



April 2025

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

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday, April 13, begins with the Holy Eucharist Rite 1 at 8am. Breakfast will be served in Moseley Hall at 9am, and throughout the morning, palm crosses will be made. At 10:30, we'll gather outdoors near the playground for the Liturgy of the Palms and a procession into the church that recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem before his Passion. We will even be joined again by Lulu the mule! In the event of inclement weather, we will begin our procession in Moseley Hall. Staffed childcare will be available.

MONDAY & TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

There will be liturgies offered on **Monday, April 14 at 5:30pm** and **Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30pm**. On Monday, our worship will be a "Teaching Eucharist" during which there will be instruction about the different parts of our Eucharistic liturgies. Both liturgies will be held in the All Saints' Chapel and there is not staffed childcare available..

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

On **Wednesday, April 16**, we will begin with a community meal at **6:30pm** followed by a service of Tenebrae (Latin for "Darkness" or "Shadows"). At **7:30pm**, Tenebrae features music from Taizé & readings from the Psalms and other passages that foretell Jesus' Passion. This beautiful service, held in the Nave, features Choral Scholar Emmalee Kenmore and offers a meditation upon and a prelude to the events of our Lord's life between the Last Supper and His Resurrection. Staffed childcare will be available.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM **(Maundy Thursday - Easter Sunday)**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On **Thursday, April 17, at 7:30pm**, our Maundy Thursday liturgy held in the Nave will recall the institution of the Last Supper and Jesus' humble act of washing His disciples' feet. It ends with the stripping of the altar and the beginning of a vigil throughout the night in the Chapel. The Chapel prayer vigil begins at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday liturgy and ends with communion at the Good Friday liturgy. Join us for a special time of prayer and meditation, inspired by the question asked of all of us by Jesus - "Could you not watch with me one hour?" All are invited to sign up for a 1-hour time slot during the vigil on the door to the Chapel. Staffed childcare will be available for the 7:30pm liturgy.

GOOD FRIDAY

This service in the Nave, on **Friday, April 18, at noon**, includes a homily, Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The Way of the Cross (Stations) will also be offered in the Nave at 5:45pm, ending the Good Friday observance. Staffed childcare will be available.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Taking place in the Nave, the Lenten observance officially ends, and Easter celebration begins on **Saturday evening at 7:30pm** with this liturgy, one of the most ancient and exciting of the Christian Church - the celebration of the transition from the darkness of Holy Saturday into the light of Christ's Easter Victory. The liturgy lasts about an hour. It begins with the lighting of the New Fire at the entrance to the church and includes hymns & spiritual songs, accompanied by City Lights Jazz, renewal of baptismal vows, and the first Eucharist of Easter! Staffed childcare will be available.

EASTER DAY

On **Sunday, April 20**, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord will begin with the Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 8am. The 10:30am service is a Festal Holy Eucharist with handbells, full choir, flowering of the cross, and all the glory of Easter Morning! There is also an Easter Egg Hunt for children following the service, so be sure to bring their Easter baskets! Staffed childcare will be available.

From the Rector



The Whole Story: An Invitation!

"You are invited!" These words are written for you, dear reader. They are for you because you, actually and personally, are invited to Holy Week and Easter at St. Mary's - the most sacred and rich time of the entire church year. As detailed on the cover of this newsletter, every day of Holy Week (and especially Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday) shares a portion of the greatest Story of God's love for you.

In a recent sermon, I mentioned that Jesus not only *knew* the Story of God's love and promises for creation, but He *trusted* the Story and *lived* it out. Belief in God's promises told in this Story is what defines a life of faith through which the Good News of Jesus is able to be seen, shared, and spread to others like a light in the darkness. There are many ways that the Story of God can be learned, but there is nothing quite like walking **through** the whole Story of Jesus' passion, day-by-day, in the Holy Week services...

