

Date	Mass	Event
Saturday January 10	8:00 am <b>Fr. Carl Del Giudice</b> , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm <b>For the People</b>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday January 11 The Baptism of the Lord	8:00 am <b>Carmelite Nuns</b> , <i>requested by Jan Plazerine</i> 10:00 am † <b>Nancy Lauby</b> , <i>requested by Cassandra Guibas</i>	
Monday January 12	NO MASS	
Tuesday January 13	8:00 am † <b>Joan Tringali</b> , <i>requested by Fr. Seabo</i>	10:00 am Christmas decoration removal Church
Wednesday January 14	8:00 am <b>Benefactors of St. Joseph Academy</b> , <i>requested by Sr. Mary Ruth</i>	9:00 Bible Study/OCIA Parish Hall
Thursday January 15	8:00 am † <b>Fr. Howard Bleichner, PSS</b> , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Friday January 16	8:00 am † <b>Frank J. Seabo</b> , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Saturday January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot	8:00 am † <b>Msgr. Richard Bellow</b> , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm <b>For the People</b>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am † <b>Ambrose &amp; Bettie Masters</b> , <i>requested by Sr. Mary Ruth</i> 10:00 am † <b>Mike Piurowski</b> , <i>requested by Brian Piurowski</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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 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	
37 Murphy Dr, PO Box 1359, Maggie Valley, NC 28751	(828) 926-0106
WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.stmargaretofscotlandmv.org">www.stmargaretofscotlandmv.org</a>	EMAIL: <a href="mailto:SMOS@rcdoc.org">SMOS@rcdoc.org</a>

In case of emergency, please call (828)929-0343

STAFF	
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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 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Please note that we will be meeting in the **Parish Hall**.

OFFERTORY – January 4, 2026		
Offertory*	Votives	Maintenance
\$3,125.00	\$19.50	\$166.00
*Does not include online contributions		

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Fr. Richard Benonis, Fr. Jim Byer, Denise Collins, Marian Halasz, Fr. Larry Heiny, Maryellen Hoefer, Cathy 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, Jim Swinney, Sean Toner, William Vartuli C2, USNA, Joe Youron, Ted Zacker

*In Sympathy*

*We offer our condolences to Cathy Jones on the passing of her husband, Larry.*  
*&*  
*We offer our condolences to Sister Mary Ruth on the passing of her sister, Joan Tringali.*  
  
*May their souls and the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.*

**We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 10 am. Please join us if you would like to help!**

**PURPOSEFUL PLANNING BRINGS PEACE OF MIND**

Making thoughtful plans for the future is one of the most meaningful ways to care for your loved ones and continue supporting your parish, Catholic school, Catholic agency, the Diocese of Charlotte, or the diocesan foundation. A well-prepared estate plan reflects your values of faith and stewardship, protects those closest to you, and ensures your legacy endures.

HERE ARE A FEW HELPFUL REMINDERS AS YOU REVIEW YOUR PLANS:

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- Store your will in a safe yet accessible location, and ensure your loved ones know where to find it.
- Remember that many assets – such as life insurance, IRA’s and retirement accounts transfer beneficiary designation, not through your will. Make sure these align with your overall estate plans.

With careful planning, you can be confident that your wishes and charitable plans, including your support of our church, will be carried out as you intend.

If you would like more information, please contact Gina Rhodes, Director of Planned Giving, at (704)370-3364 Or visit [www.charlottediocese.org](http://www.charlottediocese.org).

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. How fitting it is to complete the Christmas Season with the Feast that makes the Christmas Season alive for us for the rest of the year in our lives. What would the life of Christ mean, if it were only a story that we heard in a book? What if His life had nothing to do with our own?

Baptism, my brothers and sisters, is the most graced moment of our lives. For all the Baptized share the mission of Jesus everyday of their lives. In turn we will all share in his Eternal life.

The sinless one, Jesus, stepped down into the waters of the Jordan, and with his divine and human body, Jesus blessed the waters of the earth.

After years of waiting and preparation, the time has come for Jesus to take up his mission. No longer would he be hidden away in Nazareth, quietly plying his trade as a carpenter, quietly praying in the synagogue with his family and friends.

Here at the river Jordan is the time to play his part in His Father’s plan, the time to announce and to bring about the Kingdom of God. Here at the river Jordan is the time for the beginning of his public ministry, the healings, exorcisms, preaching and teaching.

In our baptism, we share with Jesus in His mission. To reach out to those in need is our vocation in Christ. To place oneself in physical danger is not called for, but we are called to work with others to bring about true justice in our homes, our community, and in our society, which is the only way we will experience true peace. Terrorism is evil, murder and suicide are evil. They are works of Satan. But so is injustice, in whatever form it rears its ugly head. The American Bishops have taught us, if we want peace, work for Justice.

