

Date	Mass	Event
Saturday January 3	8:00 am Bishop Peter Jugis , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm † Eddie Vigneau , <i>requested by Joan, Spence & Mike Vigneau</i>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord	8:00 am † Joe Plazerine , <i>requested by Jan Plazerine</i> 10:00 am For the People	
Monday January 5 Saint John Neumann	NO MASS	
Tuesday January 6	8:00 am † Fr. Henry Januszkiewicz , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Wednesday January 7	8:00 am † Fr. Conrad C. Hoover , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	9:00 Bible Study/OCIA Parish Hall
Thursday January 8	8:00 am Tom & Pat Masters , <i>requested by Sr. Mary Ruth</i>	
Friday January 9	8:00 am † Rev. Abbot F. McCaffrey, OSB , <i>requested by David & Nancy Corbett</i>	
Saturday January 10	8:00 am Fr. Carl Del Giudice , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm For the People	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday January 11 The Baptism of the Lord	8:00 am Carmelite Nuns , <i>requested by Jan Plazerine</i> 10:00 am † Nancy Lauby , <i>requested by Cassandra Guibas</i>	

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026



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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEEKEND MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES	
Saturday	4:00 PM	Tuesday-Saturday	8:00 AM
Sunday	8:00 AM		
	10:00 AM		

CONFESSIONS: 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!!

OFFERTORY – December 25 & 28, 2025		
Offertory*	Votives	Maintenance
Christmas: \$3,208.00	\$34.00	\$15.00
Weekly: \$2,754.00		

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



FROM THE PASTOR

In this Christmas season, which will end on Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning manifestation. That is the revealing of Emanuel, the miracle that God is living with us in the person of Jesus.

God's offer of Universal Salvation in Jesus is revealed to us in the gospels clearly and without question. The question is ‘who will accept the offer?’ ‘This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, do this in memory of me.'

Those who do God's will perfectly will be saved in the end by Jesus, even if they are not baptized. But by practicing false religions and worshiping pagan gods, a person commits idolatry, a mortal sin. That is not doing God's will perfectly.

To do God's will, to know the commandments as were given to the people Israel; is to follow the teachings of Jesus and his holy Catholic Church. Our human souls cannot enter heaven in a state of sin. What happens to the immortal souls of those who die who have rejected Jesus, or do not know him? What happens to their souls without the sacraments of the Catholic Church, without being anointed before human death?

If someone knows and says a perfect act of contrition moments before death, it is Jesus who has the will and the power to forgive them. The only place that they have learned this human action of trust in the mercy of God is from the Apostolic teaching of the Catholic Church. Tangible and sacramental forgiveness is found only in Jesus. It is Jesus who gave us the Catholic Church as His instrument of forgiveness.

The Hebrew people believed at the time of Jesus that they were the only people to be saved. The people of Israel, God's holy people. They built the magnificent temple in Jerusalem, they followed the prescriptions of the law. If a man did not bear the mark of circumcision on his flesh, he and his household were not blessed by the living Lord, Elohim. They were Gentiles.

St. Paul correctly teaches us that God's salvation is meant for all. He tells the Ephesians that what was not known before is made known now by the Holy Spirit, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners of the promises of the gospel gained for us by Christ Jesus. If all are worthy of the promises made by Jesus of eternal life, who is the son of God and the son of Mary; If all can become members of the body of Christ, the Catholic Church, through baptism of water and the Spirit; In what manner do we accept the offer of everlasting life given to us in our Baptism?

We share in the heavenly banquet of Christ's body and blood in the consecrated gifts at each Mass. Do we follow the example of the Magi, Gentiles from the East, and fall to our knees to worship the Christ Child? Do we fall to our knees in sorrow in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Or do we act as Herod and the chief priests did, who knew the promises of God in Holy Scripture, only to send others to seek out the baby Jesus, the eternal word of God made flesh?

The Epiphany or the manifestation of the Lord celebrates the revelation of God in our lives, Emanuel, to all of humankind. Jesus came not to condemn the world, but to give the world life and more of it. The offer of Universal Salvation in Jesus revealed to us in the scriptures is clear and without question. The question is, ‘who will accept the offer?'

