

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22, 2026

Date	Mass	Event
Saturday February 21 <i>Saint Peter Damian, B & D</i>	8:00 am † Fr. Kurt Pritzl OP , requested by <i>Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm Delilah Duffy , requested by <i>Maria Marx</i>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday February 22 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am For the People 10:00 am † Larry Jones , requested by <i>St. Margaret of Scotland Women's Guild</i>	
Monday February 23	NO MASS	
Tuesday February 24	8:00 am † Rev Vincent de Paul Alagia SJ , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Wednesday February 25	8:00 am † Rev. Thomas P. Clements , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	9:00 am Bible Study/OCIA Parish Hall 10:00 am Choir Practice Church
Thursday February 26	8:00 am † Rev. Thomas Field G.H.M. , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Friday February 27 <i>Saint Gregory of Narek</i>	8:00 am † Rev. Kieran Neilson OSB , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	4:00 pm Stations of the Cross Church 5:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper Parish Hall
Saturday February 28	8:00 am † Fr. Briant Cullinane OFM Conv , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm For the People	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday March 1 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am † Dominic & Joan Tringali , requested <i>by Sr. Mary Ruth</i> 10:00 am George Pastore , requested by <i>Tom & Kathy Linnan</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



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/O CIA: We will continue our studies on Wednesday, February 25th at 9:00 am. Please note that we will be meeting in the **Parish Hall**.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Fr. Richard Benonis, Lexi Carter, Denise Collins, Fr. Carl Del Giudice, Ernie Fesco, Jr, Marian Halasz, Fr. Larry Heiny, Willem Huisman, Maryellen Hoefler, Cathy Jones, Mary Klaus, Lynn Loetz, Maureen Lucie, Marjorie Ludlow, Bobbie Matlack, Msgr. John McSweeney, Betty Metzger, Fr. Frank O'Rourke, Pat Palmiere, Suzanne Palmiere, George Pastore, Sharon Petrone, Sherry Piurowski, Paul Salazar, Rosemary Seabo, Migdalia Serrano, Fr. Jim Solari, Sean Toner, William Vartuli C2, USNA, Joe Youron, Ted Zacker

SPEND YOUR LENTEN FRIDAY EVENINGS WITH US! Please join us this Friday, February 27th in the church for Stations of the Cross at 4:00 pm and then come down to the Parish Hall for our Soup Supper. Prayer and fellowship are what we all need during this season. (If you would like to provide a soup for one of the Fridays, the sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.)



Please find an important message from Bishop Martin on his vision for our Diocese on the Diocesan website

www.charlottediocese.org



Make a Gift to the Diocesan Support Appeal

“Tending the Vineyard” is the theme of the 2026 **Diocesan Support Appeal**. You should have received a letter from Bishop Martin asking for your generous support. The Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) provides annual funding to help carry out our mission: to “grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship, and witness, and to become a leaven of service and sign of peace through love in the Piedmont and western North Carolina.” The DSA provides funding for over 50 ministries and programs. Please respond by filling out your pledge and mailing it this week. You may also complete a pledge envelope or go to <https://charlottediocese.org/giving> for more information or to make a gift online.

Free for pickup: We have seven (7) empty book cases to give away. Approximately 75 inches tall, 24 inches wide. All are structurally sound. But all need a new coat of paint. Please call the office to let us know when you want to stop by and take a look. And then take them home.

FROM THE PASTOR

On Wednesday, we began our journey through the spiritual desert of Lent. The holy season of Lent is a time for prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Our special prayer this Lent could very well be, 'Lord give me a humble and contrite heart.' The season of Lent is in preparation for Easter, the highest day of the year, the day of the victorious rising of Jesus from the dead. Easter, when we will welcome members of our Parish into the fullness of the Catholic Faith during the Vigil Mass.

We do not fast and give up things just to say we are faithful Catholics; we are not giving alms just to say we are good Catholics; we are not offering up our heartfelt prayers just because the priest wears violet. No, my brothers and sisters, the journey through the spiritual desert of the holy season of Lent is much deeper than that. We use the time of Lent to prepare for the joy of Easter and to form better human habits in order to live richer and more faithful Christian lives for the rest of our days. Lives with humble and contrite hearts.

Lent is a time for prayer, almsgiving and fasting. We celebrate every day at every Mass the reality of God's love and mercy in the person of Jesus Christ, alive and glorified and present here with us now. We also encounter that love, forgiveness and mercy in the holy sacrament of Reconciliation. Take advantage of the times of confessions, make an appointment with me or a neighboring priest, or attend one of the penance services in our area. For the Lord Jesus will answer our prayer, "Lord give me a humble and contrite heart."



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! On Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 am The State Council of the **Knights of Columbus** will be at St. Margaret's for a Round Table Meeting. The subject of the meeting is pursuing interest and the process of reactivating our Knights Council. Please bring a friend to this important meeting. Fr. Seabo (PGK 2546)



Help Shape the Future of Catholic Charities

Help Catholic Charities identify the most pressing needs in communities across the Diocese by completing a brief online survey. Your input will help shape the future direction of our charitable outreach. Complete the survey here:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DOCPARISHES?DG=\[DG_value\]](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DOCPARISHES?DG=[DG_value])

OFFERTORY – February 15, 2026		
Offertory*	Votives	Maintenance
\$3,511.00 <small>*Does not include online donations</small>	\$18.00	\$105.00

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