



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
1 DECEMBER 2024

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday 8:00 AM
Daily Morning Prayer 7:20 AM
Daily Evening Prayer 5:00 PM

All Services Transmitted on 90.3 FM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 2:30–3:30 PM
or by appointment

Welcome in the name of Jesus!

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church is a parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, located in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. It has been a place of peace and contemplation for over fifty years, where area residents and visitors alike are invited to find fellowship and to seek God through the teachings of His Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacrament.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
Saturday – Sunday: Closed

STAFF

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Mass Intentions for 2025 may be requested by contacting the Parish Office during Office Hours.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church! We are grateful for your worshipping with us. If you regularly attend Mass here in Maggie Valley, you are encouraged to register in the parish at the office during the week.

DAILY MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER: Daily Morning Prayer at 7:20 AM and Daily Evening Prayer at 5:00 PM are from the *Book of Divine Worship*.

DAILY MASS is celebrated at 8:00 AM. Mass on Saturday morning is from the *Book of Divine Worship: The Missal*. Please check the calendar for schedule changes: there will be no Mass at Saint Margaret's on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

BREAKFAST WITH BECKET will meet on **Wednesday, 11 December at 8:45 am** in the Rectory Living Room, *continuing with Leviticus 10: The Death of Nadab and Abihu*. There will be **NO BIBLE STUDY** this coming Wednesday.

Biblical HEBREW will next meet on **Thursday, 12 December** in the Rectory at 4:00 PM. No prior language experience required.

AQUINAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, 3 December** in the Rectory Living Room at 4:00 PM. **IaIIae q. 40: Hope and Despair**. Aquinas here deals with hope (*spes*) and despair (*desperatio*) - thereby indicating that he does not take these emotions to be simply hostile reactions on our part. He takes hope to involve desire for a future good that is hard to obtain, but still obtainable. Despair, thinks Aquinas, is the contrary or opposite of hope since it amounts to a giving up on a desired goal rather than a moving toward it with some confidence of obtaining it.

THE GIVING TREE is in the vestibule this weekend. Tags are labelled for children, seniors, and teens; instructions for ordering gifts through Amazon and Walmart are on cards next to the tree. Gifts are due back **by Friday, 6 December 2024**. Thank you for your generosity.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, whether or not you have already been baptized in another non-Catholic church, please

get in touch with the pastor (e-mail is best) or the parish office. We welcome you and look forward to sharing our faith.

Our parish has been “twinned” with Holy Cross Catholic Church in Kernersville, and Saint Dorothy’s Catholic Church in Lincolnton. This project is a response to the effects of the September hurricane, to connect parishes across the Diocese of Charlotte and support efforts to assist recovering parishes in the western part of the Diocese. More information over the next few weeks.

The annual **ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**, featuring the Asheville Vocal Ensemble (AVE), will take place at 5:00 PM next Sunday, 8 December 2024 (the Second Sunday in Advent). A special Advent Event in the Parish Hall starts at 3:00 PM; a parish supper follows the Service. All are welcome; sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

The Women’s Guild Christmas luncheon will be held at Country Vittles on 12 December at 11:00 AM. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

Contributions for **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** may be made through Friday, 20 December. Envelopes are available in the pews.

The St. Margaret/St. John Jail Ministry is requesting donations of Christmas cards with stamped (unsealed) envelopes for the residents at the Detention Center in Waynesville. They truly appreciate this chance to send something to their families at Christmas. There is a basket in the vestibule to place the cards in until 10 December. Thank you so very much for your kindness.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Maeghan Chavez, The Sevigny Family, Marlene Cole, Tammy Arrington, Leo Audet, Cecilia Berg, Elliot Dowdell, Joe Gatlin, Jamie Gonzales, Lewis Hanson, Maryellen & Ray Hoefler, Joe Hoefler, Mary Ellen Hoefler, Larry Jones, Katelyn Kerns, Ben Loetz, John McCausland, Betty Metzger, Peter Mino, Mary O’Bara, Christopher Palmiere, Nancy Palmiere, Pat & Suzanne Palmiere, Wayne Patton, Sally Presti, Steve Pulliam, Sue Quick, Robert Robinette, Edward Smathers, Tinley Jane Toner, Ed Toner, Sean Toner, Luke Turner, Will Vartuli, Rich Wood

	Lector	Chalice Bearers
Saturday, 12/7 4:00 pm	Carol Delaney	
Sunday, 12/8 8:00 am	Tom Linnan	
Sunday, 12/8 10:00 am	Denise Blase	Clark and Cherry Stone
OFFERTORY - 24 NOVEMBER 2024		
Offertory	Votives	Maintenance
\$2,843**	\$39.00	\$70.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DRIVE		
Cash to Date	Pledges to Date	Goal
\$300,068.68**	\$314,650.00	\$378,100.00

** does not reflect online giving.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024

Assessment/Goal	Paid to Date	Outstanding pledge balance
\$22,125.00	\$26,338**	\$250.00

**Diocesan ledger does not always reflect recent contributions.

	Mass	Event
Saturday 30 November FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW	8:00 am All Souls Intentions (29) 4:00 pm pro populo	7:20 am Morning Prayer 2:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 1 December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00 am All Souls Intentions (30) 10:00 am †Michael & June Naydock <i>requested by Bernie & Lisa Bernreuther</i>	7:20 am Morning Prayer 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Monday 2 December	8:00 am Guild of All Souls	7:20 am Morning Prayer 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 3 December	8:00 am Barbara Marie Dillon, <i>requested by Sam Edwards</i>	7:20 am Morning Prayer 4:00 pm Aquinas Circle: IaIIae q 39 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 4 December	Benefactors of Saint Joseph's	No Mass
Thursday 5 December	†Eric Harrah	No Mass
Friday 6 December	†Richard Collier and †Bill Yost	No Mass
Saturday 7 December	8:00 am Faithful departed, <i>requested by Maria Unda</i> 4:00 pm †Eddie Vigneau, <i>requested by Joan, Spence & Mike Vigneau</i>	7:20 am Morning Prayer 2:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 8 December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00 am pro populo 10:00 am †Bob Norton, <i>requested by John and Arlene Mills</i>	7:20 am Morning Prayer 3:00 pm Advent Event 5:00 pm Lessons and Carols 6:00 pm Parish Supper

To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office during normal business hours. Please make bulletin announcement submissions by Wednesday at noon.