

MAKING ROOM

for more to know the love of Jesus



With many generous pledges, St. Margaret of Scotland is doing well. We are well over 90% of our Challenge Goal.

Please meet with Fr. Seabo to fill out your pledge card. Talk to him after Mass, during the week, calling the office or by email.

Every parish and mission will benefit from this diocese-wide effort, with parishes keeping 50% of the funds they raise for local capital projects, ministry needs and endowments. Parishes that hit certain stretch goals (for St. Margaret of Scotland \$420,000) will also retain 100% of the additional funds.

This year, as we gather for the **Priests' Retirement Benefits Collection**, our theme is "**Honoring Our Faithful Shepherds.**" It is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude in a tangible way by caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.

The annual collection to support the diocesan priests' retirement and benefits plan will be taken in all parishes this weekend, **September 19 and 20, 2026**. Your generosity helps provide retirement and health benefits for diocesan priests and supports the retirement programs of the religious order and visiting priests who faithfully serve throughout Western North Carolina. Every gift is an expression of gratitude for lives devoted to Christ and His Church.

SO FAR, WE HAVE COLLECTED \$4800 TOWARDS OUR ASSESSMENT OF \$6800

Unable to attend Mass? There are other ways you can give:

· **Mail:** Diocese of Charlotte, Attn: Priests' Retirement Benefits Collection, 1123 S. Church St., Charlotte, NC 28203-4003. Please mark on your check "St. Margaret of Scotland."

· **Online:** Make a secure donation online using this QR code:



Let's get over the top. Thank you for supporting the priests who faithfully serve our parish and diocese.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 3, 2026 at 10:00 am

Parish Hall Grounds



BEAUTIFUL RAFFLE BASKETS

Tickets 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

Proceeds benefit both *The Friends of Haywood County Animal Shelter*, a non-profit 501c3, and St. Margaret Church.

Raffle tickets available after weekend masses

Winner need not be present at The Blessing to win!



KNIGHTS CORNER

Please join us on September 26th for a breakfast
Round Table meeting after the 8am Mass.

All who want to join our Order need to be present at the meeting!



Screens can wait. Childhood can't.

SCREEN TIME ABUSE

Presented by Peter Ryan USBN (ret) of [Screenstrong.org](https://screenstrong.org), a non-profit organization that **EMPOWERS** families to prevent and reverse childhood screen addiction with parent-proven **SOLUTIONS** grounded in child development science and medical research.

Location: ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

22 Bartlett St, Sylva, NC

Date: October 7, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Knights Round Table Contacts:

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