

September 2024



*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:*  
*Serving with JOY!*  
**The Bell Ringer**  
Online at [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com)

**HOMECOMING**



**PROGRAM YEAR**

*Begin a new season at St. Mary's*



## From the Rector



### The Sounds of St. Mary's!

One of the things I love the most about St. Mary's Church is that there is always something wonderful taking place or being planned within the church property and beyond... activities that reflect our mission to "bear God's Good News" of Jesus and the life that He make possible. These activities can be described with words, they can be shared with pictures, and many of them can be enjoyed with our taste buds (my goodness, this church family can cook!). But this past month, I was drawn to the **sounds** of St. Mary's in so many ways. The many sounds of praise, prayer, thanksgiving, Gospel, confession & forgiveness of our **Sunday morning and mid-week services** come to mind first. Last week, the halls of the church were filled with exciting sounds of children and their families meeting their teachers and members of the church at the **St. Mary's Nursery School** open house events. There were also sounds of conversation and cheers at our St. Mary's **Night Out with the Down East Wood Ducks...** the DEWD's won a thriller in 10 innings! Be sure to ask our Fellowship Committee Chair Ginny Wade and me about chasing a duck across the outfield with the church children & youth sometime! Earlier in the month, there were the sounds of doorbells ringing all around as invitations to our **Block Party** on September 29 began to be given to the residents of every home within a 2-block radius of the church. As our **RISE with JOY projects** continue, sounds of demolition have given way to sounds of construction (concrete has been poured and a door now rests in the left transept's door-shaped hole)! We're tracking to finish the indoor project within a few weeks! The sounds of a joyful **hymn sing** even drew a meandering dog through the open West Doors to settle down and listen to 22 people lifting their voices in praise to the Risen Christ! As we enter into a new program year at St. Mary's, I invite you, dear reader, to flip through the following pages and consider the ways in which God is calling you to add the sounds of your life to the songs of faith at St. Mary's. May it be a beautiful sound to God and all.

*Tom +*



**From the  
Parish Register**

**Baptism:**

Isabelle Burleson

*August 4, 2024*

**Burial:**

Bruce Rafferty

*August 6, 2024*



If you haven't already, please pick up a booklet in the Narthex or [visit the capital campaign link on our website](#) [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com) where you will find [the campaign booklet](#) as well as [the online pledge form](#). May God use our gifts to draw more and more people in to St. Mary's to receive Jesus' life-giving words, sacraments, and community, and to remove obstacles along the way!

## The Episcopal Church

α

### In the Anglican Communion

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

α

### 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

Episcopal Church Center

815 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

New York, N.Y. 10017 212-716-6000

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

α

### 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

Diocesan Office, 705 Doctors Dr.

P.O. Box 1336, Kinston, NC 28503

Tel: 252-522-0885

Fax: 252-523-5272

[www.diocese-eastcarolina.org](http://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org)

α

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

“Serving with JOY!!”

Jesus First,

Others Second,

Yourself Last”

800 Rountree Street

Kinston, NC 28501-3655

Tel: 252-523-6146

Fax: 252-523-5134

[www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com)

Rector	The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren
Sr. Warden	Mr. Jess Edwards
Jr. Warden	Mr. Jim Purnell
Parish Administrator	Mrs. Lori Kelly
Minister of Music	Mr. Sam Holt
Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey

## News at St. Mary's

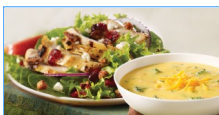


We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Wofford Shade Weller, born in the early hours of Friday, August 30th to Cally and Rankin Weller. The joyful family includes Pam & Steve

Mazingo grandparents), Ridge & Kathryn Mazingo (Uncle & Aunt), Rob Hudson (Uncle), and Stephen & Abigail Mazingo (Uncle & Aunt) with cousins Emma & Gus! The family will call him Shade.

