

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 17, 2026

Date	Mass	Event
Saturday May 16	8:00 am † Deacon Michael Langsdorf , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm † James Cole , <i>requested by</i> <i>John & Molly Sequeira</i>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday May 17 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	8:00 am † Eugene Zalewski , <i>requested by</i> <i>Chris & Joe Zalewski</i> 10:00 am For the People	
Monday May 18 <i>Saint John I</i>	NO MASS	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday May 19	8:00 am † Celestine Nsuadi Neisi , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Wednesday May 20 <i>Saint Bernadine of Siena</i>	8:00 am † Sylvia McKinley , <i>requested by</i> <i>John & Molly Sequeira</i>	9:00 am Adult Bible Study
Thursday May 21 <i>Saint Christopher Magallanes</i>	8:00 am † Dr. Joseph & Janice Thomas , <i>requested by Sister Mary Ruth</i>	
Friday May 22 <i>Saint Rita of Cascia</i>	8:00 am † Father Sigfrido Troche , <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Saturday May 23	8:00 am † Galen Balemi , <i>requested by</i> <i>John & Molly Sequeira</i> 4:00 pm For the People	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday May 24 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8:00 am † Joseph Plazerine , <i>requested by</i> <i>Jan Plazerine</i> 10:00 am † Michael & June Naydock , <i>requested by Bernie & Lisa Bernreuther</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		

CONFESIONS: Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 PM or by appointment
Daily readings can be found at <https://bible.usccb.org/>
(Possible to set up daily emails)

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, **May 20th** at 9:00 am. We will be meeting in the **Parish Hall**. All are welcome!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Fr. Richard Benonis, Diane Bradley, Denise Collins, Fr. Carl Del Giudice, Ernie Fesco, Jr, Marian Halasz, Dick Hamel, Fr. Larry Heiny, Maryellen Hoefler, Sr. Yvette Hubert, FMM, Willem Huisman, Barbara Jimenez, Cathy Jones, Mary Klaus, Lana Kleimon, Emily Lensink, Lynn Loetz, Marjorie Ludlow, Maryann Lustigman, Bobbie Matlack, Msgr. John McSweeney, Dennis Mehring, Betty Metzger, Fr. Frank O'Rourke, Jeanne Owens, Pat Palmiere, George Pastore, Sharon Petrone, Darryl Ryan, Rosemary Seabo, Family of Bill Sneed, Sean Toner, Steve Torda, Kathy Tytla, William Vartuli C2, USNA, Joe Youron, Ted Zacker

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

★ **THANK YOU!** We are able to deliver a total donation of \$1,663 to Mountain Area Pregnancy Services after our annual Mother's Day special collection. God Bless you for your generosity this year!!



★ **DID YOU KNOW?** Our cook team, "St. Margaret's Stirring Up Hope", helps prepare and serve hot meals at Pathways homeless shelter in Waynesville the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. If you feel you may be called to help us in this very worthwhile ministry, let one of our Guild members know!

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35-36

★ **Save the Date!** Our annual Yard and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, July 25th from 8 am to 2 pm in the Parish Hall. More details to follow in future bulletins!

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, 5/23, 4:00 pm	Marion Hamel	Jimmy Jimenez
Sunday, 5/24, 8:00 am	Joanita Nellenbach	Donald & Theresa Washabaugh
Sunday, 5/24, 10:00 am	Clark Stone	Brian & Sherry Piurowski, Patty Carter

FROM THE PASTOR

In the times of our personal sacrifice and challenge, they are times of unity with God and neighbor in the Holy Spirit. In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus clearly tells the Apostles, Jesus tells us, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Unlike the Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are not saddened by the Ascension, when our Lord was taken up by the Father to heaven, but we are gladdened.

In the first reading we heard the opening words of the Acts of the Apostles. In this passage, the disciples have been gazing to the sky, perhaps with a little remorse. The one who they loved, and who they had followed, reforming their own lives for him, was seemingly taken from them.

They saw the gates of heaven opening before the eyes of their hearts, and the Risen One, Jesus taking his seat at the right hand of God in power and glory. Then as they gazed, the angels appeared and told the disciples to stop wondering and go forth in Faith, Hope and Love to tell others of the miraculous works of God.

For we too, in our spiritual lives, must set our eyes and our hearts toward heaven, our true home. However, we are human and not angels, our lives are lived out here on this good earth. As Catholics we turn our love of Jesus and our prayer to direct our actions of Faith, Hope and Love, inviting others into the miracle of God's life that we live.

All life is a gift, and Jesus, by the price of his blood, has gained eternal life for all who believe in him and follow his commandments. The human condition is that in the darkness of our sinfulness we become unaware of the living presence of the Lord Jesus. The great saints of the Church never spent much time worrying about the sinfulness of others, but they all came to a profound awareness of their own sinfulness and their own great need and dependence on the Lord Jesus. Alive and glorified and present in our Communities, in our Homes and in our Hearts.

Next Sunday is Pentecost, and in the sacrament of our Baptism, we received the gift the Holy Spirit to indwell in our hearts forever. The Spirit of Wisdom, the Spirit of truth, the Spirit of life himself. He is our guide and he is our advocate. The Spirit uttering prayers to God the Father for us, when we do not have the words or the strength to pray for ourselves.

We remember the Ascension. The living Jesus tells us in our homes with our families, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

International Combined Collection

The International Combined Collection will be taken at all masses. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations give you an opportunity to participate in the mission of the Church internationally. Please take the time to give prayerful thought to your level of participation and respond with a generous contribution. Envelopes for this collection are in your parish envelope packet.

OFFERTORY May 10, 2026		
Offertory*	Votives	Maintenance
\$3,747.00	\$20.00	\$95.00

*Does not include online donations

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2026			
DSA Goal	Paid & Pledges as of May 7th**	Remaining Balance	Families
\$21,814.00	\$19,655.00	\$2,159.00	38

**Diocesan ledger does not always reflect recent contributions.