

	Mass	Event
Saturday December 20	8:00 am † Harry Curley , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm † Carl Eberhard , <i>requested by Joe & James Lee</i>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:00 For the People 10:00 am † Michael & June Naydock , <i>requested by Bernie & Lisa Bernreuther</i>	
Monday December 22	NO MASS	
Tuesday December 23	8:00 am † Bishop Wm George Curlin DD , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Wednesday December 24 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord	<u>Weekday Mass</u> - 8:00 am Faculty & Students of St. Joseph Academy , <i>requested by Sister Mary Ruth</i> Vigil - 4:00 pm For the People	
Thursday December 25 The Nativity of the Lord	8:00 am † Joseph Plazerine , <i>requested by Jan Plazerine</i> 10:00 am Benefactors of St. Joseph Academy , <i>requested by Sister Mary Ruth</i>	WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
Friday December 26 Saint Stephen	8:00 am † Fr. George Martin Kloster Jr. , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Saturday December 27 Saint John	8:00 am † Fr. Briant Cullinane OFM Conv , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm David and Linvill Lowery , <i>requested by Denise Collins</i>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday December 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8:00 am Bishop Peter Jugis , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 10:00 am For the People	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025



BISHOP OF CHARLOTTE

MOST REV. MICHAEL T. MARTIN, OFM CONV.

PASTOR

REV. FRANK J. SEABO JR.

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 seek God through the teachings of His Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacrament.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 AM

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tues – Fri: 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
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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.

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 Father Seabo (e-mail is best) or the parish office. We welcome you and look forward to sharing our faith.

BIBLE STUDY/OCIA: We will continue our studies on Wednesday, January 7th at 9:00 am. Please note that we will be meeting in the **Parish Hall**. Merry Christmas!!

OUR CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER has been rescheduled to February 2026. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. More information will be coming in the New Year.

WOMENS GUILD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * Thank you to everyone who donated Personal Care items and Diapers for our drive for Catholic Charities! Because of your generosity, they'll be able to help many of our needy and homeless neighbors here in Western North Carolina.
- * Our annual Christmas Guild luncheon was a big success with many ladies attending at Smokey Shadows Lodge! A big Thank You for all the pet food donations we received that day. They were delivered to Haywood Animal Shelter!
- * No Guild meeting in January, but we will resume on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 10 am in the Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome!

Also:

Please join us to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Monday, December 22nd at 10 am. Many hands make light work!!



Christmas Flowers in Memory and Thanksgiving:



Jane E. Yarrington
The Hubert Family
The Swinney Family
The Smather Family
Jerri Buck
William & Theresa Scargle
Blanca Miranda
Dr. & Mrs. John P Williams
Yolanda & John Williams

Nina & Sal LoMonaco
Magdeline Tini & Dee Myers
Tom Hayward
Linda Hayward
Julia & Oscar Sanchez
Beatriz Gomez Baldemero
Blanca Miranda
Alfonso Roa

Dr. Cheryl D Stone
James Patrick Donovan
Mary Meschew Ross
Joan Sissy Swenson
Maryann & Pauline Hamel
Phyllis Jankowski
Stephen Hamel
Robert & Helen Brown

OFFERTORY – December 14, 2025		
Offertory*	Votives	Maintenance
\$4,682.00	\$29.00	\$35.00
*Does not include online donations		

FROM THE PASTOR

What do we dream of? What do we hope for? What plans do we have? We asked these questions at the beginning of Advent, and for each of us the specific answers will be different. But for all of us, there is something that we need to dream of, need to hope for and need to plan for together.

The wholeness of faith we witness to in St. Joseph’s example is crucial for us in our final days of preparation for Christmas. After nearly a month of preparation, Wednesday evening at 4:00, we will begin to celebrate the event which fulfilled the promises of the prophets, we will celebrate the birth of a new born king. During the Eucharist today, and when we go home, we should ask ourselves how has our season of advent prepared us for this blessed event?

In our Advent preparation, through our prayer and soul searching, we have come to realize that we have many blessings and gifts on this good earth, but we also are sinners, our hearts are wounded. In our human weakness we are so vulnerable to the lies of Satan, that without inviting God, without inviting Jesus into our lives, we can truly do nothing at all. St. Joseph took Mary into his household, he took in Mary with the child Jesus.

In our Christian discipleship as Catholics we explore the mystery of the greatness of God’s love, the mystery of the manner that God chose to redeem the world, not by sending a powerful angel of the likes of Michael, or raising up a warrior king, but by sending us his only begotten son, as a tiny, helpless babe completely dependent on the love and the care of his parents.

St. Joseph provides us a model of opening our hearts to one another without fear, opening our hearts to the Lord Jesus, alive and glorified and present among us. St. Joseph and those of us who succeed him as Catholics, as Christians, as disciples of Christ testify to our knowledge of God’s overwhelming love in our lives by offering our gifts to our family, to our neighbors, to those strangers that we will never see again.

In return for our gift, at the second coming, Christ the King will bless those who followed his foster father’s example, and Christ will welcome them. Christ will welcome us into the gates of the new Jerusalem, into the renewed creation, to walk hand in hand with God forever.

In that loving welcome, all of our dreams come true.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Fr. Richard Benonis, Fr. Jim Byer, Denise Collins, Marian Halasz, Fr. Larry Heiny, Maryellen Hoefer, Larry & Kathy Jones, Lana Kleimon, Marjorie Ludlow, Bobbie Matlack, Msgr. John McSweeney, Fr. Frank O’Rourke, Pat Palmiere, Suzanne Palmiere, George Pastore, Sharon Petrone, Rick Pohland, Rosemary Seabo, Fr. Jim Solari, Sean Toner, William Vartuli C2, USNA, Joe Youron, Ted Zacker

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Mass, Advent Weekday 8:00 am Vigil Mass, Christmas 4:00 pm ✠ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 Mass at Dawn, Christmas 8:00 am Mass During the Day 10:00 am
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