November 2026

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

The Bell Ringer

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Season of Advent

Advent begins
November 29, 2026



FROM THE RECTOR

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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JESUS FIRST, AND OTHERS AS YOURSELF

Earlier this fall, the vestry reviewed our Organizational Statements (motto, mission, vision, etc), taking into account our RenewalWorks experiences and considering the specific work we sense God calling us into in this time. There was a minor change to our motto (above), aligning it more closely to the Jesus' words in Matt 22:37-39. We also put a finer point to our mission statement, emphasizing our purpose in discipleship as we share the Gospel in word and deed:

"The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to
equip disciples of Jesus to bear God's Good News..."

We are also excited to share that we identified three priorities to pour into over the next two program years:

- develop a process or program for pastoral care to identify and meet needs of those in crisis or in need of support **(come to the conversation on Nov 15!)**
- offer Bible study and discussion groups with special emphasis on small group opportunities **(stay tuned for details about small groups after Alpha in the new year!)**
- improve the initial worship experiences of those new to St. Mary's

Progress has already been made in these areas! Stay tuned for more, and I encourage you to engage as you are able. May God bless you, friend, in the ministries to which God is calling you to love and serve today! Peace,

Tom +

VESTRY ELECTIONS



The Vestry has a vital role in the leadership of this parish and St. Mary's will soon elect its next 4-person class of vestry leaders.

1. On October 12th, a preliminary list of members who are eligible to serve on the vestry was posted in the church. The parish office needed any necessary corrections by Sunday, October 25th.

2. On October 30th, a Vestry nomination form was emailed and posted in the Narthex with instructions on the "Nomination by Ballot" process. Ballots are due by November 13th.

3. The Vestry's Nominating Committee (the 4 out-going members) is entrusted to discern a 4-person candidate slate informed by the nominations and based on the needs of the parish.

4. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place during the 10:30am liturgy on Sunday, December 6th. At that time, voting for the 4-person slate will take place. Please plan now to attend worship on this joyous and significant day!

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

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A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 70 churches.
Founded in 1883.
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Rector	The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren
Sr. Warden	Mr. Corey Fader
Jr. Warden	Mr. Richard Crumbacker
Parish Administrator	Mrs. Lori Kelly
Minister of Music	Mr. Sam Holt
Communications Director	Ms Judy Johnson
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Richard Crumbacker
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Lisa Maxwell

News at St. Mary's

From the Parish Registry

Burial
Stewart Smith Perry
10/12/2026



CHORAL EVENSONG will be held Sunday, November 15th at 5pm in the Sanctuary. One of the oldest Anglican traditions, Evensong focuses on the singing of Psalms and other biblical canticles at twilight. A light reception will follow the service. At this particular service, the Roll of Remembrance will include the names of those who have been laid to rest in the St. Francis' Garden as well as all members of the church who have died in the last year. If you would like the name of a departed loved one to be included during the liturgy, please write the name on the Roll of Remembrance sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Boar's Head Festival

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN!

Only 10 weeks until Boar's Head!

More News at St. Mary's

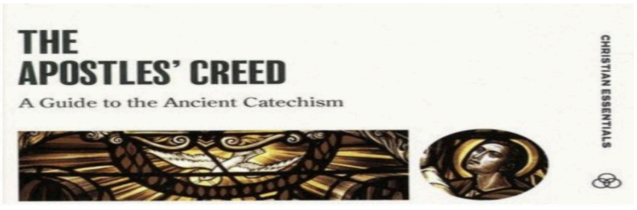




OUTREACH FROM ST. MARY'S

You are invited to conversation during breakfast on Sunday, November 8 (9am in Moseley Hall) to learn about various ministries and organizations that St. Mary's supports and to help discern the distribution of our **Outreach Funds for 2026!**

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION:



The Adult Christian Formation Class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30am following parish breakfast. Fr. Tom will continue an Adult Forum series on The Apostles' Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism by Ben Myers. A free copy of the book is provided for each household. Additional copies of the book may be purchased at the discounted price of $10 each. Christians throughout time, place, and tradition have been united by the eternal truths of the Apostles' Creed -- it is the creed upon which our baptismal covenant is founded and is spoken in many of our liturgies. Join us as we explore what the Apostles' Creed teaches and why this matters to us today. Join us each week in the Parlor from 9:30-10:15am, right after breakfast.

MINISTRIES

CHERISHED MEMBERS LUNCHEONS



The next luncheon will be on **November 5th** 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?

Foster Children Christmas Opportunities

St. Mary's has always responded generously to the Christmas wishes of the foster children through the Department of Social Services. The wish lists will soon be posted in the narthex and the gifts will be blessed at the 10:30 service December 8th. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



BLOCK PARTY

This year's Block Party will be on Sunday, **November 8, 3:30-5:30pm**. St. Mary's hosts this event for the neighborhood, so please plan to bring a dish to share and join in for a time of fellowship, food, music, fun, and conversation with our neighbors around the St. Mary's Parish.





Church Ministry Spotlights



The Ciompi 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 Ciompi 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:

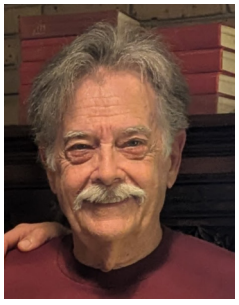
Prelude $100 or less
Patron $250
Partner $500
Sustainer $1000 or more

Thank you for your support
"Concerts at St. Mary's" Planning Committee



One of the hallmarks of life and ministry at St. Mary's is to offer compassionate care to those in need or crisis. The vestry has identified this ministry as an area of emphasis over the next two program years. A gathering is planned for conversation and learning about some pastoral care priorities on Sunday, **November 15**, after the 10:30am liturgy in Moseley Hall. All are welcome to join!





The St. Mary's family extends a heartfelt thank you to Dennis Riddell for the love that he pours into our buildings and grounds. Since joining the church nearly two years ago, Dennis has offered hundreds of hours and his priceless handiwork on projects like door repair, pressure washing, painting, woodworking, and constructing models of St. Mary's and St. Barnabas Churches. Last month, Dennis completed the repair and reglazing of all of the first floor windows of the church (that's 421 for the curious!). Thank you, Dennis, and God bless you!

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





YOUTH ALPHA - CONTINUES through **November 18th** on **Wednesdays@ 6:00 pm in Moseley Hall** for dinner followed by Alpha activities.



Youth Choir

We're excited for another year of Youth Choir! We meet in the Chapel every other Sunday at 9:30am, 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!

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!
ALPHA YOUTH Series

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
800 Rountree Street
Kinston, NC 28501-3655

St. Mary's Links
All in One Place!



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	2027	2028
Richard Crumbacker	Rob Bizzell	Judy Johnson
Corey Fader	Frances Herring	Heather Mintz
Kay Turner	Sarah Warner	Mark Moore
Audra Haddad	Harry Wooten	Sarah Weeks

Senior Warden – Corey Fader
Junior Warden – Richard Crumbacker
Clerk – Judy Johnson
Treasurer – Jess Edwards