...and **you are invited!** Again, these words are for you, but not only because they are for you to hear for yourself, but they are also for you to share with others in your life, ***inviting them*** to experience the whole Story of salvation that these sacred days tell. The goal here is not to "fill up the church" because, wouldn't that be nice?! No, you are invited, and we should all be looking for opportunities to invite others, because we believe that these liturgies share the Good News of Jesus and the Gospel will take root in every heart that would be willing to be overwhelmed with God's life-changing grace and love.

So may you, and those that you will be led to invite, accept this and every opportunity to walk closely with Jesus, daily, through worship, song, prayer, teaching, humble acts of service, and unique acts of devotion. The invitations to do so during Holy Week bring us to an encounter with the whole Story - from Creation to Jesus' resurrection - and ultimately to God's promises that are yet to unfold completely in each of our lives. Come and see. And may your invitations be among the ways that God brings others to hear this Good News for them too.

Yours in the Risen Christ, *Tom +*

The Rite of Reconciliation: *All may, some should, none must.*

"Reconciliation of a Penitent, or Penance, is the rite in which those who repent of their sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest, and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution."

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 859

The Rite of Reconciliation, also known as Confession or Penance, is a sacramental rite in the Episcopal Church. In the Episcopal Church, private confession is not mandatory before receiving Eucharist as it is in some traditions, though a corporate confession of sin is part of every service of the Holy Eucharist, with an absolution of sin following.

There may be times in our lives when we feel the need to hear affirmation of God's grace and forgiveness. At these times a private confession to a priest can be helpful. God already knows our sins and our hearts even before we can articulate these things, but it is a helpful practice for our spiritual formation to spend time contemplating our sins and confessing them, and at times, doing so in the presence of other can help us to have greater clarity about our thoughts and actions. To share our confessional liturgy with a priest can be a very healing experience and the season of Lent, which is a penitential season, is a fitting time to do this. Anything disclosed with a priest in the context of confession is completely confidential.

Father Tom will be available to hear confessions by appointment in Holy Week and beyond as desired.

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Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Lisa Maxwell
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Richard Crumbacker

News at St. Mary's

With Sympathy



We offer our sympathy to the family of Mary McRae Parrott, sister-in-law of Jo and Jimmy Parrott, who died February 28th at 76 years old. Her homecoming service was March 3rd at Faith Fellowship Church, and her obituary may be read at www.howardandcarter.com/obituary/Mary-Parrott.

We also offer our sympathy to the family of Gladys Penland Rutledge, mother of Debbie Rutledge-Holt (and mother-in-law to Sam, grandmother to Anna Burleson and husband Brandon, and great-grandmother to Izzy Burleson). Gladys died on February 28th at 94 years old. Her funeral was held March 8th at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, and her obituary may be read at www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com/obituaries/gladys-rutledge.

Let us pray:

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with the Parrott and Rutledge families in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cherished Members' Luncheon
Thursday, April 3rd
 • Meal begins at 11:30am in Moseley Hall
 • Sign up by calling the parish office or using the sheet in the narthex

SPRING INTO ACTION: GIVE BLOOD
Blood Drive @
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
 In Moseley Hall
 Monday, April 28, 2025
 12-4pm

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT
 Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **STMARYS**
 or
 call 1-800-RED-CROSS



More News at St. Mary's



Build Connections. Break Barriers. Make an Impact.

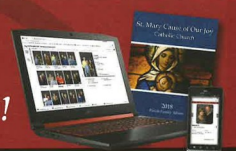
All are invited to connect with others while giving back to the community in a meaningful way by joining a small group volunteer experience with Habitat for Humanity. Come out to the Neuse Regional Library (510 N. Queen St., Kinston) on Wednesday, April 16th from 6-8pm for a kickoff reception. Learn more and get tips for how to make the most of your experience! Scan the QR Code here to learn more.



Why Join?

