

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 2026



**BISHOP OF CHARLOTTE**  
**MOST REV. MICHAEL T. MARTIN, OFM CONV.**

**PASTOR**  
**REV. FRANK J. SEABO JR.**

| Date  | Mass  | Event  |
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| Saturday<br>March 7<br>Saints Perpetua and Felicity | 8:00 am † <b>Fr. Thomas Norris OSFS</b> ,<br><i>requested by Father Seabo</i><br>4:00 pm † <b>Eddie Vigneau</b> , <i>requested by</i><br><i>Joan, Spence &amp; Mike Vigneau</i> | 2:30 pm Confessions  |
| Sunday<br>March 8<br>Third Sunday of Lent           | 8:00 am † <b>Joan Tringali</b> , <i>requested by</i><br><i>Jan Plazerine</i><br>10:00 am <b>For the People</b>  |  |
| Monday<br>March 9<br>Saint Frances of Rome          | <b>NO MASS</b>  |  |
| Tuesday<br>March 10                                 | <b>NO MASS</b>  |  |
| Wednesday<br>March 11                               | <b>NO MASS</b>  |  |
| Thursday<br>March 12                                | <b>NO MASS</b>  | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>10:00 am Women's Guild Meeting<br>Parish Hall<br>6:00 pm Lenten Penance Service<br>St. Mary's, Sylva |
| Friday<br>March 13                                  | <b>NO MASS</b>  | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>4:00 pm Stations of the Cross<br>Church<br>5:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper<br>Parish Hall                 |
| Saturday<br>March 14                                | 8:00 am <b>NO MASS</b><br>4:00 pm † <b>Larry Jones</b> , <i>requested by</i><br><i>Jan, Plazerine</i>   | 2:30 pm Confessions  |
| Sunday<br>March 15<br>Fourth Sunday of Lent         | 8:00 am † <b>For the People</b><br>10:00 am † <b>Frank Busteded</b> , <i>requested by</i><br><i>Carol Busteded</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

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<br>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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### 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, **March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am. We will be meeting in the **Parish Hall**. All are welcome!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Fr. Richard Benonis, Lexi Carter, Denise Collins, Fr. Carl Del Giudice, Ernie Fesco, Jr, Marian Halasz, Dick Hamel, 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, Darryl Ryan, 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, March 6<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**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.

**WOMEN’S GUILD MEETING:** Join us this Thursday, March 12th at 10 am in the Parish Hall for our monthly meeting. Our speaker this month will be Maggie Valley's own "Miss Maggie". All ladies of the Parish are encouraged to attend!

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Father Seabo will be out of town March 9<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our regular weekend Masses (4 pm Saturday, 8 am & 10 am Sunday) will be celebrated by Father Pagel. All daily 8 am Weekday & Saturday Masses are cancelled.**

**\*The church office will be closed Thursday & Friday March 12th-13<sup>th</sup>\***

**FROM THE PASTOR**

The biblical theme of living water reminds us of the flowing waters of our baptism. The term living water is water that moves, flows. It does not well up in a cistern or become stagnated and undrinkable. Running water, makes gentle sounds as it moves, it is cool and fresh. The flowing waters of streams and rivers is a source of rich life in dry arid places. The living water Jesus provides in our Baptism and in his Word is a rich and infinite source of life in our spiritual deserts. Without the river of living water in our lives, we can only use buckets to try to catch the scant rain, or scoop murky water from the puddles of human philosophy.

We begin in the third week of our Lenten Journey. The time of Lent is forty days of walking in a spiritual desert praying and practicing self denial and almsgiving, that is sharing our gifts with others. In this time we recognize that our hearts yearn for something. Something we do not have yet, that is eternal life with God. Lent is a journey of preparation for Easter, the highest day of the year, when Jesus became the first fruits of the new creation by rising from the dead.

We are journeying together this lent, in the desert that Jesus walked in, fasting, giving alms, going to confession, becoming more aware and grateful for the many gifts that God gives us. For Catholics, and also for our separated Christian brothers and sisters, faith in Jesus is everything. The lived faith in Jesus and the teachings that Jesus gave to his disciples have been brought forward in sacred scripture and in the magisterium of the Catholic Church.

The sacrament of Reconciliation is very important to celebrate during the season of Lent. Even if it has been several years or more since the last time we went to confession. For when a truly "guilty" person does appear at the feet of Jesus in confession, just as the woman of ill repute had done weeping and anointing the feet of Jesus, despite the dinner guests trying to shoo her away, the Lord Jesus forgives us as he forgave the woman on account of her great love.

Therefore, the state of being guilty of sin is not fatal; we as Catholics have the sacrament of reconciliation to renew the divine cleansing that we received in our Baptism. My brothers and sisters, judging one another without knowledge and rejecting the mandates of love from the Lord Jesus is what is fatal, eternally.

The Samaritan woman came to cistern to draw well water, instead Jesus gave her living water, for blessed is every word that comes from the mouth of God. She left him to return to the village to tell the others, leaving her bucket behind.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

| MARCH 1, 2026                                     |         |             |
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