



October 2026

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

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

**Ciampi Quartet
Concert
at St. Mary's**

Sunday, November 1, 2026
at 4:00 pm
(reception to follow)



Since its founding in 1965 by the renowned Italian violinist Giorgio Ciampi, the Ciampi Quartet of Duke University has delighted audiences and impressed critics around the world. In a career that spans five continents and includes many hundreds of concerts, the Ciampi Quartet has developed a reputation for performances of real intelligence and musical sophistication, with a warm, unified sound that allows each player's individual voice to emerge. This concert will be free to the public, made possible by love offerings and sponsorships at St. Mary's. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors and join us for this wonderful evening!

Consecration Sunday Is Coming!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*Consecration Sunday
October 25, 2026*

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the
firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns
will be filled to overflowing, and your vats
will brim over with new wine.*

Psalms 39-10

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. St. Mary's Vestry has selected the Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to

teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, recognize St Mary's as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ who give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

There will be ONE liturgy on Consecration Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 10:30am - and during that time, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to this church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and beyond.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend, even if they feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship, our guest preacher, the Rev. Jay Sidebotham, will include a brief period of instruction and inspiration, concluding with an opportunity for members to make their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Immediately following the liturgy, we will gather for a Celebration Banquet in Moseley Hall as an act of thanksgiving for God's blessings and looking forward to God's work in, among, and through us as a church family. **Because this is a catered meal, please respond in a timely manner to the invitations you have received.** Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Senior Warden,

Corey Fader

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

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Established in 1788.

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and Others

as Yourself"

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News at St. Mary's



From the Parish Registry

Transfers In

Sylvia Wall

from St. Paul's (Greenville)

09/08/2026

Greg and Frances Theodorakis
from First Presbyterian (Kinston)

09/09/2026

Baptisms

Lila Brown and Liam Brown

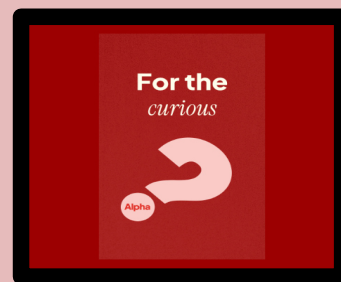
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ALPHA

ALPHA CONTINUES!

Alpha is an engaging series that teaches the basics (hence the name "alpha") of the Christian faith. It serves as a fantastic introduction to the faith as well as a helpful refresher for all to return to the basic fundamentals of the Good News of Jesus. Delicious food, faithful teaching, small group conversations, childcare provided. Even if you missed the start of Alpha, please join if you would like! RSVP to Fr. Tom at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com.



WORSHIP THE LORD
IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS
-PS. 29:2

*Choral Evensong
led by the
Chancel Choir*

Sunday, October 11th at 5pm

Sunday, November 15th at 5pm

More News at St. Mary's

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CHERISHED MEMBERS LUNCHEONS

will resume on October 1st and will be held monthly on the first Thursday at 11:30am in Moseley Hall throughout our program year. All retirees of the community are welcome to attend. Would you like to help offer this ministry of hospitality? Contact Anne Lindley at anneblindley@gmail.com.



EMF

EPISCOPAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men of St. Mary's, it's time to let us know that you'll be joining us for the inaugural Men's Fellowship event! Call the church office (252-523-6146) or email lkelly@stmaryskinston.com by October 16 so enough food will be ready for you to enjoy on **Friday, October 23 at 6:00 PM** in Moseley Hall. This new Men's Fellowship is forming in order to build relationships, support members, and serve both the church and the community. Anyone with questions, ideas, or an interest in helping can contact Stuart Stroud.



SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

Continuing for the first three weeks of October at 9:30 a.m., Adults are invited to join Fr. Tom and Vicki Kennedy for a four-week journey into the meaning and practice of Sabbath, exploring many questions such as: What does the Bible say about Sabbath? What are some arguments against Christians following Sabbath? What benefits do folks who keep Sabbath report? Join us each week in the Parlor from 9:30-10:15am, right after breakfast.

ST. MARY'S BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 19, 2026
12PM-4PM
MOSELEY HALL

WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
BUT RESERVATIONS ARE PREFERRED

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AT
WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG
TYPE IN STMARYS
OR PHONE 1-800-RED-CROSS



MINISTRIES

A LITURGY AT ST. BARNABAS CHURCH



Please join us for the upcoming St. Barnabas service on **Saturday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m.** If you haven't visited before, St. Barnabas is located at 1 St. Barnabas St., Snow Hill, NC. We will worship using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, known for its beautiful, traditional language rooted in the 1662 English Prayer Book's text. After the service, please stay for fellowship along with refreshments, drinks, and sweets. As always, we encourage everyone to "dress for the weather" - our historic building enjoys only "natural air conditioning and heating." We look forward to welcoming you, worshipping together, and sharing time in community following the liturgy!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4th, at 4pm



ALL ANIMALS (and their human companions) are invited inside the main sanctuary of St. Mary's Church for the annual Blessing of the Animals liturgy!! All animals are to be accompanied by their human friends and restrained either by leash or carrier/cage. A special offering of monetary donations and pet food will be collected for the Lenoir County SPCA.