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 the Weller and Mazingo families in giving Shade to them. 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 him 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.*



### Cherished Members' Luncheon Returns!

This special ministry celebrates our Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends with a luncheon on the **first Thursday of each month beginning October 3rd**. The luncheon begins at 11:30 am in Moseley Hall. It's a great time to get together with friends and enjoy a delicious meal lovingly prepared and served by members of St. Mary's. Be on the lookout for the sign up information.

### With Thanks



Hello church family, I would like to thank all of you for the support and generosity that you showed me during my Eagle Scout Spaghetti Supper fundraising event. The night was made extra special for many reasons: you traveled out in the inclement weather and filled Moseley Hall with joyful conversation. In addition to all of you, I am especially thankful for Ms. Judy Johnson, Mrs. Jo Parrott, and Mr. Mark Moore for your leadership and meal prep; for Jayden Wright and Jude Warren for your music; and for Fr. Tom for the opening blessing. Because of your support, I was able to raise enough money to purchase items to build 75 emergency bleeding kits as well as the training equipment for Arendell Parrott Academy! Thank you again for your support throughout my years of scouting. ~ Jude Tanner

## News at St. Mary's



### Sunday Morning Parish Breakfast

Beginning **Sunday, September 8th**, Sunday Morning Breakfasts provided by the men's cook teams will resume. Join us **each Sunday**

at **9am in Moseley Hall**, and let us serve you and your family a delicious meal before you head to Sunday School. All are invited!!! There is no charge! Love offerings welcome to support this ministry. See Richard Crumbaker if you would like to join a team!



Many thanks to all who participated in this year's Lemonade on the Lawn! Your hospitality and JOY were a blessing to all!

THE  
*Episcopal*  
CHURCH  
*Welcomes You!*



### Life with St. Mary's A Newcomer Gathering

St. Mary's has been blessed to welcome many to the parish family in the last year! If you consider yourself new, or would otherwise appreciate a conversation about the life of faith at St. Mary's, please plan to come to this **3-session series on October 6th, October 13th, & October 30th**. We'll meet after the 10:30am liturgy, and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by the Friday before each gathering to Fr. Tom at [tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com). Welcome!



### Mary's Kitchen Food Drive & Service Date

This quarter, the St. Mary's regularly scheduled service date in October will switch from October 19th to **October 5th** because of the Ironclad Road race and Brad-Fest. We are excited to share in ALL the community activities that Kinston has to offer!

Our corresponding food drive for the Kitchen will be **Sunday, September 29th**. We will collect individually wrapped snack cakes (Little Debbie cakes or something similar). Everyone is invited to drop off their donations to the church during **business hours the week of September 23rd-27th or bring it on Sunday, September 29th to the morning liturgy**. All items collected will be taken to the kitchen that week to coincide with **our new quarterly service date on Saturday, October 5th with the ECW** scheduled to serve. If you would like to volunteer for this date, please contact Audra Haddad.



*Step One: Love God ~ Step Two: Love Your Neighbor*

**Annual St. Mary's Neighborhood Block Party!**

*Sunday, September 29th at 5pm*

Live music, food, and fellowship with our neighbors!

Fun and games for the kids!

Bouncy house!

Bring a dish, invite a friend, and plan to attend!

## Worship

### HOMEcomings SUNDAY!

#### Mary's Day ~ Sunday, September 8th

On Sunday, September 8th, we are excited to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin - our parish's Matron Saint Day ~ with a special homecoming day! The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin is one of the highlights of our calendar, and we invite you to wear something **MARIAN BLUE**, a traditional color of St. Mary. On this day, we will enjoy parish breakfast at 9am in Moseley Hall followed by the start of our church program year with Christian Formation for ALL ages at 9:30am. Our "Cradle" (infant & toddler nursery) and "Junior Faith Academy" (Pre-K through 2nd Grade) rooms will be staffed and open from 8:45am until noon. During the 10:30am liturgy, we will enjoy special music by our choir and visiting trumpeter, and then set aside a special time to offer thanksgiving and a blessing for the new year at St. Mary's Nursery School as well. Please be ready to offer a warm welcome and Christian hospitality to visiting Nursery School families! Afterwards, we will continue our JOYful celebration with a special Homecoming Pot-Luck Lunch in Moseley Hall. Please invite a friend and make plans to join us on this **very** special day in the life of the Church and the life of our Parish!



