




DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	SPECIAL EVENTS	DAILY READINGS,
SUNDAY 12/18/2016 	10:00 AM— Mass ✠ 2:00 PM— Healing Mass	Faith Formation after 10:00 Mass. RCIA after 10:00 Mass	<i>Is 7:10-14</i> <i>Ps 24:1-6</i> <i>Rom 1:1-7</i> <i>Mt 1:18-24</i>
Monday 12/19/2016	NO MASS		<i>Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a</i> <i>Lk 1:5-25</i>
Tuesday 12/20/2016	4:00 PM— Mass ✠ Shirley Simoson by Carl Simoson	Bible Study CANCELLED until January 3, 2017. Contemplative Prayer after Mass.	<i>Is 7:10-14</i> <i>Lk 1:26-38</i>
Wednesday 12/21/2016	8:00 AM— Mass ✠ Kenneth J. Mitchell by Joan Rubenacker Pro-Life Rosary after Mass.	Book of Psalms — CANCELLED until Jan. 4th. 7:00 PM— Holy Spirit Prayer Group.	<i>Sg 2:8-14</i> <i>Lk 1:39-45</i>
Thursday 12/22/2016	8:00 AM—Mass ✠ Fremont Kaiser by Hess Family.		<i>Sm 1:24-28</i> <i>Lk 1:46-56</i>
Friday 12/23/2016	8:00 AM— Mass ✠ Sandra, Kathy & Jeff Smathers by Smathers Family.	OFFICE CLOSED	<i>Mal 3:1-4, 23-24</i> <i>Lk 1:57-66</i>
Saturday 12/24/2016	8:00 AM—Mass Jerry LaPointe by St. Margaret Church 4:00 PM—Mass Children's Mass. 12:00 AM— Midnight Mass	3:15-3:45 PM- Reconciliation	<i>Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16</i> <i>Lk 1:67-79</i>
SUNDAY 12/25/2016 CHRISTMAS 	10:00 AM— Mass MERRY CHRISTMAS! <i>(NO Faith Formation or RCIA today.)</i>		<i>Is 52:7-10</i> <i>Ps 98:1-6</i> <i>Heb 1:1-6</i> <i>Jn 1:1-18</i>

DECEMBER 18, 2016

“Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving.” (Acts 20:35)



NOTE: Please be aware that our bulletin is posted on our website; therefore, any information in the bulletin is out there in cyberspace, accessible to anyone. Please let the office know if this is an issue for you.

Our Mission Statement: To Fulfill Fr. Michael Murphy's dream to be a welcoming community

**To grow in the love of the Lord*

**To follow the teachings of the Church*

**To serve one another and the community.*

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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www.stmargaretofscotlandmv.org



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Office Hours: 9:30 AM—5:00 PM Monday—Friday

Office located next to the Church. (Closed on all Holy Days and Holidays)

MASSES — *Tues. 4:00 PM—Wednesday thru Saturday 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:15—3:45 PM (or by appointment)

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: By appointment

HOLY DAY MASSES: Vigil 6:30 PM, 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM

**see calendar on back for possible time changes*

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

***WINTER:** Nov. 1ST to the last Sunday before Memorial Day

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM

***WINTER SNOW DAYS—SUNDAY MASS WILL BE AT 2:00 PM**

SUMMER: Memorial Day Weekend until October 31ST

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

ASSESSED GOAL	AMT. PAID	PLEDGE BAL.	OVER/(UNDER)
16,135.00	16,505.00	50.00	420.00

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Whatever you do...

Your contributions can also be made online @

www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. Please designate it for: **St. Margaret of Scotland #85.**

Only a couple of weeks left to fulfill your DSA pedge. Thank you for your support!



RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States

offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

HURRICANE MATHEW COLLECTION

The Diocese of Charlotte is responding to the widespread destruction and humanitarian crises resulting from Hurricane Matthew by collecting funds to be used to support disaster recovery efforts. One third of the funds collected will be forwarded to our neighbor diocese—The Diocese of Raleigh to be used by their local Catholic Charities for both immediate relief and long term assistance to the victims of the hurricane in the eastern half of our state. The balance of the funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA as they reach out to provide immediate humanitarian aid and long term support to communities suffering widespread destruction, and to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in the Caribbean and the US. **Thank you for your generosity.**

TO ALL ST. MARGARET PARISHIONERS:

Jesus tells us to serve one another. What better way to serve than as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass? Every parishioner is welcome to serve, the training program is simple...so please come join us. Thank you! **Call Lynn Loetz at 926-1148.**

New Members are ALWAYS welcome to join the choir!
We are in the process of practicing for the Christmas Liturgy. Call Bernice Smathers at 452-4812 if you are interested!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

R.Allan, Tom Beyer, Ginny Condren, Bobbi DeBaldo, Jeanne Devlin, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Evelyn Fairbanks, Patti Fullbright, Caroline Greene, David & Christina Hefke, Ray Hoefler, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Jerry LaPointe, Matt Loetz, G.Lydia,

Lisa M., R.Mas, Kathleen Mercogliano, Robert Missana, Jeanne Mitchel, Joseph Orvos, Suzanne Palmieri, Pat & George Pastore, Carroll Smathers, Boone Tilley, Olivia Triollo, Barb & Bob Williams, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington- **AND ALL THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER. NAMES WILL REMAIN FOR ONE MONTH, UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.**



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

All newcomers interested in officially joining the parish are asked to call the church office to register.



I want to extend my heartfelt Thank You to the Christmas Concert Committee, (Fr. Benonis, Frank Busteded, Nicki Conroy, Sally Jermain and Ann and Jasay Ketchum, for their wonderful job of planning to make the Christmas Concert the best it could be. Thank you also to the young musicians, the Faith Formation students for their hard work and willingness to be a part of St. Margaret's Celebration. And of course thank you Santa Clause, but most of all thank you to the choir. I want to stress the fact that it is **YOUR** Choir, St. Margaret's Choir. **Great Job!**

Bernice Smathers

PRISON MINISTRY

On behalf of the 120 men and women inmates at Haywood County Detention Center we thank everyone who donated a total of **over 400 Christmas cards and postage.** In addition **each inmate received a new pair of warm athletic socks. Thanks again!**

Frank Busteded



In the Spirit of Giving

OFFERTORY	2,469.00
BLDG. REPAIR DONATIONS	125.00
VOTIVES.....	18.00
HEAT FUND.....	305.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT.....	983.00
CCHD LATE DONATION.....	20.00

