



June/July 2023

St. Mary's Episcopal Church: Serving with JOY! The Bell Ringer

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SABBATICAL SUMMERTIME SCHEDULE JUNE AND JULY

Trinity Sunday, June 4 - Holy Eucharist



Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev. Canon Dr. Mollie Roberts
Canon for Diocesan Life and Leadership

Sunday, July 2 - Holy Eucharist



Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev. Dave Davis
Regular Supply Priest at St. Mary's &
Rector of St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte (2004-2017)

Sunday, June 11 - Morning Prayer



Officiant: Mrs. Jo Parrott
Member of St. Mary's (Vestry Class of 2024)
Preacher: Rev. David Sawyer
With Purpose International Ministries
& WNCT Meteorologist



There will be a breakfast and conversation with
Rev. David at 9am in Moseley Hall about his ministry!

Sunday, July 9 - Morning Prayer



Officiant: Mrs. Vicki Kennedy
Member of St. Mary's (Sr. Warden)
Preacher: Mrs. Jo Parrott
Member of St. Mary's (Vestry Class of 2024)



Sunday, June 18 - Holy Eucharist



Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev. Michael Singer
31st Rector of St. Mary's (1999-2016) &
Pastoral Associate of St. Paul's, Wilmington

Sunday, June 25 - 8am: Morning Prayer, 10:30am: Holy Baptism with Holy Eucharist



Officiant/Celebrant: The Rev. Greg Smith
Assisting Clergy at St. Mary's
Preacher: Mrs. Renée Herlong
Member of St. Mary's



Weekly Wednesday Worship

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated weekly throughout the summer on Wednesdays at Noon in the All Saints' Chapel. These liturgies will last about 30 minutes.

Sunday, July 16 - Holy Eucharist



Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev. Jeff Douglas
Assistant Rector at St. Mary's (1989-1993) &
Rector of St. Thomas, Ahoskie (2002-2022)

Sunday, July 23 - Morning Prayer



Officiant: Mr. Jess Edwards
Member of St. Mary's (Vestry Class of 2024)
Preacher: The Hon. Jon Sargeant
Candidate for Holy Orders from St. Mary's



Sunday, July 30 - Holy Eucharist



Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev. Dr. Robert MacSwain
Associate Prof. of Theology at the School of Theology - Sewanee
Assistant Rector at St. Mary's (2001-2004)

There will be a breakfast and conversation with Fr. Rob
at 9am in Moseley Hall about his upcoming book!

Welcome to St. Mary's Church!
We are glad you're here!

A Season of Clergy Sabbatical

A Collect for a Season of Sabbatical



Holy Father, you gave us the example of Sabbath rest to sustain our bodies and minds. Guard and guide your servant, our rector Tom Warren, and all ministers currently in a season of sabbatical as they seek your Sabbath blessings. Let them know your deep, deep peace. Inspire them with the Holy Spirit so that they may be renewed. Give them joy in exploration and repose in contemplation. And especially in this season, fit us, the people of St. Mary's, with wisdom, dedication, and energy to be your church and live out the word of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



A Recent Letter from Fr. Tom

I was so surprised and humbled yesterday as you recognized my pending retirement from service in the Coast Guard Reserve at the end of this month. Whenever folks have mentioned a word of thanks to me for my service, I have frequently responded that I consider it a privilege to serve. I said yesterday, and wish to repeat here, that it is an amazing privilege to serve Christ and His church at St. Mary's, where YOU have sacrificed to enable me to continue to live into this earlier calling on my life. I am especially grateful to Fr. Michael Singer, Mo. Judith Reese, the incredible staff of St. Mary's, the vestry members over the years, and, of course, my family for their sacrifices and support in this regard.

Tom



Pictured above:

- 1) Fr. Tom's surprise recognition from the church.
- 2) Fr. Tom & family with the Commanding Officer at Fr. Tom's retirement ceremony in Norfolk, Virginia. Fr. Tom faithfully served in the Coast Guard from July 6, 1999-May 31, 2023.

Sabbatical
— refresh | rest | refocus —

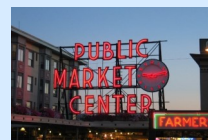
“The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to holiness in time. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world.”

