



Septembert 2026

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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

ALPHA

For the *curious*

St. Mary's Church
800 Rountree St
Kinston, NC 28501
Wednesdays, starting Sep. 9
6pm
Supper, All Ages, Childcare
No charge



alphausa.org

Alpha

From the Rector

THEREFORE GO AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE
NAME OF THE FATHER AND
OF THE SON AND OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT,

■ MATTHEW 28:19

Dear Friends,

As the summer draws to a close and our lives begin rhythms of work or study or play that the fall makes possible, I am so glad for what lies ahead in the upcoming program year! Our **Homecoming Sunday and pot-luck on September 13** will also hold the celebration of Holy Baptism! The return of **weekly parish breakfasts and**

Christian Formation for all ages on September 20 is something that many of us have been looking forward to all summer. But before all of that, **ALPHA begins on Wednesday, September 9** and will continue until the week before Thanksgiving. Please join in and invite someone, especially one who may not have a church home for any reason! RSVP's by Sep 2 would be especially appreciated. The passage of Scripture that I've included here is a piece of Matthew's version of what is commonly called "**The Great Commission**"... Jesus' marching orders, so to speak, to the Church just before His Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit that empowers the Great Commission to be lived out. The Commission also includes words about 'teaching' the world what Jesus has taught. This is exciting and life-giving work! And all of our programs are offered in the hope of supporting and equipping us in our part of this Great Commission. I pray that you, dear reader, will find in these pages invitations to join and be fed in your part of this Great Commission. Peace,

Tom +

MARY'S KITCHEN FUNDRAISER



St Mary's will host a fundraiser for Mary's Kitchen on October 5th beginning at 5PM. The cost will be \$140 for a party of four. The meal includes **Chicken and Sausage Gumbo**, salad, homemade bread, dessert and drinks. Vegetarian and Gluten-Free options are only available if requested at the time of reservation. Come eat, we will clear your table following your meal, then you will set up your game of choice ... Mah Jongg, Bridge, Poker, Go Fish ... whatever you choose! You bring the supplies needed for your game. We will serve food between 5pm-6pm and game night will close at 8pm. Come have fun, enjoy a homemade dinner and support Mary's Kitchen. Payment is for a full four person table. Checks may be dropped at the Church office or you can pay online using the QR code to the right (choose Mary's Kitchen from the pulldown menu when paying online) or visit stmaryskinston/-/form/give/now.



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In the Anglican Communion

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

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

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The Most Rev. Sean Rowe

Episcopal Church Center

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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. Sarah Fisher, Bishop

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

"Serving with JOY!!"

Jesus First,

Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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Kinston, NC 28501-3655

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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

Transfers In

Charlton Mills

from Holy Trinity (Greensboro)

08/07/2026

Change of Address

Paul & Lois Muller

and Lisa Nolan

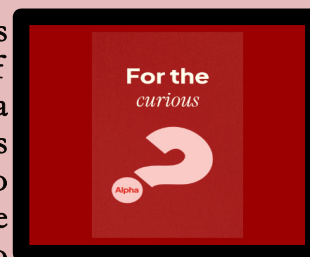
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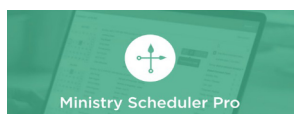


ALPHA

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. Plan now to make Alpha a part of your Wednesday night plans this fall and start the conversation with others that you'd like to invite. Delicious food, faithful teaching, small group conversations, childcare provided. Alpha begins Wednesday, September 9th at 6pm. RSVP by Wednesday, September 2nd that you will join us! Email: tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com or Call: 252-253-6146.



Sunday Serving Schedule



The new Fall serving schedule has been published to MSP for all dates September 1 - November 30. If you are unavailable on any assigned Sunday, request a substitute by logging in from your computer at <http://rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmaryskinston> or using the Ministry Scheduler app on your smartphone. If you have problems, Gerry Fox will be glad to assist you - just reach out to him at gfoxjr@gmail.com.

