

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.

To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: office@saintmmc.com.



This Week on Formed

Week of May 18, 2025



Saint Celestine: The Pope Who Quit

This docu-drama investigates the secrecy of this dramatic time in history and reveals a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue. It uncovers the riveting and mysterious story of Pope St. Celestine V, the pope who retired from the papacy after a very short reign. At the close of the tumultuous Middle Ages, this future monk and pope seemed destined from birth to save the world.



Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!



The Pope | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

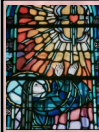
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:



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

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.

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.



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 SVP 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.

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



Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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: stmmcfait@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 0; **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.



"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him." ~ John 13:31

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00AM - 3:00PM
Friday: Closed

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

FAX: 828-686-8832

E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com; bhjohnes@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.

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: stmmcfait@gmail.com.

May 18, 2025

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat	05/17	4:30pm† John Clyne
Sun	05/18	8:30am † John Pacosa
		11:00am † Robert Jones
		1:00pm Pro Populo
Mon	05/19	12:00pm † Ruth Wilkinson
Tue	05/20	12:00pm† Kim Rovinski
Wed	05/21	12:00pm Chuck Schumer
Thur	05/22	 NO MASS
Fri	05/23	 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, Bernie Hyland, 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:

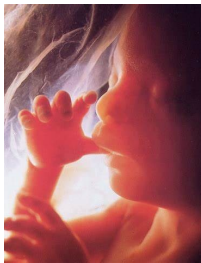
Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly, Margaret Morrow

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.

St. Margaret Mary parishioners are leading a **1-hour prayer vigil on the 4th Saturday of the month at 11am** at Planned Parenthood in Asheville.

BE A WITNESS TO THE GIFT OF LIFE.
JOIN US ON MAY 24TH!



IMPORTANT DATES!

May 24: 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

May 26: Memorial Day, Diocesan Holiday. Office closed.
Confession at 11:30am; Mass at Noon.

June 14: Priestly Ordination Mass—St. Mark, Huntersville

June 22: First Holy Communion at 8:30am & 1pm Masses

Scriptures for the Week

MON May 19

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:26; Jn 14:21-26

TUE May 20 Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Religious

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Luke 24:46, 26;
Jn 14:27-31a

WED May 21 Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companion

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:4a, 5b; Jn 15:1-8

THUR May 22 Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 10:27; Jn 15:9-11

FRI May 23

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:15b; Jn 15:12-17

SAT May 24

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:2, 3, 5; Col 3: 1; Jn 15:18-21

SUN May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23;
Jn 14:23; Jn 14:23-29

The month of May is steeped in Catholic tradition, with a long history of devotion to Mary. The Church has long regarded May as a special month to honor Mary, given her association with the beauty and fertility of spring. This practice was consolidated in the 18th century by prominent religious orders, particularly the Jesuits, who advocated May as a special period for prayer and Marian devotion. The promotion of this tradition was further encouraged by influential popes such as Leo XIII, who published numerous encyclicals emphasizing the significance of reciting the rosary in May.



Even today, this month presents an opportunity to deepen one's spiritual connection with the Mother of God.

Crowning of Mary on Sunday May 18th after 11am Mass. Join us!

Pray the Holy Rosary with us after the Noon Mass on May 21st!

Fr. Jones will celebrate Mass in the VA Hospital Chapel Wednesday May 21st at 10am. All are invited.

If you or a family member are Veterans, you may call the office to request a Mass Intention for the VA Hospital Masses.

Special thanks to those from our women's group who planted flowers last Saturday!



Stewardship

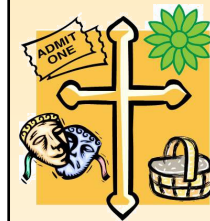
Stewardship Reflection



May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples - and us - a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.



PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Are you interested in becoming more involved? Our Parish Life Commission has some great opportunities for you to share your time & talent!

⇒ Hospitality Weekend!

⇒ Parish Events! (Parish Picnics, Movie Nights, Bingo, Parish Outings, such as Tourist Baseball Games.)

⇒ Bereavement & Other Luncheons

⇒ Teen and youth activities! (Soccer Games in the park, Game Nights and Pizza Parties!)

⇒ Flower Planting

If you are interested, or if you have any new ideas, reach out to LeAnn at stmargaretmary1936.com.

Going on Vacation?

Don't take a vacation from your faith!
Find a Mass at your destination using these sites:

reverentcatholicmass.com
masstimes.org
catholicmasstimes.org

(Don't forget to dress reverently for Mass even when you are on vacation!)



International/National Combined Collection Today!

Our second collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the mission of the Church locally, nationally, and internationally.

- ♦ Catholic Relief Services
- ♦ Collection for the Holy Land
- ♦ Collection for the Works of the Holy Father Peter's Pence)
- ♦ Catholic University of America Catholic Communications Campaign

Envelopes for this collection are in your parish envelope packet and you may donate online at our Parish Website: saintmmc.com.

Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

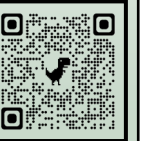
MAY GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$26,000	\$10,591	41%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - May 14

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$338,000	\$277,984.68	82%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



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APPEAL 2025

Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$21,920.31
2025 Goal: \$35,506.00
% of Goal: 62%



Schedule for the Week

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

Mon May 19 11:30am Confession; 12:00pm Mass
7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)

Tues May 20 11:30am Confession; 12:00pm Mass

Wed May 21 10am Mass at the VA
11:30am Confession; 12:00pm Mass
Rosary following Mass

Thur May 22 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Fri May 23 **Church and Office Closed**

Sat May 24 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
3:30-4:00pm Confession
4:30pm Mass

Sun May 25 8:30am Mass (Incense)
11:00am Mass
1pm Mass Español (Incense)



Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Cook

OCTOBER 13 - 23, 2025
Optional Post Tour
October 23-27



Join us
during the
Holy Year

What's Included with this Trip

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| Round Trip Airfare from desired airport (or land only option) | Airport Transportation, Ground Transportation, Transfers |
| 9-nights Hotel Accommodations | Admissions and Tours at all Shrines, Catholic Tour Guide |
| Breakfast and Dinner Daily, Wine included | Daily Mass and Spiritual Activities |

Locations Visited

Rome, Monte Cassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angel, Lunciano, Loreto, Assisi, Orvieto, Cascia (Optional Post-Tour to Florence, Padua, Venice)

Info & Registration: www.stpiusxnc.com/evangelization Questions: lsartorio@stpiusxnc.com