future Saints in the Domestic Church"

Highlights from the SAN 2026 events!

Mary Crowning, May 10th



Confirmation Retreat, May 16th



SAN Year End Event, May 17th



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Supporting Your Student's Faith Journey

Congratulations on your son or daughter's upcoming graduation from high school and the exciting start of their college journey in the months ahead!

The Office of Campus Ministry is committed to helping students stay connected to their Catholic faith as they transition from parish youth ministry or Catholic high school campus ministry into Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) at college.

Every student arrives at college with unique gifts, talents, and life experiences.

By learning more about your son or daughter, we can help their campus minister connect with them in meaningful and personal ways.

Your insight allows us to:

Better understand your student's interests and faith background.



Invite them into campus ministry opportunities that align with their gifts.



Help them feel welcomed, known, and supported on their new campus.

How You Can Help:

Your participation helps ensure your student knows they are not alone in living out their faith during this next chapter.

Please take a moment to complete the short survey using the QR code.



The information you share will be:

- Sent directly to the campus minister serving the college or university you indicate.
- Used to personally invite your student to get involved with Catholic Campus Ministry this fall.