#### Who was St. Mary the Virgin?

*Mary 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.*



The music ministry at St. Mary's offers many opportunities to share your love of music with others. All are welcome to join ~ non-music readers, beginning music readers, and experienced music readers.

- **Beginning Wednesday, September 11th**, the Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday nights at 5:00pm**.
- **Beginning Wednesday, September 11th**, Pre-K through 5th Grade children will enjoy making music together on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm**.
- **Beginning Wednesday, September 11th**, the Chancel Choir will rehearse on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm**.
- **On Sunday, November 17th at 5pm**, there will be a Choral Evensong with Schola Cantorum in the church.

### ST. BARNABAS

COMMUNITY SERVICE  
Saturday, October 26th at 10am

St. Barnabas St.  
Snow Hill, NC



THE HOLY EUCHARIST LITURGY WILL BE FROM THE 1928 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER WHICH INCLUDES POETIC LANGUAGE LARGELY UNCHANGED FROM ITS ENGLISH PREDECESSOR IN 1552.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

# Christian Formation

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL

Returns Sunday, September 8th

9:30am—10:15am

Adults will meet in the Parlor as they begin a series called "Bible Quest(ions): When, Where, Why, How, and By Whom was today's Bible composed?" The first two sessions of this inquiry, moderated by Vicki Kennedy, will focus on overall Bible structure and Old Testament issues, including translations. The following four Sundays will feature Randy Spaugh discussing each of the four Gospels. Join in to explore the world's most read book!

## Join a conversation...

### ALPHA with St. Mary's

Wednesdays beginning September 11th

Join us in Moseley Hall at 6pm for a shared meal followed by small group time.

*ALL are welcome ~ Free ~ Childcare provided*

RSVP to [tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com)

- Connect with new people
- Watch an episode on a question of faith
- Share your thoughts and hear from others

Alpha



## TRINITY CENTER

The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina

**IN THE WAITING ROOM WITH  
FREDERICK BUECHNER AND  
THE BEATLES...**

**AN ADVENT RETREAT AT  
TRINITY CENTER**

618 Salter Path Road, Salter Path, N.C.

**DECEMBER 6-8, 2024**



Over this weekend, we'll relax into reminders from John, Paul, George, Ringo, and Freddie about waiting with hope while living in The Mystery. God will be our Retreat Leader. Lisa Richey will bring some supplies and surprises.

Contact Nancy Reynolds at Trinity Center for more details and to register -

[nreynolds@trinityctr.org](mailto:nreynolds@trinityctr.org) or 252-247-5600.



# Episcopal Church Women

## ECW EVENTS COMING SOON

### GAME TIME IS A GOOD TIME!

- Join the fun for an afternoon of fellowship and games with the ECW friends you know and those who are new to St. Mary's!
- Many board games from which to choose!
- Many thanks to Becky Darst and Ginny Wade for their love of games! .
- Light refreshments will be served.

**SEPTEMBER 15  
AT 3PM  
IN MOSELEY HALL**

**OCTOBER 5  
AT 8:30AM-NOON  
MARY'S KITCHEN**

### SERVING AT MARY'S KITCHEN WITH LOVE

- Join your fellow ECW friends for a morning of service and serving a warm meal with love at Mary's Kitchen.

### HOLY NIGHT NATIVITY OYSTER SHELL ACTIVITY

- Join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and craftiness to create a Nativity that you can cherish during Advent, Christmas, and throughout the year.
- Sign up information will be sent out at a later date.

