



August 2023

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:  
Serving with JOY!*

# The Bell Ringer

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## SABBATICAL SUMMERTIME SCHEDULE AUGUST



**Sunday, August 6th ~ Transfiguration Sunday - Holy Eucharist**

**Celebrant & Preacher**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Mollie Roberts  
*Canon for Diocesan Life and Leadership*



**Sunday, August 13th - Morning Prayer**

**Officiant**

The Hon. Jon Sargeant  
*Candidate for Holy Orders from St. Mary's*



**Preacher**

The Rev. Greg Smith  
*Assisting Clergy at St. Mary's*



**Sunday, August 20th - Holy Eucharist**

**Celebrant & Preacher**

The Rev. Judith Foster Reese  
*Interim Rector at St. Mary's (2016-2017)*



**Sunday, August 27th - Morning Prayer**

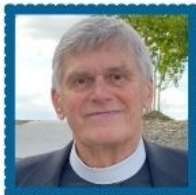
**Officiant**

Mrs. Pam Mazingo  
*Member of St. Mary's (Vestry Class of 2023)*



**Preacher**

The Rev. Janet Rodman  
*Archdeacon of the Diocese of East Carolina*



**Sunday, September 3rd - Holy Eucharist**

**Celebrant & Preacher**

The Rev. Bob Hudak  
*Rector of St. Paul's, Greenville (2005-2018)*

# A Season of Clergy Sabbatical

*Sabbatical*  
— refresh | rest | refocus —

## A Season of Sabbatical.....Continues!

### *A Note from the Senior Warden*

Summer invites us all to slow down our busy rhythms of daily life: to rest in the shade during the noonday heat, porch sit or patio sit in the evening while the fireflies put on their show, spend peaceful hours at the beach or the river. God calls to us at all seasons and hours, but in these idle times, it is often easier to feel His presence.

Each week in our worship services, we pray for Fr. Tom in a special “Collect for Sabbatical.” We can now add

prayers for Bishop Skirving, as he completes a sabbatical that he began in 2020 but had to interrupt due to the pandemic. Pray also for you and your family to refresh your spirits and recharge your imaginations in these final weeks of summer.

I think you’ll find that when you’re in town, attending one of our Sunday services will be a worthwhile part of your summer rhythm. We’ve worked hard to provide a range of visiting clergy - including those who have served at St. Mary’s in the past. Reconnecting with old friends is a great way to warm your spirit. And we’re having a few Sundays of Morning Prayer, which may be an unfamiliar worship experience for you. In psalms, prayers, and canticles, you’ll find inspiring words that can enrich your life with a deeper connection to God.

We invite you to our 6 p.m. Wednesday supper series, “Share and Prayer,” where you can enjoy a fresh meal and fellowship, catch up on the latest news of the Warren family on Sabbatical, and take part in a great group discussion on topics like rest, work, worship, and relationships.

Enjoy your travels this summer. As you ride down the road and gaze at the green crops resting in the bright sun, remember that their roots are growing strong and deep. I hope your spirit does the same during this Sabbatical Season.

~ Vicki

### ***Sabbatical Update:***

*Father Tom and family are entering the second half of their Sabbatical time. From June to mid-July, they enjoyed wide-ranging travels. After a cross-country trek and western dude ranch stay (see photo to the right), they ended in Seattle where Tom and Holly revisited the site of Tom’s marriage proposal. From there, Fr. Tom, Jude, and Sandra traveled to Japan, while Holly and Mason returned home to spend time with “Papa” Billy. On July 16th, the Far East tour ended back at RDU. Sandra and Mason journeyed to Orlando where Mason planned to visit Disney World. During these last weeks of refreshment, the Warrens will be closer to home in various parts of North Carolina before their annual beach vacation.*



## The Episcopal Church

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### In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 38 member provinces/churches.

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### In the United States

A community of 1.9 million members in 118 dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

Established in 1788.

Presiding Bishop

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

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[www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

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### In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 70 churches.

Founded in 1883.