New Vestry Leadership



We are grateful for Randy Spaugh's dedicated service to God at St. Mary's in many ways and appreciate his leadership on the Vestry. After his recent passing, Audrad Haddad has accepted the Vestry's invitation to serve the remainder of the vacant vestry term, which concludes January, 2027. Welcome, Audra!

More News at St. Mary's

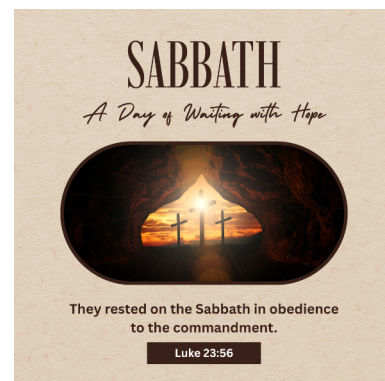
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EPISCOPAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Coming this Fall, the men of St. Mary's are invited to join a new fellowship group focused on friendship, service, and support. Our first gathering will be at 6:00 pm on October 23, 2026, in Moseley Hall. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details.



SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

Starting Sunday, September 20 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.



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.

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



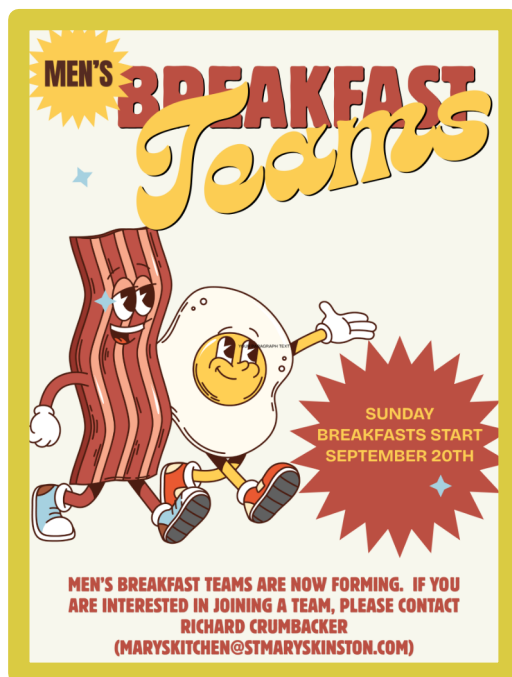
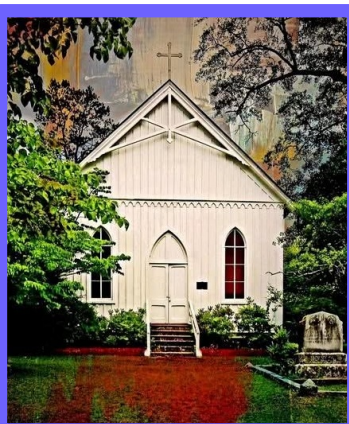
We will celebrate
The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin
September 13, 2026

Wear **BLUE** (the color of St. Mary) and join us as we celebrate this special day in the life of the Church with a St. Mary's Day/Homecoming Sunday covered dish meal. It will be in Moseley Hall. All are encouraged to bring some food to share and enjoy fellowship to celebrate what God is doing in our community and the beginning of our new program year.

TAI CHI CLASS



Join us for a beginner-friendly Tai Chi class focused on improving balance, flexibility, posture, relaxation, and overall well-being. Through gentle, flowing movements and mindful breathing, participants will learn practical exercises that help reduce stress, improve coordination, and promote healthy movement for everyday life. Classes are open to adults and teenagers of all experience levels - no prior martial arts experience is necessary. Our goal is to create a welcoming, fun environment where we can learn, move, and grow together. Please wear loose and comfortable clothing. Classes will be held **on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. starting August 28 in Moseley Hall!** Contact Ashley or Al Brodeur (brodeur.al@outlook.com) for more details.



