

Date	Mass	Event
Saturday October 3	8:00 am NO MASS 4:00 pm † Eddie Vigneau , requested by <i>Joan, Spence & Mike Vigneau</i>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday October 4 <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am For the People 10:00 am † Francis Bantum , requested by <i>Brian & Sherry Piurowski</i>	
Monday October 5 <i>Saint Faustina Kowalska</i>	NO MASS	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday October 6 <i>Saint Bruno and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher</i>	NO MASS	
Wednesday October 7 <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8:00 am † Linda Ritten , requested by <i>Clarissa & Jim Ritten</i>	9:00 am Bible Study Parish Hall 10:00 am Choir Practice Church
Thursday October 8	8:00 am † John Henry Sequeira Sr. <i>requested by John & Molly Sequeira</i>	
Friday October 9 <i>Saints Denis and John Leonardi</i>	8:00 am † Maureen Sequeira <i>requested by John & Molly Sequeira</i>	3:00 pm OCIA Church Office
Saturday October 10	8:00 am † Father Carl DelGuidice <i>requested by Father Seabo</i> 4:00 pm † Dr. Jim Kemblowski <i>requested by Dennis Hoffman</i>	2:30 pm Confessions
Sunday October 11 <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am For the People 10:00 am † Guy Dufour , requested by <i>Clarissa & Jim Ritten</i>	

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, 10/10 4:00 pm	Marion Hamel	Jimmy Jimenez
Sunday, 10/11, 8:00 am	Cristina Francescon	Domald & Theresa Washabaugh
Sunday, 10/11, 10:00 am	Sherry Piurowski	Clark & Cherry Stone, Brian Piurowski

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 4, 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
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:00 am
WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 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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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 resume on **OCTOBER 7th** at 9:00am - after the 8:00am Mass. Bring your Bibles and meet us in the Parish Hall.

OCIA: We will resume on **Friday, October 9th at 3:00 pm. Please join us!**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Faith Adams, Rick Alix, Deb Barone, Tom Barrett, Fr. Richard Benonis, Cecelia Berg, Gerard Bogaard, Denise Collins, Richard Coop, Opal Core, Scott Eubanks, Ernie Fesco Jr, Ignazio Furnari, Sarah Graham, Mike Greene, Dick Hamel, Fr. Larry Heiney, Eleanor Murphy Horn, Cathy Jones, Tom Kolowich, MaryAnn Lustigman, Bobbie Matlack, Msgr. John McSweeney, Betty Metzger, Fr. Frank O’Rourke, Jeanne Owens, Pat Palmiere, George Pastore, Sharon Petrone, Gus Raiford, Maria Raiford, Bill Roney, Lillian Rund, Rebekah Rund, Christine Ryan, Darryl Ryan, Rosemary Seabo, Fr. Ed Sheridan, Kenny Smith, William Vartuli 1/C, USNA, Spence & Joan Vigneau, Fr. Ken Whittington



Su Life Chain Sunday is a peaceful, public witness of prayer for life. On Sunday, October 4, from 2–3 PM, Catholics and other Christians will gather at the corner of Russ Avenue and Howell Mill Road for one hour of silent prayer for babies, mothers, and families. This is not a political event or protest, but an opportunity to pray for an end to abortion and remind families facing unplanned pregnancies that they are not alone. Signs and prayers will be provided beginning at 1:45 PM. Chairs, water, and strollers are welcome.

Location: Corner of Russ Avenue & Howell Mill Road, across from Burger King

TIME: Sunday, October, 4, 2026 from 2 – 3 pm

QUESTIONS: Teresa, (828)421- 8884

WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS

- All ladies are welcome to join us on **Thursday, October 8, 2026** at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall for our monthly meeting. Our presentation this month is **“Women’s Health and the Importance of Prayer.”** Our presenter is Janet J Zander, MA, LCMHC (Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor) and also a parishioner.
- The ladies who have signed up to provide refreshments for this meeting are Debora Arrington and Gail Quick. As a reminder, our "Stirring Up Hope" team for Pathways on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 will be Anne Furnari, Kathy DeLaVergne, and Eileen and Jan Janowski.

We look forward to seeing many of you at this meeting.

FROM THE PASTOR

The prophet Isaiah chooses to use the vineyard in his prophecy. Jesus chose many times over to use the vineyard in his parables. What is the vineyard, where is the vineyard?

Even today, the wealth and pride of vine-growing regions, the vine is the object of a type of worship. The viner without ceasing watches over it. He takes continual care of it. He scrutinizes its blooming; but he must wait until the harvest to evaluate the quantity and quality of its fruit, because all can be ruined by disease or weather: a late frost, too much or too little rain, unpredictable sunshine.

The vine is a curious plant. Its wood is not beautiful, it is rather weak and is good for nothing except perhaps making baskets. To remain healthy, it must be pruned so that only a few branches remain. The dry vine-shoots are cut off and burned.

It is therefore not surprising that the old testament authors have taken the vine as a privileged image of the people whom God cultivates and from whom he expects beautiful fruit. It is not surprising that Jesus teaches from the same images.

In vine-growing regions, the grape harvest is the great yearly feast, especially when the yield is good; it can be a day of bitter disappointment, when the fruit is mediocre; or a day of mourning, when there is nothing worth picking. Vintage years of wines are based on the quality of the fruit harvested.

The vineyard is the world, the vineyard is all around us. In the first readings, fundamentally Isaiah is speaking of "the vineyard of the Lord of hosts," "the house of Israel," "the men of Judah...his cherished plant."

The Lord had done everything for his vineyard. He had planted "choicest vines" on "a fertile hillside" with a good exposure, carefully hedged it in to keep away trespassers and animals that might have damaged it. One could hope for the best: a "wine press" had already been hewed out of the stone.

Catholics are sent into God’s vineyard to work for the Lord Jesus. We work for the Lord in our jobs, in our communities, in our families. Remember last week in the parable of Jesus, The son who said yes but did not go, represented the self righteous, who in the time of Jesus included the chief priests and the elders, and in our day may include many American Catholics. The son who first said no but decided to go later are the sinners, the prostitutes and the tax collectors. Those who recognize their transgressions and repent, they reform their lives.

They, like us, hear the cry of the Baptist in the wilderness, “Repent, make straight the way of the Lord.” Like St. Matthew, they reformed their lives and followed Jesus.

We gather together in the unity of the Holy Spirit as a family in faith to encounter Jesus, glorified, fully alive and present among us. With his infinite love and mercy, Jesus empowers us with his divine grace to go out into the world. Not to conform ourselves to it, but to transform it by our gifts, our toil and our love.

Jesus sends us out to proclaim in word and deed that there is a savior of the world, that we have been redeemed from sin and death, by the Word made flesh, the son of God and the Son of Mary, Jesus Christ. The vineyard is not some far away place, the vineyard is where we live.

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