

DATE	LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	MASS INTENTIONS
<b>Saturday</b> May 9th  Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b>  <b>No Vigil Mass</b>	† <b>Don Loetz</b> Requested by Lynn Loetz
<b>Sunday</b> May 10th  Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>10:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Monday</b> May 11th  Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter	<b>No Mass today</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> May 12th  Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter	<b>4:00 PM Mass</b>	<b>Sr. Ruth</b> Requested by Jan Plazerine
<b>Wednesday</b> May 13th  Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>Benefactors of St. Joseph Academy</b> Requested by Sr. Ruth
<b>Thursday</b> May 14th  Feast of St. Matthias	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b>	† <b>Fr. Terry Hyland</b> Requested by the Peterson Family
<b>Friday</b> May 15th  Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>Nathaniel Turner</b> Requested by M. Turner
<b>Saturday</b> May 16th  Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b>  <b>No Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Maddison Tuner</b> Requested by Margarita Turner
<b>Sunday</b> May 17th  Sixth Sunday of Easter	<b>10:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>

To request a Mass intention, please visit the parish office during normal business hours.

# ST. MARGARET of SCOTLAND

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Fifth Sunday of Easter May 10th, 2020 anno Domini

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>	<b>MISSION STATEMENT</b>
<b>Sunday Liturgy:</b> 4:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM (seasonal) 10:00 AM	To grow in the love of the Lord, follow the teachings of the Church, & serve one another and the community.
<b>Monday:</b> No Mass Today	<b>CLERGY &amp; STAFF</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b> 4:00 PM	
<b>Wednesday-Saturday:</b> 8:00 AM	
<b>1st Friday of the Month:</b> 6:00 PM	
<b>Holy Day of Obligation:</b> Check website	<b>Rev. Christopher Bond</b> Pastor
<b>Snow Days:</b> Check website	Rev. Mr. Miles Merwin Deacon (seasonal)
<b>Refer to back page for possible changes</b>	Mrs. Leslie McCausland Secretary
	Ms. Nicki Conroy Faith Formation
	Mrs. Bernice Smathers Choir Director
	Ms. Faith Garner Organist
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM, Sunday: 9:00-9:45 AM, 1/2 hour before all Daily Masses, or by appointment	<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 AM—4:00 PM Friday—Monday: Closed
<b>SACRAMENTS/FUNERALS:</b> Contact office	

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Reading, St. Thomas the Apostle questions Jesus and asks, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way? Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'." We may recall that in last week's Gospel Jesus explained that He was the Gatekeeper, the Good Shepherd. Our readings on this Fifth Sunday point again to the Lord as our guide in life. It is worth noting that the early Church was called merely "The Way."

The center of our lives should be Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for others, no matter what our calling in life may be, should flow from this. When asked why she did what she did, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) responded simply, "I do it for Jesus."

Our First Reading continues what we have been hearing about the early Church throughout this Easter season. The developments reported today, however, are still significant to the Church today. What is reported is the appointment of Deacons as an order within the Church. The Church was growing on a daily basis and as the numbers expanded it became increasingly difficult for the Apostles to serve all the needs of the people. They declared in response, "Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task."

They did not just appoint them though; they ordained them: "They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them." This is still part of the way priests and deacons are ordained today. Part of that early decision was inspired by the fact that the Apostles, the first priests, felt they needed to concentrate on their central calling, which was prayer and the ministry of the Word. Deacons can perform some duties the normal lay person cannot because they are ordained. Nevertheless, it is through stewardship that more and more lay people are relied upon to serve and to be ministers within the Church as well. That is why it is important for each member to be involved and to be active in the Church.

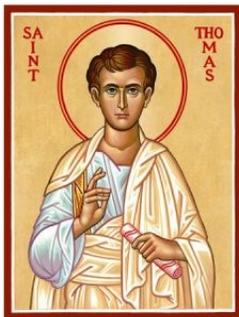
The Second Reading is also a continuation of what we have been hearing as it is drawn from the First Letter of St. Peter. If Jesus is indeed "the way" as explained in the Gospel today, then He needs to fulfill His role as the Cornerstone of the Church, and we need to recognize and acknowledge that. In a building and in its foundation the cornerstone is the first stone placed, and everything after that is based upon it. Thus, as St. Peter indicates in his letter, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

St. Peter goes a step farther though when he points out that each of us is a "living stone" and each of us becomes part of the overall structure of the Church. "Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house." We often make reference to building the Kingdom of God. That is what we are to do as Church and as a parish. But we need everyone to be a part of that building. With Jesus as our cornerstone we can build a magnificent spiritual house indeed.

