

Date	Mass	Event
Saturday September 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta	8:00 am † Father Terry Hyland OSA <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm † Eddie Vigneau , <i>requested by</i> <i>Joan, Spence & Mike Vigneau</i>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday September 6 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am For the People 10:00 am † Jane & Bella Yarrington , <i>requested by</i> <i>Bruce Yarrington</i>	
Monday September 7	NO MASS	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00 am † Deacon Miles Merwin <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Wednesday September 9 Saint Peter Claver	8:00 am † Sylvia McKinley <i>requested by John & Molly Sequeira</i>	9:00 am Bible Study Parish Hall 10:00 am Choir Practice Church
Thursday September 10	8:00 am † Father Gabriel Meehan <i>requested by Father Seabo</i>	
Friday September 11	8:00 am † Kathy Smathers <i>requested by Bernice Smathers</i>	3:00 pm OCIA Parish Office
Saturday September 12 The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00 am † Father Bob Kus , <i>requested by</i> <i>Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm For the People	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday September 13 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am † Joseph Plazerine <i>requested by Jan Plazerine</i> 10:00 am † Mildred & Fremont Kiser <i>requested by Mary Hess</i>	

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, 9/12, 4:00 pm	Joe Buranoski	Jimmy Jimenez
Sunday, 9/13, 8:00 am	Cristina Francescon	Donald Washabaugh
Sunday, 9/13, 10:00 am	Clark Stone	Brian & Sherry Piurowski, Patty Carter

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 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

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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Mrs. Carol Peterson

Pastor

Administrative Assistant

Bookkeeper

Organist

Finance Council

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. Registration forms are in the Vestibule.

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: Will meet on **SEPTEMBER 9th** at 9:00am - after the 8:00am Mass. Bring your Bibles and meet us in the Parish Hall.

OCIA HAS BEGUN
Friday at 3:00 pm
PLEASE JOIN US!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Rick Alix, Deb Barone, Tom Barrett, Fr. Richard Benonis, Gerard Bogaard, Denise Collins, Richard Coop, Opal Core, Frances Davis, John Davis, Ernie Fesco Jr, Sarah Graham, Mike Greene, Marian Halasz, Dick Hamel, Fr. Larry Heiney, MaryEllen Hoefer, Doug Hooper, Eleanor Murphy Horn, Willem Huisman, Cathy Jones, Mary Klaus, Lana Kleimon, Ari Kleimon, Tom Kolowich, MaryAnn Lustigman, Bobbie Matlack, Msgr. John McSweeney, Betty Metzger, Fr. Frank O’Rourke, Jeanne Owens, Pat Palmiere, George Pastore, Carol Peterson, Sharon Petrone, Gus Raiford, Maria Raiford, Mary Riker, Bill Roney, Christine Ryan, Darryl Ryan, Rosemary Seabo, Xavier Silva, Kenny Smith, Heath Van Ausdoll, Ron VanDyck, William Vartuli 1/C, USNA, Spence & Joan Vigneau, Fr. Ken Whittington, Ted Zacker

WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS

- ❖ Our upcoming **Women’s Guild Meeting** will be held this Thursday, **September 10th** at 10:00 am in Murphy Garland Hall. All ladies are welcome to attend. This month’s speaker will be Mason from ***Haywood Animal Shelter***.
- ❖ The two ladies who have signed up to provide refreshments for our meeting are Carol Green and Janet Geronime. Thank you so much!
- ❖ Also, a gentle reminder that the following “Stirring Up Hope” cooking team for September 8th at **Pathways** is as follows: Lisa Bernreuther, Patty & Rick Pohland and Debbie Arrington.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 10th

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE...

Special Thanks to **Hospitality Committee** members Patty Carter, Lisa Hale, Eileen Janowski, Lucille Swinney, Toni Foran, Carol Green and Barbara Jimenez for your help with this year's Parish Picnic. We couldn't have done it without all of you! God Bless you all! If you feel called to be a part of our parish Hospitality Committee, we'd love to have you! E-mail Lisa Bernreuther, Coordinator at: lisabernreuther@gmail.com

FROM THE PASTOR

St. Paul tells the Romans, “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

Jesus, alive and glorified and present among us insists on unrestricted forgiveness of those who hurt us. Christ makes clear that forgiveness cannot be occasional but must remain constant. For the instant that we withhold forgiveness is the moment we ourselves forget that we have been forgiven in the blood of the Lamb. Forgiveness is first an act of the mind, a decision, but it must be lived out in the Heart.

Forgiveness keeps us focused on our own weakness, on our own offenses. The Divine Mercy, who is Jesus Christ present with us now, present in his Church, is the one who reaches out to us and strengthens us. Offering forgiveness from our hearts and not simply our heads is the concrete way we seek to follow the commandments of God and learn to grow in His way of holiness.

Forgiveness means nothing to a person whose soul and heart is hardened to the sinful nature of people in the world. They make forgiveness only a shallow word, null and void of compassion and mercy. The result is that they end up draining their own life of its joy, vitality and sense of thanksgiving for the very gift of life that our God freely gives them.

Those who truly understand the abomination of evil, the utter helplessness in our lives against Satan without Jesus, who is our God, we learn to gaze upon others with compassion and mercy. In truth, we become eager to forgive others as Jesus has forgiven us, he forgives all those who love him and who ask him.

When we can't forgive and won't forget, we become very small, completely self-absorbed. We dry up inside and never have peace of mind. It's only when we let go of what's consuming us, only when we forgive and wipe the slate clean, that peace can return and we can get on with our lives. By doing this we surrender ourselves to the living presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is difficult to be as generous and loving as God. Yet when we sin, we want God to forgive us. So, let us pray that we also have the courage and openness of heart to forgive when others sin against us.

St. Paul reminded the Romans, St. Paul reminds us, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. Love is brought to us in the peace of God, in the forgiveness of Jesus on the Cross.

In Sympathy
We offer our condolences to Polly Merwin on the passing of her husband,
Deacon Miles on August 2, 2026 in Collierville, Tn
May his soul and the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

OFFERTORY August 30, 2026			
Offertory*	Votives	Maintenance	Priest Retirement
\$3,471.00	\$26.00	\$140.00	\$10.00
*Does not include online donations			