The Rt. Rev. Robert S. Skirving

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**Y**ourself Last"

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Parish Administrator	<a href="#">Mrs. Lori Kelly</a>
Family Ministry Coordinator	<a href="#">Mrs. Liz Hengst</a>
Organist & Choirmaster	<a href="#">Dr. Sharon Veitch</a>
Communications Director	<a href="#">Mrs. Sherry Tanner</a>
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	<a href="#">Mr. Jim Godfrey</a>

## News at St. Mary's



### From the Parish Register

#### Burial:

Roberta Langley Johnson  
June 9, 2023

George Webb LaRoque  
June 22, 2023

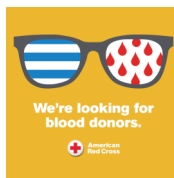


## SHACKLEFORD BANKS

CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE

### St. Mary's Trip to Shackleford Banks

St. Mary's will enjoy a parish family outing to Shackleford Banks on **August 19th**, and **ALL** are welcome to join in the adventure! This will be a day of fun and fellowship with church members of all ages! Please mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more details to come in future emails.



### St. Mary's Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 Noon-4pm in Moseley Hall**. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred. Make your reservation at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and type in STMARYS or phone **1-800-RED-CROSS**. Give the gift of life with Red Cross.



### Lemonade on the Lawn Continues Through September 10th



We still have many dates that need hosts 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](mailto: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#/)



# News at St. Mary's



Throughout the month of August, we will be collecting school supply items to benefit our Hand-In-Hand partnership with Northwest Elementary School. Our supply list includes: **backpacks, black and white composition books, WIDE-rule loose leaf paper packs, 1-subject spiral notebooks, wooden No. 2 pencils, 16 or 24 count Crayola crayons (regular and large sizes), glue sticks, folders with pockets, blunt-tipped student scissors, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray.** No donation is too small!!! Drop off your donated items in the bin in the Narthex on Sundays, the Vestry Room during weekday business hours, or on the front porch of Laury Sargeant's

home (1105 Margaret Lane, Kinston) at other times.

**THEN**, make plans to join us on **Sunday, August 13th at the 10:30am liturgy** for a special time of prayer to mark the beginning of the new school year. Students of ALL ages, lifelong learners, and educators are invited to bring their bag of choice for a special Blessing of the Backpacks and the donated Back-to-School supplies.



## PARDON THE MESS

During late-July and early-August, our St. Mary's Nursery School classrooms and downstairs nursery will get a much-needed paint job. Thanks to all who have worked hard to make this project happen!



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## St. Mary's Nursery School Updates

SMNS will kick off its 49th year the week after Labor Day!!! We offer a prayer of thanksgiving the students, families, teachers, and director. We pray for a wonderful, safe, joy-filled year of learning and growing.

At the same time, Madison Mills, SMNS Director, and her husband Chris are expecting a baby (a girl!) the first week in August. We offer a special prayers for their growing family during this busy time.

*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. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with them and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they prepare for the birth of their child. May they seek to bring this child 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.**

## Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our students. As they begin this school year, help them to use the talents and gifts you've given them to do their very best.

May they listen to their teachers with respect and open-minds. Help them to be honest and to always seek the truth. Help them to be kind to everyone at school, and to serve others as they would like to be served.

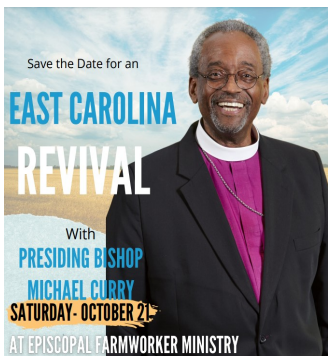
Help them to make good friends and be a good friend to someone in need. Lastly, help them to remember that You're always with them and that You'll never leave their side.

May they love You and follow You with all their hearts, soul, and strength. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!



# Worship



## SAVE THE DATE

Revival! That's Good News for the people of St. Mary's, the parishes across the Diocese of East Carolina, and our neighboring communities! **On Saturday, October 21st**, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will celebrate a Revival at the [Episcopal Farmworker Ministry](#) (2989 Easy Street, Dunn, NC). During this celebratory Eucharist, Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry will preach, and Bishop Rob Skirving will preside. This family-friendly time of fun and worship promises to be an event you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars now and plan to be there.