~ Abraham Joshua Heschel, The Sabbath

WARREN FAMILY SABBATICAL JOURNEY PLANS!

*May the Lord bless and keep you
and cause His face to shine upon you
and give you peace.*

Safe travels! Our prayers are with you and your family.



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Parish Administrator	Mrs. Lori Kelly
Family Ministry Coordinator	Mrs. Liz Hengst
Organist & Choirmaster	Dr. Sharon Veitch
Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey

News at St. Mary's

From the Parish Register



Marriage:

Langley Mills & Justin Shimer ~ May 20, 2023

Burial:

Donald "Don" DeVeau ~ May 13, 2023



The prayers of the church are requested for the repose of soul of Monzella Griffin, the sister of Rev. Greg Smith. Please keep Greg, Gayle, and their family in prayer for comfort during this sacred time. Monzella passed away in Woodbridge, Virginia, on **June 2nd, 2023** after a long bout of a respiratory illness. Let us pray:

"Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." (BCP, p. 502)



Congratulations to Erin Stover & Brent Campbell on the birth of their daughter, Kya Mae Campbell! Kya was born on **May 25th, 2023**. Join us in prayer of thanksgiving for this gift of life in a new season together. Let us pray:

O God, you have taught us through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with them, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring her to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



St. Mary's Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Monday, June 26th, 2023 Noon-4pm in Moseley Hall**. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred. Make your reservation at www.redcrossblood.org and type in STMARYS or phone **1-800-RED-CROSS**. Give something that means something....give the gift of life with Red Cross.



The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4th, 2023** in observance of Independence Day. The staff of St. Mary's join you in celebrating the birth of our nation as well as in prayer for its future. We wish you a safe holiday!

News at St. Mary's

Lemonade on the Lawn



We are excited to share this relaxing, refreshing time together on the breezeway **each Sunday morning immediately following the 10:30am liturgy**. Individuals or families are encouraged to join together to host the refreshments - lemonade and something light to eat such as donuts, cookies, or muffins. The following items will be provided: a table (*in the closet under the balcony stairs*), paper products (*in the bin marked Lemonade on the Lawn in the Moseley Hall coffee room*), and ice (*in the kitchen*). On your serving date, set up the table and lemonade/snacks by the end of the 10:30am service. Be sure to clean up and return items after the event. Contact Sherry Tanner at stanner@stmaryskinston.com with any questions. Sign up with the QR code above or online at: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084daba72ea6f9c25-lemonade#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084daba72ea6f9c25-lemonade#/)

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Enjoy a night filled with baseball, food and fellowship with St. Mary's on **Tuesday, July 18th at a Down East Wood Ducks Game!** Gates open at 6pm/game starts at 7pm. The cost is \$25 for adults, children ages 3-12 \$20, and children under 3 are free. This includes a meal and drink (nonalcoholic) from the ballpark menu (vegetarian meal available - please note in the memo section of registration). Please pay what you can, but don't let finances keep you or your family from being a part of this wonderful event with the church family! Online registration is open now at <https://onrealm.org/stmaryskinston/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YzE2NTIIMzktOTU1Yy00NGZkLWJkYmMtYjAwNDAwZDkzMzcy>, or you may call Lori at the church office (252-523-6146).



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ST. MARY'S
BOOK STORE

Summer Update



The St. Mary's Book Store will be closed through the summer months to allow for inventory and organizing. Members of St. Mary's can use the self-purchase procedure at any time - instructions are on the Book Store counter. If you'd like to volunteer to be a Book Store Clerk this fall, please contact Vicki Kennedy at 252-560-5893. Thank you for all your support!

THANK
YOU!
FOR SUPPORTING
MARY'S KITCHEN!

Mary's Kitchen "NECESSESITIES" Drive & Quarterly Service Date

This quarter, we are mixing it up! Mary's Kitchen is in need of paper towels, pot holders, and gently used (or new!) towels! Please drop off your donations to the church **during business hours the week of July 3rd-July 7th**, or bring it **on Sunday, July 9th at the morning liturgy**. The items will be taken to the kitchen that week to coincide with our next quarterly service date on **Saturday, July 15th**. The Men's Prayer Breakfast group is scheduled to serve, but please contact Audra Haddad if you would like to assist on this date.