In the Gospel Jesus makes reference to His Father's House, and prompts us to never forget that this is part of His sacrifice for us and His promise to us — that we have a place in Heaven. Our whole faith life is dependent upon this belief, and we are to especially consider this from Lent through Easter and into this Easter season.

Jesus again repeats to His followers that "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these..." Jesus has expectations of us as Catholics and Christians. He expects us to continue His work. He points out that He is leaving, but that we need to do even more. A few weeks ago Peter converted more people with one sermon than Jesus did in His lifetime. We are called to discipleship. We are called to be His followers. The Lord is not asking us to be passive worshippers and observers, but to be active participants in the life of the Church and in the world as Christians. Our lives need to be more than being at Mass once on the weekend. Jesus wants a working Church and working participants in that Church. We are to be "living stones."

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

So, we are officially into Phase 1 as North Carolina begins its systematic return to normal. As I said last week, this first phase does not offer much (if any) relief from current restrictions here at St. Margaret's. Some other parishes which have not been offering public Masses during the shutdown might begin offering outdoor Masses and such this weekend. However, since I've already been offering a variation of such a reality, there is not much more I can reincorporate at this juncture. Once we enter into the second phase or reopening (hopefully only two weeks from now) I will revisit the possibility of reinstating other liturgical and non-liturgical events (such as Knights of Columbus meetings, Women's Guild meetings, Faith Formation, prayer groups, etc.). Once more than 10 people are allowed to gather together and/or the six-foot distance rule is abrogated, a plan will be set in motion to allow for more of the faithful to congregate in the Church (during Mass or otherwise). I learned early on during this whole pandemic that you can trust all you want that the information being communicated is reliable and stable and, therefore, plan accordingly; but having the opposite experience a couple moths ago, I will be waiting for clearly stated recommendations and regulations from state and local governments as well as the Diocese of Charlotte. In any event, in any timeframe, I will be well-prepared to make any necessary adjustments and to communicate these changes to all of you timely and clearly. As always, please be sure to visit our website and look out for parish emails for the most up-to-date information.



## COLLECTIONS

This weekend is our second collection for the Preservation and Improvement of the parish. For those who come to the Church for the 10AM Sunday liturgy, the Knights of Columbus will come around to the cars after Mass with 2 baskets to collect this and the general offertory. Again, these and any donations can also be submitted in the box as you come into the Church throughout the week or by turning them in to Leslie during normal business hours. You may also mail your checks.

By now, you should also be aware of another option. Online giving is now available! We accept all major credit/debit cards as well as ACH payments (Automated Clearing House) directly from your checking or savings account. Regardless of your form of payment, you will have the option to designate the fund or collection to which your donation will go. You can even contribute to multiple funds in one transaction. If you would like to setup a recurring contribution you can do that too. If you include your name and/or envelope number on the memo line your contribution will be recorded on our ledger as if you dropped an envelope in the basket. The process is simple and completely secure! Please visit our website; [www.stmargaretofscotlandmv.org](http://www.stmargaretofscotlandmv.org) and click the "GIVE ONLINE" button to get started! Thank you for your continued generosity!

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

R. Allan, Chris Churchill, Denise Collins, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Pat Gerkaris, Dick Hamel, Maryellen & Ray Hoefler, Joe Hoefler, Jess, Ketchum, Ann Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Matt Loetz, G. Lydia, R. Mas, Peter Mino, Robert Missana, S. Mullen, Michael Naydock, Joseph Orvos, Pat & Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Mike R., Marie S., Sue Quick, Edward Smathers, Austin Strader, Tinley Jane Toner, Jim Toner, Pvt. Luke Turner, Olivia Triollo, Michael Welch, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington.

*Names will remain on this list for one month unless notified otherwise.*

## OFFERINGS

Offertory	Preservation & Improvement	Votive
\$1,408	\$715	\$16

## DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2020

Assessment/Goal	Amount Paid	Pledges Outstanding	Over (Under)
\$22,000	\$8,567	\$11,974	(\$1,459)

*\*Diocesan ledger does not always reflect recent contributions*