*"What we have got to keep in mind is that revivals, throughout history and right now, are not just events - they are movements.*

My deep prayer is that we come to see ourselves not simply as The Episcopal Church, but as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement: a community for who Jesus Christ and his way of love is our way of life and the heart of our witness in the world. A revival movement means this becomes ever more true and real for us."

~ Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry

## Sunday, September 10th

Join us on this very special day as we celebrate the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, the return of Father Tom and the Warren Family from their time of Sabbatical, and our final Lemonade on the Lawn. On this day, we will enjoy a continental breakfast between the first and second services and use this time to reconnect with Tom, Holly, and the kids. Make plans to join us on this **very** special day in the life of the Church and the life of our Parish!



*St. Mary the Virgin was a young Israelite Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee and the mother of Jesus. Christians believe that she conceived her son, Jesus the Christ, miraculously by the power of the Holy Spirit. This took place when she was already betrothed to Joseph and was awaiting the culminating marriage ceremony. She married Joseph and accompanied him to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The Virgin Mary is viewed as the ultimate compassionate human being, and holy, in part, because of her willingness to participate in God's plans for her life. The Virgin Mary is known and honored for her faithfulness to God, compassion for her Son and others, perseverance through incredible hardships, and much more. These must have been among the reasons why the Virgin Mary was chosen as the matron saint of this church nearly 200 years ago. Like our matron saint, we too are called to carry out ministries of faithfulness, compassion, perseverance, and much more each and every day of our lives.*



## Parish Breakfast & Ministry Fair

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH! WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE RETURN OF SUNDAY MORNING PARISH BREAKFASTS ON THAT DAY. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A MINISTRY FAIR BETWEEN THE 8AM AND 10:30AM LITURGIES. THIS WILL BE A TIME TO HEAR ABOUT ALL THE GREAT MINISTRIES OUR CHURCH HAS TO OFFER IN OUR PARISH AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND BE IN PRAYER TO DISCOVER AND PURSUE WHERE YOU MAY BE CALLED IN MINISTRY.



## Fall Pot-Luck & Neighborhood Trash-Bash Sunday, September 24

- 12:30pm Pot-Luck on the West Lawn
- 1:15pm Neighborhood Trash-Bash; remember to invite neighbors to the next event!

*Bring a dish or a side to share, a heart to serve, and gloves to wear! Bags and pickers will be provided.*



Winter Pot-Luck  
&  
Neighborhood Trash-Bash Event

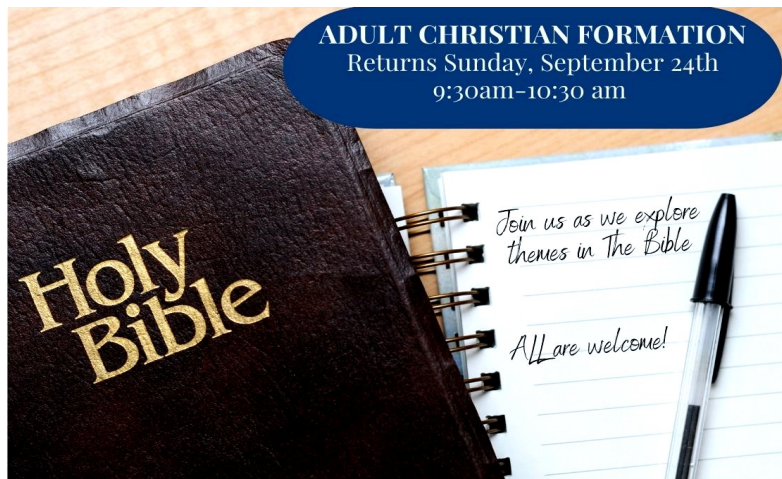


## Christian Formation



“Share & Prayer” continues each **Wednesday at 6pm throughout August**. ALL are welcome to join this relaxed form of fellowship that includes food, music, and prayers. Bring

whatever dish or item you would like to share. For questions or more information, contact Jess Edwards (252) 521-9219.



### ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Returns Sunday, September 24th  
9:30am-10:30 am

OFFERED BY THE RACIAL HEALING  
COMMISSION OF THE DIOCESE OF  
EAST CAROLINA

## 1st Annual Jazz & Race Symposium

Jazz and Racial Healing intersect in many ways. Join us as we listen to Jazz and learn more about its history from The Rev'd Skip Walker. Dr. Catherine Meeks will share from her extensive involvement in Racial Healing in the larger Episcopal church and beyond.

St. James Episcopal Church  
Wilmington, NC

September 16 - 1:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Dinner included.

Registration required by Sept 8th:  
[www.dioecc.org/1st-annual-jazz-and-race-symposium-2023](http://www.dioecc.org/1st-annual-jazz-and-race-symposium-2023)

ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND WE DO ASK FOR A DONATION TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE EVENT.

### Forward Day by Day

FORWARD  
DAY *by* DAY

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR DISCIPLES

The next edition of the Forward Day by Day booklets are available. There are a number of ways to engage with this daily devotional: swing by and pick up a copy on the tables in the Narthex or the hallway racks throughout the church. We will gladly mail one to your home if desired...simply email Lori Kelly for this option. The Forward Day by Day

podcast is available on all streaming platforms, including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Stitcher](#). May God bless your daily spiritual walk!

## ECW



# The Episcopal Church Women

Please be on the lookout for information about fall and holiday happenings. If you would like to be a part of planning ECW activities and outreach in the upcoming year, contact Audra Haddad (252-526-8537).

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



Welcome  
**August**

Let's share some JOY

*All regularly scheduled Kids Ministries and EYC activities will be put on hold during most of the month of August (starting Monday August 7th). We will have a few pop-up events in August, so please check your email and our Instagram pages for updates.*

*We hope everyone has a great few weeks getting ready for the start of the school year routine. Please let us know how we can pray for you during this time.*

## What you can expect regularly this fall:

### **EYC Coffee with Liz**

First and Second Thursdays in August  
4:00-5:30 pm  
All EYC  
(at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse)

### **EYC Sunday Dinner and Activity**

Twice a Month - Dates TBA  
5:00-8:00 pm  
All EYC  
(in Moseley Hall)

**Monthly Game Nights**  
TBA

**Monthly Service Days**  
TBA

**Monthly "Get Outside" Days**  
TBA

## *From the Desk of Liz ~*

*Hi families!*

*Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 1st, 5:30-6:30pm,*



*for an important Fall Calendar Meeting for Kids Ministries and EYC. ALL parents, volunteers, and interested people are welcome to join us that evening in Moseley Hall to discuss fall curriculum for Kids and EYC and to plan fall events. Childcare and dinner will be provided. Your ideas and input are valued!*

*With Thanks and Blessings,  
Liz*



Register Your Child for the 2023-2024 Curriculum Year at St. Mary's

† EYC Registration:

<https://form.jotform.com/232042825900145>

† Kids Ministries Registration:

<https://form.jotform.com/232043047630142>

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

- September 23rd - Family Community Service Day
- September 24th - Sunday School Begins
- October 13-14 - High School EYC Overnight in Raleigh
- October 21 - Revival!
- October 31 - Trunk or Treat
- November 10-12 - Family Ministry Camping Weekend
- November 17-19 - Trinity Center Fall Conference (6th-8th Graders)
- November 22 - EYC Day-Before-Thanksgiving Tradition at Mary's Kitchen

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**St. Mary's Annual Block Party**  
**Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
**All Church Event!!!**

Join your St. Mary's family as we extend a warm welcome to our surrounding community! Invite your friends for an event full of food, hospitality, games, music, and fellowship as we grow relationships with one another.

### **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

### **ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

2023	2023	2025
Skip Greene	Clifton Carey	Andrew Duppstadt
Audra Haddad	Jess Edwards	Bonnie Holton
Vicki Kennedy	Jo Parrott	Anne Lindley
Pam Mazingo	Ginny Wade	Jim Purnell

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 Junior Warden – Jim Purnell

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