

Date	Mass	Event
Saturday January 24 <b>Saint Francis de Sales</b>	8:00 am <b>NO MASS</b> 4:00 pm <b>† Abbot Patrick Shelton OSB, requested by Father Seabo</b>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday January 25 <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:00 am <b>† Jean Fasoli, requested by Jan Plazerine</b> 10:00 am <b>† Michael &amp; June Naydock, requested by Bernie &amp; Lisa Bernreuther</b>	
Monday January 26 <b>Saints Timothy and Titus</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday January 27 <b>Saint Angela Merici, V</b>	8:00 am <b>† Anthony Pitt, requested by Russell Pitt</b>	
Wednesday January 28 <b>Saint Thomas Aquinas</b>	8:00 am <b>† Margaret Lynch DiSciullo, requested by Father Seabo</b>	9:00 am Bible Study/OCIA Parish Hall 12:00 pm Funeral for Larry Jones
Thursday January 29	8:00 am <b>† Fr. Stanley Kobel OFM Cap, requested by Father Seabo</b>	
Friday January 30	8:00 am <b>David and Pat Renshaw, requested by Father Seabo</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> 9:00 am Exposition 11:00 am Benediction
Saturday January 31 <b>Saint John Bosco</b>	8:00 am <b>† Fr. Briant Cullinane OFM Conv, requested by Father Seabo</b> 4:00 pm <b>For the People</b>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday February 1 <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:00 am <b>† Fr. Wilbur Thomas, requested by Father Seabo</b> 10:00 am <b>† Francesca Hunt, requested by Jo Ann Toner</b>	

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 25, 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: [www.stmargaretofscotlandmv.org](http://www.stmargaretofscotlandmv.org) EMAIL: [SMOS@rcdoc.org](mailto:SMOS@rcdoc.org)

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

### STAFF

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Mr. James Lee, Chairman, Mrs. Toni Foran, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Kathy Linnan, Mr. Bruce Yarrington, Mrs. Patty Carter, Mrs. Carol Peterson	Parish Council

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

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Fr. Richard Benonis, Fr. Jim Byer, Denise Collins, Fr. Carl Del Giudice, Marian Halasz, Fr. Larry Heiny, Maryellen Hoefer, Cathy Jones, Mary Klaus, Lynn Loetz, Marjorie Ludlow, Bobbie Matlack, Msgr. John McSweeney, Fr. Frank O'Rourke, Pat Palmiere, Suzanne Palmiere, George Pastore, Sharon Petrone, Sherry Pirowski, Rick Pohland, Rosemary Seabo, Fr. Jim Solari, Jim Swinney, Sean Toner, William Vartuli C2, USNA, Joe Youron, Ted Zacker

A Mass of Christian Burial and Inurnment for Larry Jones will be Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.

St. John Paul II once wrote, "The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace" ("Ecclesia de Eucharistia," 25). We are all encouraged to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> is **FIRST FRIDAY**. Adoration will be from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Adorers are needed. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

OFFERTORY – January 18, 2026		
Offertory*	Votives	Maintenance
\$2469.00	\$22.00	\$0.00

## FROM THE PASTOR

Our Catholic lives, graced by our baptism into the death of the Lord Jesus, are lives of prayer and service. On the day of our Baptism, we were graced with the Holy Spirit and anointed with the Sacred Chrism on the crowns of our heads. The gates of heaven prepared for us. Anointed, and confidant in God's love, mercy and compassion, let us rededicate ourselves to his holiness, let us be remorseful and renounce our own sinfulness that we may share life with God forever.

For Jesus came not as a warrior king or powerful angel, but as one who we can confidently call our brother. He came not to condemn the world, but to give the world life, and more of it. What did Jesus say to all whom he met? We heard it in today's gospel; "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at Hand."

Our Christian lives need to live lives of constant discernment and conversion. Regularly, we should carefully assess our lives, and if need be, go to confession. For our health, we need periods of daily reflection and prayer. Vacations and retreats should be planned with plenty of quiet time built in, vacations should not leave us more worn out than we started, but refreshed and ready to start anew.

The real danger in our lives is that we become numb to our personal sin, we rationalize the sin away, we pretend it is not there. But it is, our sin wounds our souls, it pierces our hearts, it drags us down into the darkness. What Jesus calls us to do is "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand". We should be very careful that we do not become comfortable in our sinfulness.

Our initiation in the church empowers us to participate in the Sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. The real forgiveness of our sins, which only Jesus can accomplish, becomes the source of the joy of our lives. Jesus calls us to share in his Father's mission, Jesus sends us out into the world on a mission of forgiveness. We do this not so much by our words, but more powerfully by our loving actions by our service to others.

Yes, we are sinners, but in faith we trust in the mercy and the power of God in our lives. "Lord only say the word, and I shall be healed." It is in our forgiving others, that God forgives us. Retribution and revenge are tools of Satan. And how does he coo with delight when he adds up his destruction in our world. Our acts of Charity, that is reaching out to others, truly help heal the wounds on our souls from our own foolishness, our own sinfulness.

For we are Anointed, and confidant in God's love, mercy and compassion, let us rededicate ourselves to his holiness, let us be remorseful and renounce our own sinfulness. To follow Jesus is to offer our gifts to one another.