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Summer-Time Pot-Luck & Neighborhood Trash-Bash

Sunday, June 25, 2023

12:30pm Pot-Luck on the Church's West Lawn (800 Rountree St)

1:15pm Walk around the neighborhood

to pick up trash & invite neighbors to the next one!

Mark your calendars! We'll do this again on Sep 24, & Dec 10!

Bring a heart to serve and a dish or side to share!

Gloves are recommended. Bags & pickers will be provided.



REGISTER
HERE



IT'S TIME FOR VBS!

Community Vacation Bible School
June 26-29, 2023

5-7:30pm
PreK-5th

Hosted @ First Presbyterian Church
in partnership with
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
and

Westminster United Methodist Church

More News at St. Mary's

St. Mary's was recently contacted by Jim Behl, Outreach Commission Chair at Christ Church, New Bern regarding needs this summer at their yearly ministry, Camp Hope (read more at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/outreach>). Each summer, Christ Church sponsors Camp Hope which is an overnight summer camp opportunity for children who have a parent in prison. The Camp Hope ministry began in 2006 and has ministered to campers from across North Carolina. The purpose of the ministry is to provide these children a chance to experience the joy of summer camp and the opportunity to deepen their religious faith. Camp Hope coordinates with Angel Tree Camping and its partner camp, [YMCA Camp Harrison](#). Parishioners support the campers financially in the spring by contributing to scholarships. Parishioners also pray, make calls, send cards, help with logistical arrangements, as well as serve as adult volunteers at camp.



Christ Church is in need of adult volunteers this year in August! All transportation is provided as the bus makes its first stop in Kinston to pick up campers from that area. If you know of anyone who wants a great, all-paid vacation with some terrific kids at an amazing YMCA camp, we'd love to hear from them. We leave on Sunday, August 6th and return on Thursday, August 10th.

For questions or more information, please contact the Camp Hope Leadership Team:

- Nell Hudson nellhudson@hotmail.com
- Terry Brubaker terrytb49@gmail.com
- Jim Behl jbehl@usa.net

Mark your calendars for **August 19th** for a parish family outing to Shackleford Banks! While we are evaluating the cost for ferry transportation, we would welcome the use of personal boats. The more personal boats we have, the less the overall cost for the event will be! If you have a boat and willing to participate, please contact Ginny Wade at 252-521-5389. Stay tuned for more details!



ECW

A NOTE OF THANKS



We extend a heartfelt thanks to all those who supported our Breakfast at Tiffany's dinner and movie. It was wonderful and well attended and such a lovely time! Thanks to all you contributed their time, talents and treasure towards making it a lovely evening.

Worship



Service at St. Barnabas Church

The next community service at St. Barnabas (Snow Hill) will be **Saturday, June 10th!** This service (**at 10:00 am**) will recognize the Feast Day of St. Barnabas. The Rev. Whit Stroud, Priest-in-Charge of Holy Innocents, Seven Springs and St. Francis, Goldsboro will officiate the service and The Rev. Gregory Smith will assist. Greer Beatty will offer a solo, Vicki Kennedy will play the violin, and George Mewborn will play the organ. We will use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer which includes poetic language largely unchanged from its English predecessor in 1552. Please join us!



Sunday, June 11 at 9am

**David and Kathy Sawyer
share about their ministry**

Enjoy breakfast in Moseley Hall

**Hear about what God is doing through
With Purpose International**

An Invitation & Opportunity
"A Past to Explore/A Future to Ponder"

With Purpose International / Walk the Story
(Discoveries through God's Word)

We are thrilled to have a baptism planned for June! Make plans to join us **during the 10:30am liturgy on Sunday, June 25th** for the baptism of Eliza McKissick, daughter of Bethany and Winston McKissick and sister of Xavier. We will renew our Baptismal vows at both in-person services on those days as well. Please keep Eliza, her baptismal sponsors, and her family in your prayers as we welcome the newest members of the household of God! We will celebrate with a reception (that is combined with Lemonade on the Lawn) under the arches immediately following the service.