**NOVEMBER 17  
AT 3PM  
MOSELEY HALL**

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



## FALL 2024 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  
2ND GRADE (7/8 YEARS OLD)  
MEET IN ROOM #108 (LEGACY "NURSERY")

**Senior  
FAITH  
ACADEMY**  
3RD GRADE (8/9 YEARS OLD) THRU  
5TH GRADE (10/11 YEARS OLD)  
MEET IN VESTRY ROOM UNTIL #112 (LEGACY  
CHOIR RM) IS AVAILABLE AFTER  
CONSTRUCTION

EPISCOPAL YOUTH  
COMMUNITY  
**EYEC**  
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!



**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  
Kids can eat supper with their  
family in Moseley Hall or with the  
Cradle Staff in the Nursery)



All ages are together for music in  
Room #112 (Legacy Choir Room),  
then separate for age-appropriate  
Game Night!



Youth have their  
own small group to  
explore faith  
together with Alpha!



## Coffee

Every other Thursday at 4:15pm, Middle & High Schoolers  
meet at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse for coffee, a devotion, &  
games. This month, we'll meet on September 12 and 26!

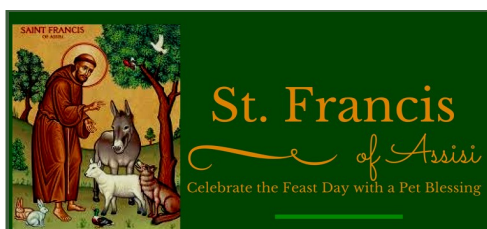


**Happening** is a Christian experience presented by teenagers, for teenagers, with the help of clergy and lay adult leadership. The Happening program seeks to bring young persons and adults to fuller personal knowledge of and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and to a deeper level of commitment and apostleship. Happening is open to young people in 9th-12th grades. **Happening 81 is scheduled for October 18-20, 2024 at Trinity Center.** Registration deadline for Team is September 13, 2024, and registration deadline for Candidates is October, 3, 2024. For more information or to register, go to: <https://dioec.regfox.com/happening-81>.

**DON'T FEAR,**  
BECAUSE I AM WITH YOU;  
**DON'T BE FOR I AM**  
**AFRAID, YOUR GOD.**  
I WILL *strengthen* YOU;  
I WILL *surely help* YOU;  
I WILL *hold* YOU WITH  
MY RIGHTeous STRONG HAND  
(Isaiah 41:10)  
FALL CONFERENCE 2024 - NOVEMBER 15-17 - TRINITY CENTER

**FALL CONFERENCE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS** is a lively retreat  
**November 15th-17th** at Trinity Center for middle schoolers. High schoolers may  
serve on team, and adults may be participants or team members. The team  
application deadline for youth & adults is Wednesday, October 16th. The  
registration deadline for youth and adult participants is Wednesday, October 30th.  
Registration may be completed online at <https://dioec.regfox.com/2024-fall-conference-for-middle-schoolers>.

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



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**THE BLESSING**  
**OF THE**  
**ANIMALS**

On **Sunday, October 6th, at 4pm**, ALL ANIMALS (and their human companions) are invited to 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**.

**SUNDAYS** (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)

Staffed nursery available 8:45am-Noon.

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

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

**WEDNESDAYS** (Childcare available 5:45pm-8pm)

7:00 am - Men's Prayer & Bible Group in Moseley Hall

6:00 pm - ALPHA & Programming for all ages

**ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

2024  
 Rob Bizzell  
 Jess Edwards  
 Jo Parrott  
 Ginny Wade

2025  
 Andrew Duppstadt  
 Bonnie Holton  
 Anne Lindley  
 Jim Purnell

2026  
 Richard Crumbacker  
 Corey Fader  
 Randy Spaugh  
 Kay Turner

Senior Warden – Jess Edwards  
 Junior Warden – Jim Purnell

Clerk – Andrew Duppstadt  
 Treasurer – Corey Fader