

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](mailto:office@saintmmc.com).



### This Week on Formed

Week of April 27, 2025



#### The Boy from Milan

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



#### The Wild Goose

In this Easter season, join Fr. Dave Pivonka in the Wild Goose, a 14-part series on living a life inspired by and with the Holy Spirit.



#### Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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?

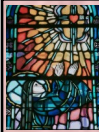
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:  
Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup):



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 27, 2025

## Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

**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.

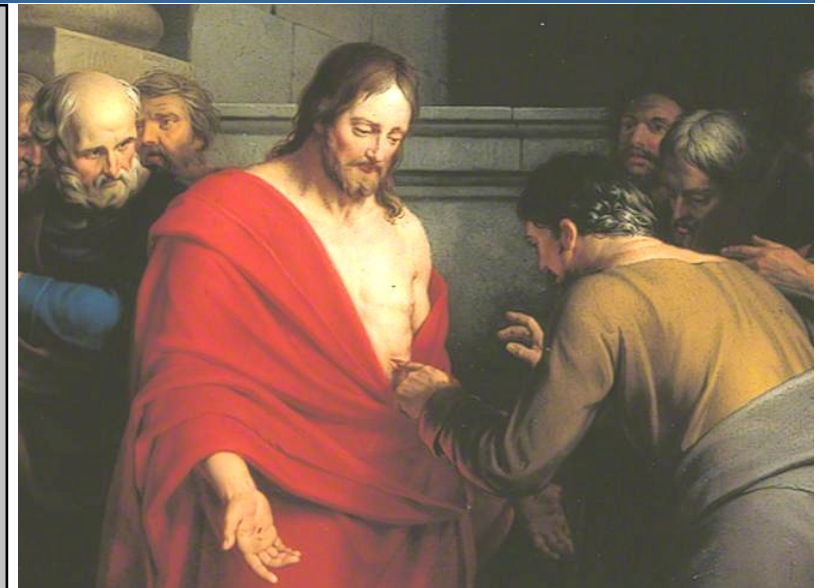
Baptisms will be scheduled once forms are completed and returned to the office.

#### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Email: [stmmcfait@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
~ John 20:28-29

#### 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: [stmmcfait@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfait@gmail.com).

April 27, 2025

## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

### Mass Intentions

Sat	04/26	4:30pm	.....† Bill Blanchard
Sun	04/27	8:30am	..... † Richard Clark
		11:00am	..... School At Nazareth
		1:00pm	..... Pro Populo
Mon	04/28	12:00pm	..... † Joanne Perkins
Tue	04/29	12:00pm	...Sisterhood of Traveling Relics
Wed	04/30	12:00pm	.....Doug Howell Family
Thur	05/01		..... NO MASS
Fri	05/02		..... 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.

### Scriptures for the Week

**MON Apr 28 Peter Chanel & Louis Mary De Montfort, Priests**  
Acts 4: 23-31; Ps 2: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9; Col 3: 1; John 3: 1-8

**TUE Apr 29 Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor**  
Acts 4: 32-37; Ps 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3: 14-15; Jn 3: 7b-15

**WED Apr 30 Pius Virgin, Pope**  
Acts 5: 17-26; Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3: 16; Jn 3: 16-21

**THUR May 01 Joseph the Worker**  
Acts 5: 27-33; Ps 34: 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 20: 29;  
John 3: 31-36, Proper Gospel for Joseph: Matthew 13: 54-58

**FRI May 02 Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor**  
Acts 5: 34-42; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 4: 4b; John 6: 1-15

**SAT May 03 Philip and James, Apostles**  
1<sup>st</sup> Cor 15: 1-8; Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5; John 14: 6b, 9c; John 14: 6-14

**SUN May 04 Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;  
Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

*Duc in Altum*

**June 23-27, 2025**  
A Weeklong Retreat  
Young Ladies Ages 16-19  
Belmont Abbey College

*Come & See*  
[www.charlottevocations.org](http://www.charlottevocations.org)

## Stewardship

### Stewardship Reflection

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

Stewardship  
*A way of living*

"Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen but believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

**QUO VADIS DAYS**  
Where are you going?

Explore your vocation at this discernment camp and retreat for young men ages 15-19

**June 16-20, 2025**  
BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

# Thank You

We would like to thank our Altar Servers, Lectors, Sacristans, Ushers, Knights of Columbus and Decorating Team, that assisted with our Easter Liturgies. Your talents and dedicated service made Holy Week and Easter OUTSTANDING!

### Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

APR. GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$26,000	\$19,037	73%

### Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Apr 23

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$338,000	\$258,682	76.5%

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*May God bless you for your financial stewardship!*



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## Reflecting God's Light

**2025 DSA Collected: \$19,291.00**  
**2025 Goal: \$35,506.00**  
**% of Goal: 54%**



### Schedule for the Week

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

<b>Mon Apr 28</b>	11:30am Confession; 12:00pm Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
<b>Tues Apr 29</b>	11:30am Confession; 12:00pm Mass
<b>Wed Apr 30</b>	11:30am Confession; 12:00pm Mass Rosary following Mass
<b>Thur May 01</b>	Church and Office Open
<b>Fri May 02</b>	Church and Office Closed
<b>Sat May 03</b>	<b>Hospitality Weekend</b> 3:30-4:00pm Confession 4:30pm Mass
<b>Sun May 04</b>	8:30am Mass (Incense) 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass Español (Incense)

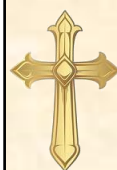
**DIVINE MERCY**

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

Join us today in the Church at 3pm for the Divine Mercy Devotion.

St. Margaret Mary parishioners are participating in a **1-hour prayer vigil on the fourth Saturday each month at 11am** at Planned Parenthood in Asheville.

**Your presence is needed on Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>!**



*"Patience, prayer and silence...  
These are what give strength to the soul."*

~ St. Faustina Kowalska

### IMPORTANT DATES!

**April 27:** 9:45am & 2:15pm School At Nazareth Mtg (PH)  
**May 10:** 8:30am Spring Flower Planting (CH)  
**May 15:** Catholic Charities Spirit of Hope  
**June 16-20:** Quo Vadis Days  
**June 23-27:** Duc in Altum

(PH = Parish Hall)