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, worshiping together, and sharing time in community following the liturgy!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Church Ministry Spotlights

Outreach Serving Opportunities

Looking for ways to get more involved at St. Mary's but not sure where to start? We offer a variety of vibrant outreach ministries dedicated to serving our community. Whether you have an hour a week, or a few hours a month, there is a place for your unique gifts to make a meaningful difference. Contact Sarah Warner, (252) 521-2494, for more information on any of our opportunities.

Mary's Kitchen - Daily opportunities to prepare and serve meals. Food drives and fundraisers held at St Mary's.

Hand in Hand at Northwest Elementary School - Breakfast is served to teachers and staff the week before students begin the school year. Reading tutors are needed to read once weekly with students during the school year.

Blood drives - Blood drives are held several times a year at St. Mary's in Moseley Hall.

Block Party - In the fall we welcome members of St Mary's and our community friends to enjoy food, fellowship, and music on the lawn.

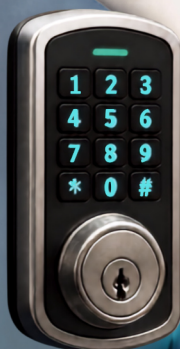
Foster Children's Christmas Gifts - Gifts are gathered and delivered to Social Services for foster children in our community.

Habitat for Humanity - Volunteers are needed when homes are built or remodeled in Lenoir County. Meals are prepared and served to Habitat workers.

Cookie Walk is Returning!! - Cookies are made and sold as a fundraiser for our Outreach programs. A simple lunch is served to sell. Help is needed to display cookies, decorate Moseley Hall, prepare lunch foods, and work at checkout stations.

Glory Ridge - Adults and youth travel on a mission trip to Glory Ridge in Madison County, NC, to worship and fellowship together as well as assist members of the community with needed home repairs.

Church Building Access Update



We are nearly finished transitioning to keypad locks. Once the changeover is complete, the old locks will be rekeyed. If you need access to the church building, please contact the church office to be assigned a keycode.

Calling all Cooks

Members of the Pastoral Care Committee will be making casseroles to restock our freezer for those in need due to sickness, death or other crisis. Please join them in the Kitchen at St. Mary's Church on September 28th beginning at 10am.



Let's cook. Let's care. Let's make a difference.

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



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!

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

WEDNESDAY!



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



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



BEGINNING SEPT 20TH!!

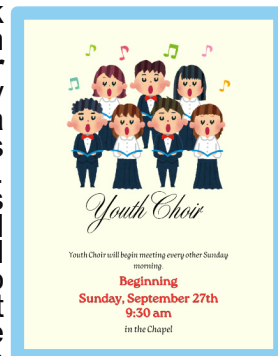
**WHAT'S
ON YOUR
MIND?**

Join a conversation on
life, faith & purpose

**YOUTH ALPHA - JOIN us beginning Wednesday,
September 9th @ 6:00 pm in Moseley Hall for
dinner followed by Alpha activities.**

YOUTH CHOIR

We're excited to kick off Youth Choir on **Sunday, September 27!** We'll meet every other Sunday, 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!



**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**

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COULD YOU BE A VOICE
For a Child?

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Greene, Lenoir, & Wayne Counties

Fall 2026 Training Details
October 1, 2026-November 5, 2026

- 6-week virtual training
- Thursday evenings 5:30pm-8:00pm
- Self guided Moodle room assignments

APPLY NOW: volunteerforgal.org



Contact Us: 919.722.6300 252.520.5450 | GAL.DIST09@nccourts.org

Beginning Wednesday, Sept 9th
Wednesday Night Supper & Programming

JOIN US

Beginning Sunday, Sept 20th
Sunday Morning Breakfast and Formation

SUNDAYS

(Staffed childcare available 8:45am-Noon)

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

9:30 am - Contemplative Prayer (*Tues. and Thurs. in the Chapel*)

WEDNESDAYS

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

Senior Warden – Corey Fader
Junior Warden – Richard Crumbacker

Clerk – Judy Johnson
Treasurer – Jess Edwards