BAPTISM



Welcome Back to St. Mary's Rev. Dr. Robert MacSwain

St. Mary's is excited to welcome The Rev. Dr. Robert MacSwain, Associate Professor of Theology at the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. A former curate at St. Mary's from 2001-2004, he remains a priest canonically resident in the Diocese of East Carolina. **On Sunday, July 30th**, Rev. Dr. MacSwain will lead our 8am and 10:30am liturgies as well as join us for parish breakfast at 9am where he will share with us a presentation on "Are Holy Lives Evidence of God?" Read more at <https://templetonreligiontrust.org/explore/the-saint-is-our-evidence/> and watch this compelling presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRBZRdOZz68>. We invite you to join us that morning for parish breakfast and meaningful conversations of faith as well as our morning worship. ALL are welcome!

share & prayer



Beginning **Wednesday, June 14th, at 6pm**, St. Mary's will offer a parish-wide gathering in Moseley Hall each week on Wednesday evenings. Known as "Share and Prayer," this relaxed form of fellowship will include food, music, and prayers. The "sharing" is among us....if you have a bounty from your garden, bring it! If you

have a special dish you are known for, share it! There is nothing too great or too small that wouldn't be appreciated on these summer evenings in the life of the parish family. ALL are welcome to join! For questions or more information, contact Jess Edwards (252) 521-9219.

Children, Youth, & Families @ St. Mary's



June/July

These events will continue through August.

EYC at Common Ground Gardens

Each Thursday from 9:30-11:30am

Help out at the garden and gain SERV/service hours!

EYC Downtown Days (meet at the Farmer's Market)

Each Thursday from 4:00-5:30 pm

EYC Serves at Mary's Kitchen

Each Friday from 8:30 - 11:30 am

Help cook and serve meals to our guests and gain SERV/service hours!

Wednesday Night Share and Prayer

Each Wednesday at 6pm

All Ages are invited to fellowship, shared meals, and prayer in Moseley Hall.

June

EYC Zoo Trip

Monday, June 19th @ 6:30am-7:00pm

Meet at the church parking lot before heading to the NC Zoo. Cos is \$40/person (includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and admission to the zoo).

EYC Museum Trip and Lunch

Monday, June 26th @ 10am-1:pm

Join us for a private tour of the CSS Neuse Museum and lunch in downtown Kinston. Bring money for your lunch.

VBS at First Presbyterian Church

June 26th-29th from 5-7:30pm

Water Park Day

Friday, June 30th @ 11:45am-2:30pm

Join us for fun at the Lions Water Adventure!

July

EYC Beach Day

Friday, July 7th @ 8am-5pm

We will meet in the church parking lot before heading to Emerald Isle for a day of beach fun. Cost is \$15 which covers snacks and lunch.

Elizabeth City Overnight

July 15th-16th - Time TBA

Join us with our friends in Elizabeth City for a weekend filled with water, adventures, fun, prayer, fellowship, and church. More information to come!

St. Mary's Night at the Ballpark

July 18th @ 6pm

EYC in Atlanta

July 21st-25th

Join us for a trip filled with experiences in service, faith, and fellowship. Contact Liz for more information.

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Mark Your Calendars!

We are excited to announce the date for our Annual St. Mary's Block Party, planned for **Sunday, October 1st, 2023!** Remember to mark your calendars and make plans to join us as WE host an evening of fellowship with the members and neighbors of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. More information coming soon!

SUNDAYS

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel
 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church
 (livestreamed to [YouTube](#) and shared on [Facebook](#))

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

8:30 am - Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 am - Men's Prayer & Bible Group in Moseley Hall
 12:00 pm - Weekly Wednesday Worship in the Chapel
 6:00 pm - Wednesday Share & Prayer (beginning June 14th)

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2023	2024	2025
Skip Greene	Clifton Carey	Andrew Dupstadt
Audra Haddad	Jess Edwards	Bonnie Holton
Vicki Kennedy	Jo Parrott	Anne Lindley
Pam Mazingo	Ginny Wade	Jim Purnell
Senior Warden – Vicki Kennedy	Clerk – Audra Haddad	
Junior Warden – Jim Purnell	Treasurer – Corey Fader	