Church Ministry Spotlights

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The Ciampi String Quartet of Duke University will be joining us again on November 1, 2026 at 4pm for a beautiful concert celebrating All Saints Sunday. Featuring Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings" and other notable works by American composers, the Ciampi is known for their sophisticated performances. We are honored and privileged to host this world renowned group of musicians! Please consider making a donation in memory of someone or in honor of a loved one by visiting the St. Mary's website and following the link to the donation page or use the QR Code provide here and select "Concert Series".



Suggested donation levels:

Prelude \$100.00 or less

Patron \$250.00

Partner \$500.00

Sustainer \$1000.00 or more

Thank you for your support

"Concerts at St. Mary's" Planning Committee

ALPHA RETREAT

Saturday, October 24

St Mary's, Kinston
from 9:30 am until
approximately 2pm



LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN!



Only 15 weeks until
Boar's Head!

Community Worship Service

Worship, Communion, and Lunch
to feed our spirits, our bodies, and our connection

St Augustus AME Zion Church

318 North Street, Kinston

Wednesday, October 7th

12:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Kinston-Lenoir County Association of Congregations



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



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose

YOUTH ALPHA - JOIN us throughout October on **Wednesdays@ 6:00 pm** in **Moseley Hall** for dinner followed by Alpha activities.



HOSTED BY THE EYC

Music

JAM SESSIONS

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME OUT, BRING YOUR VOICE, BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS, AND "JAM" WITH US IN FR. TOM'S BACKYARD - 6:30-8:00 pm!

RESUMES OCTOBER 1ST AND MEETS EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

Youth Choir

We're excited for another year of Youth Choir! We'll meet every other Sunday, beginning September 27th, with a few exceptions throughout the year. Any schedule changes will always be shared in the weekly email and calendar. No action needed—just bring your kids to the Chapel on the Sundays we meet! We can't wait to sing together!



Youth Choir

Youth Choir will meet every other Sunday morning, 9:30 am in the Chapel



2026-2027 CHRISTIAN FORMATION AT St. Mary's Episcopal Church



Cradle
BABY & TODDLER NURSERY
AGES 3 YEARS OLD & YOUNGER
MEET IN ROOM #110 (2ND ROOM IN HALL)

Junior FAITH ACADEMY
PRE-K (3/4 YEARS OLD) THRU 1ST GRADE (6/7 YEARS OLD)
MEET IN ROOM #108 (END OF HALL)

Senior FAITH ACADEMY
2ND GRADE (7/8 YEARS OLD) THRU 5TH GRADE (10/11 YEARS OLD)
MEET TOGETHER IN THE SENIOR FAITH ACADEMY ROOM #112

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY
EYC
JR. EYC (MIDDLE SCHOOL) & SR. EYC (HIGH SCHOOL) MEET TOGETHER IN THE YOUTH ROOM

SUNDAY! SUNDAY! SUNDAY! SUNDAY! SUNDAY! SUNDAY!

Cradle is open and staffed 8:45am until Noon during the Program Year

Age-appropriate Lectionary Bible activities using the **SPARK** curriculum!

Youth Choir
EVERY OTHER SUNDAY FOR ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH

FEASTING on the WORD
A BIBLE LECTIONARY CONVERSATION
about life & the Bible readings we'll hear in church that day.

WEDNESDAY! WEDNESDAY! WEDNESDAY! WEDNESDAY!

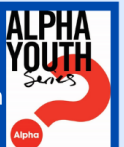
Cradle is open and staffed 5:45pm until 8pm
Children can eat supper with their family in Moseley Hall or with the Cradle Staff in the Nursery



Throughout the year, children enjoy music, games, and growing in the Christian Faith!



Youth have their own small group to explore the Christian Faith together!



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**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

COOKIE WALK
DECEMBER 5TH
11AM - 1 PM

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
800 ROUNTREE ST., KINSTON

♥ PROCEEDS SUPPORT MARY'S KITCHEN ♥

INTERESTED IN BAKING COOKIES FOR
A CAUSE? REACH OUT TO:

RENÉE HERLONG 252-560-6243
SANDRA WARREN 252-258-9819
STEPHANIE BREA 412-580-6952

SUNDAY

Staffed Childcare Available 8:45am - 12:00pm
8:00 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 (Chapel)
9:00 am - Parish Breakfast (Moseley Hall)
9:30 am - Christian Formation (for all ages)
10:30 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Large Sanctuary)
This liturgy is livestreamed to our YouTube Channel.
12:30 pm - Choir Practice

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

8:30 am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:30 am - Contemplative Prayer (Church on Tuesday/Chapel on Thursday)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Moseley Hall)
5:00 pm - Handbell Practice
Staffed Childcare Available 5:45pm-8:00pm
6:00 pm - Wednesday Night Supper and Programming (Moseley Hall)

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2026
Richard Crumbacker
Corey Fader
Kay Turner
Audra Haddad

2027
Rob Bizzell
Frances Herring
Sarah Warner
Harry Wooten

2028
Judy Johnson
Heather Mintz
Mark Moore
Sarah Weeks

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