



August 2025

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

The Bell Ringer

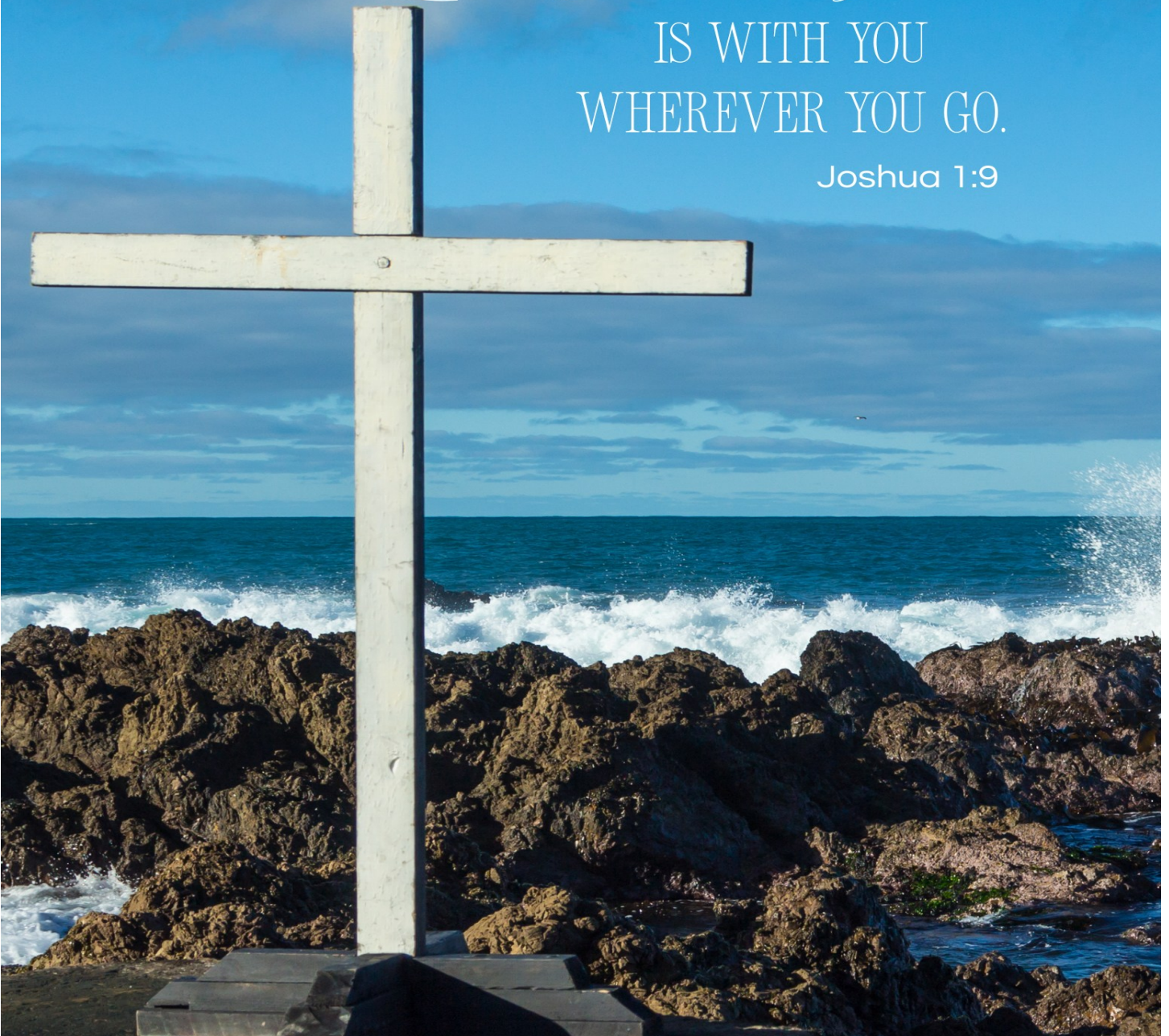
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Lord your God

IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.

Joshua 1:9



From the Rector



“Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But *one thing is needed*, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:42



When St. Mary's adopted the slogan “Serving with JOY,” the words resonated with our leadership for many reasons. One of these reasons is that it has seemed to us that being involved in our community and giving towards its health and well-being is an integral part of what it means to follow Jesus. Among the many ways that we are able to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, mind, body, and soul is to recognize our neighbors as fellow people made in the image of God and to show our love accordingly. The summer has provided our parish family with many opportunities to live into our slogan... I've included images of some work days on the new playground on the Parish Commons (a space intended to be a blessing to the church, Nursery School, and neighborhood alike) and of



Mary's Kitchen that provides a good meal to anyone who walks through its doors “No Questions Asked,” and you'll see more examples in the pages of this BellRinger. As we continue to listen to how the Holy Spirit of God is calling us as individuals and as family to serve with JOY, it is always a helpful thing to be reminded that service in Christ's name is borne, first, from a relationship with God. Recently, this Gospel truth was shared with us from Luke 10:38-42 in the story of Martha and Mary hosting Jesus under their roof. Dear reader, you are surely being called and

invited into good ministries. Pay attention to those callings! And as we do, may we never neglect **the one thing that is needed**: sitting at the feet of Jesus to know Him, to learn from Him, to worship Him. For that is how we will recognize His voice and follow as He calls. God bless you!