- ⇒ Hands-on volunteering makes a real impact.
- ⇒ Small groups foster new relationships.
- ⇒ Learn & grow by gaining new skills while giving back.
- ⇒ Fun & fulfilling by sharing moments with people who care.
- ⇒ Free lunch & swag bag; your impact & time deserve a reward.
- ⇒ Volunteer build dates are May 1 – June 19.
- ⇒ Location: 218 E. Railroad St., LaGrange

*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*



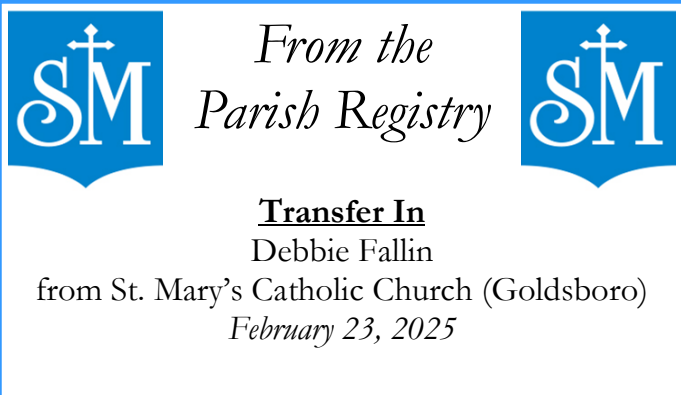
New Pictorial Directory Project Update **CALL FOR PICTURES!**

Thank you for your participation in our recent pictorial directory photo events. We realize life is busy, plans change, and things happen. Not everyone was able to have their picture taken, so please send in a picture of you/your family that we may include in the project. We want to make every effort possible to have as many St. Mary's members included in our new directory. Please email a picture to Sherry Tanner (stanner@stmaryskinston.com). If you are unable to email one, be sure to place it in Sherry's mailbox inside her office. Please submit your photo no later than Thursday, April 17th.



Mary's Kitchen Quarterly Food Drive & Service Date

This quarter, Mary's Kitchen is in need of individually wrapped Little Debbie snack cakes and Number 10 (the BIG cans) of vegetables and fruit. Please drop off your donations to the church during business hours the week of April 7th-11th, or bring it on Sunday, April 13th at the morning liturgy. The items will be taken to the kitchen that week to coincide with our next quarterly service date on Saturday, April 19th. The Vestry is scheduled to serve, but ALL are welcome! Please contact Sarah Warner or Richard Crumbaker if you would like to assist on this date.



Worship

Lenten Wednesday Worship

CHORAL
EVENSONG

led by the
Chancel Choir
April 2

A LITURGY OF
HEALING PRAYERS

with
anointing offered
April 9

All liturgies begin at 5:30pm in the church & end in time for supper at 6pm.
Be sure to join the Sanctuary Course at 6:30pm!

2025 Holy Week Services – 12:00 p.m.

Kinston, NC

Sponsored by
Kinston/Lenoir Association of Congregations

Following the service, there will be a soup/sandwich meal
provided by the Kinston/Lenoir Association of Congregations.

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| Monday, April 14 th | Location: Spilman Memorial Baptist Church
601 Madison Avenue
Speaker: Pastor Hilda Jones
Shekinah Church of Deliverance
139 Humphrey Road |
| Tuesday, April 15 th | Location: St. Augustus AME Zion Church
318 E. North Street
Speaker: Rev. Kim Lail
Queen Street UMC
500 N. Queen Street |
| Wednesday, April 16 th | Location: New Hope Church Ministries
508 S. Queen Street
Speaker: Pastor Travis Allen
First Presbyterian Church
2101 N. Heritage Street |
| Thursday, April 17 th | Location: Queen Street UMC
500 N. Queen Street
Speaker: Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.
Spilman Memorial Baptist Church
601 Madison Avenue |

Holy Week offerings will go to
support the Lenoir County
High Schools Bible History Classes

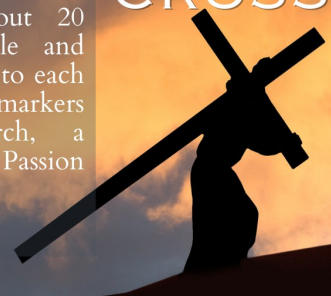


Easter Lilies on the Altar

Each year, contributions in honor or memory of someone are used by the Altar Guild to decorate the church with lilies for Easter Sunday. You may make a contribution online (indicating the special purpose in the memo section), by sending a check by mail, or using the envelopes available in the Narthex and placing in the offering plate. Remember to send in the names "in honor of" or "in memory of" that are to be included in the bulletin. Please email Sherry Tanner at stanner@stmaryskinston.com with any questions. The deadline for contributions is Monday, April 14th by 4:30pm.

Through Friday, April 18th, St. Mary's offers the Way of the Cross in the Nave of the Church on Friday evenings at 5:45pm. Sometimes called the Stations of the Cross, this short devotional experience, usually about 20 minutes, is both tactile and meditative. As we move to each of the fourteen markers throughout the church, a different event of Jesus' Passion is remembered.

Way
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GOOD FRIDAY

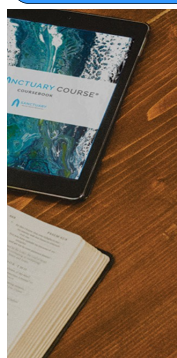
The Parish Office will be closed.

"May this Good Friday bring peace to your heart, reflection to your soul, and grace to your life. Wishing you a blessed and meaningful day."



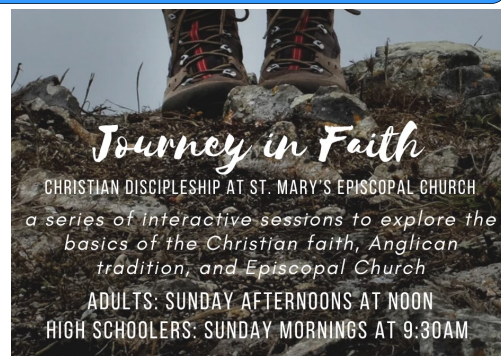
We will "flower" the Cross on Easter Sunday at the 10:30am service.
All worshippers are asked to bring fresh cut flowers to add to the Flower Cross!

Christian Formation



THE SANCTUARY COURSE®

The Sanctuary Course continues with St. Mary's! This is an eight-week guide for churches who want to learn about mental health in the context of the Christian faith. Explore key mental health topics, drawing upon the insights of mental health professionals, church leaders, and people who have lived the experience. Join St. Mary's each Wednesday evening in Lent at 6pm for supper followed by The Sanctuary Course. There is a specialized version for youth as well, and childcare is also provided.



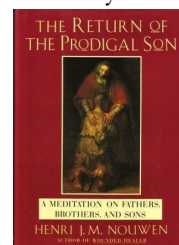
Journey in Faith

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AT ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
a series of interactive sessions to explore the basics of the Christian faith, Anglican tradition, and Episcopal Church

ADULTS: SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT NOON
HIGH SCHOOLERS: SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30AM

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We have several amazing topics to feast on this spring in Christian Formation. April 6th, we will conclude our 5 week series on "The Old Testament Jesus," led by Jess Edwards. On Palm Sunday (April 13th), we look forward to sharing Intergenerational Palm Sunday activities in Moseley Hall during the formation hour. Please note that parish breakfast and Christian Formation classes will pause on Easter Sunday (April 20th). Then on April 27th, we look forward to "It's all Greek to me!" led by Randy Spaugh. Randy will introduce the original language in which the oldest existing New Testament texts were written (*Koine Greek*) and point out some helpful examples of faith that are revealed in learning about this fascinating language. On May 4th, we are excited to study the "Return of the Prodigal Son," led by Juliet Barrus. Participants will be guided through a look at Rembrandt's iconic painting about Jesus' parable that we read together in church on March 30th as Juliet will share connections between the parable, the painting, and Rembrandt's remarkable life and journey of faith with insights from Henri Nouwen's book of the same title. We look forward to you joining us Sunday mornings at 9:30am!



ECW



Lenten Wednesday Hospitality

During Lent, there will be Wednesday evening programming that begins with a simple Lenten meal of Soup and Sandwiches. Please consider providing a meat soup, vegetarian soup, meat sandwiches, or non-meat sandwiches. There are still a few dates available! Be sure to review the sign up schedule by scanning the QR code, and contact Audra Haddad for any questions. God bless your Lenten hospitality!



DIocese OF EAST CAROLINA ECW ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 17, 2025

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

401 E. 4th Street, Greenville NC

10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Registration & Coffee at 9:30 am

ECW Annual Meeting - May 17, 2025



\$30 per person includes lunch and program



Dr. Derek F. Maher, PhD

Email questions to ecwdioceseeastcarolina@gmail.com.



It is going to be a wonderful day with a great speaker, Dr. Derek F. Maher, Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at ECU. Bishop Skirving will be the celebrant at Eucharist. All churchwomen are welcome! The price for the meeting and lunch is \$30. Pay using the QR Code, or mail a check to PO Box 771, Morehead City, NC 28557.



LENTEN ALMSGIVING FOCUS

Almsgiving is an integral part of a traditional observance of Lent with the act of giving of one's wealth for the benefit of others. This year, we are collecting funds for the Community Housing Coalition of Madison County, a strong leader in recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene. [Click here to give](#) and write "Lenten Almsgiving" in the memo. God bless you!

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



Registration Opens Soon!

Vacation Bible School!!

Where: St. Mary's Episcopal Church
When: Sunday-Thursday, June 22-26
5:00-7:30pm
Who: Pre-K through Rising 5th Grade
Nursery available for children of adult leaders



For two days, the fifth graders at Northwest Elementary School were captivated as Juliet Barrus talked about her book *Siete* that she wrote and illustrated. She used a lighthouse and a family of ducklings, as well as a mother and father duckling, to help students understand the many ways they can overcome adversity. There were also important lessons in bullying. After the presentation, each student received their own book with their name that was signed by Juliet. The students were most appreciative, and the day was a blessing for all.



Save the date:
Sunday, May 18th, 2025
3:30pm
Moseley Hall



Wednesdays for Kids and Youth

The 7 Sacraments
BAPTISM
RECONCILIATION
EUCHARIST
CONFIRMATION
MARRIAGE
HOLY ORDERS
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Kids and youth continue to meet Wednesday evenings this spring for supper at 6pm and programming at 6:30pm. Elementary aged kids are busy exploring the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church about the Sacraments, while the youth are practicing their Lenten journey with the Sanctuary Course Youth series. Join your friends, family, and church family at 6pm for supper in Moseley Hall before breaking out into your small group for this time of learning and growing.

THE SANCTUARY YOUTH SERIES



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



TUESDAYS AT ST. MARY'S
5:30 PM IN THE PARLOR



Camp Trinity Summer 2025

Camp Trinity provides a residential Christian camping experience on the banks of the Bogue Sound, and the 2025 Summer Camp dates have been announced! Brochures and information are available from their website at:

<https://www.trinityctr.org/summer-camp/camp-trinity/>.

SUNDAYS

(Staffed childcare available 8:45am-Noon)

- 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel
- 9:00 am - Parish Breakfast in Moseley Hall
- 9:30 am - Christian Formation for All Ages
- 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church
(livestreamed to YouTube and shared in Facebook)

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

(Staffed childcare available 5:45pm-8pm)

- 7:00 am - Men's Prayer & Bible Group in Moseley Hall
- 5:30 pm - Lenten Worship in the Church beginning March 12
- 6:00 pm - Supper & Programming for all ages

FRIDAYS *(concluding April 18th)*

- 5:45 pm - Stations (Way) of the Cross in the Church

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2025	2026	2027
Andrew Duppstadt	Richard Crumbacker	Rob Bizzell
Anne Lindley	Corey Fader	Frances Herring
Bonnie Holton	Randy Spaugh	Sarah Warner
Jim Purnell	Kay Turner	Harry Wooten
Senior Warden – Bonnie Holton	Clerk – Andrew Duppstadt	
Junior Warden – Richard Crumbacker	Treasurer – Jess Edwards	