Tom +

Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival - January 11, 2026

Could you be a DOOR MARSHALL?

It may be summer, but we're already thinking about the joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus in the Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival! We are in need of 4 people to serve behind the scenes guiding cast members to enter and exit. The festival goes much more smoothly when all of our door marshall positions are filled. By volunteering for this role well before Advent, there will be plenty of time to prepare! Please text Holly Warren at (252) 253-0726 to sign up today!

Parish Commons Development

Among the many developments that have taken shape on the Parish Commons this summer, we want to highlight our three new parking spaces that are ready to be used close to the Kitchen. Until the new alley that will connect to Rountree Street is constructed, drivers should turn around in the lawn closest to the alley to exit back to Rhem Street.



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Jesus First,

Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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News at St. Mary's



From the Parish Register

Burials:

Blanca Davila Brown

June 13, 2025



Congratulations to Emily and Tyndall Davis on the birth of their daughter, Margaret "Margot" Tyndall Davis, who was born the morning of June 11th, 2025. Your prayers of thanksgiving and rest are requested for mother and daughter who are both well. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Let us pray:

Gracious God, Father of us all, we give you thanks for the gift of Margot. Thank you for the blessing you have bestowed upon Emily and Tyndall in giving them a child. 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 this child 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. We pray these things in the name of Your Son. Amen.



With Sympathy

We pray for the repose of the soul of Blanca Davila Brown. Blanca died on June 2nd following a period of illness. Please hold in prayer all those who will miss her, especially remembering: her husband, Greg Brown; son, Alexandro Castillo (Nery); sisters, Dolores Garza, Martha Leticia Davila, Guadalupe Davila, and Maria Angela Davila; brothers, Ricardo Davila Reynaldo; grandchildren, Oswaldo Castillo, Johan Castillo, and Alexandra Castillo; and her host of friends, local and abroad.

Let us pray:

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Blanca. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

News at St. Mary's



Lemonade on the Lawn Concludes August 31st!

Thank you to all who participated in our annual summertime Lemonade on the Lawn! As we wind down summer, enjoy this relaxing, refreshing time together on the breezeway **each Sunday morning immediately following the 10:30am liturgy**. For hosts, the following items will be provided for you: a table (*in the closet under the balcony stairs*), paper products (*in the bin marked Lemonade on the Lawn in the Moseley Hall coffee room or in the closet under the balcony stairs*), and ice (*in the kitchen*). Individuals or families are encouraged to join together to host the refreshments - lemonade and something light to eat such as donuts, cookies, or muffins. On your serving date, set up the table and lemonade/snacks by the end of the 10:30am service. Be sure to clean up and return items after the event.

WE HAVE MOVED!

Paul & Lois Muller & Lisa Nolan
2737 Raye Lynn Drive
LaGrange, NC 28551



We're looking for
blood donors.



St. Mary's Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Monday, August 25th, noon-4pm** in Moseley Hall. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred. Make your reservation online at www.redcrossblood.org and type in STMARYS or phone **1-800-RED-CROSS**. Give the gift of life with Red Cross.

St. Mary's/SMNS Partnership

SMNS will kick off its 51st year the week after Labor Day, and we offer prayers for a wonderful, safe, joy-filled year of learning and growing and we offer our thanksgivings for the teachers and director who minister daily to these children and their families. As we look towards this season, St. Mary's will continue our intentional ministry partnership between the parish and the preschool by showing the love of Christ to the students, families, teachers, and director. We want to support the students by assisting with special events while we minister to the teachers and director by providing care packages and treats. This ministry will assist with the St. Mary's Nursery School Open House nights and extend our heartfelt invitation to Sunday worship, Wednesday evening meals and programming, the Block Party, and other events. We will combine our resources for a fun Trunk-or-Treat event. We welcome your help, participation, and ideas! Join an enthusiastic group of people who want to foster the love between the two communities who both call St. Mary's "home."



Contact Sherry Tanner or Robin Simms for more information and plan to join us **Sunday, August 3rd at 9am** in Moseley Hall for conversations about Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. Light breakfast items will be provided and the Nursery will be open.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Throughout August!

for Northwest
Elementary School

- BACKPACKS
- BLACK AND WHITE COMPOSITION BOOKS
- WOODEN #2 PENCILS
- 16 OR 24 COUNT CRAYOLA CRAYONS (REGULAR OR LARGE SIZE)
- GLUE STICKS
- WIDE-RULE LOOSELEAF PAPER PACKS
- 1 SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
- FOLDERS WITH POCKETS
- BLUNT-TIP SCISSORS

Drop off donated items in the Vestry Room during weekday business hours.

Lastly, if you are interested in providing food for, or assisting with, the annual Northwest Elementary School Back-to-School Teachers' Luncheon on August 18th, please email Laury Sargeant at laurelsargeant@gmail.com

ECW



HIDDEN FIGURES
BASED ON THE UNTOLD TRUE STORY

ALL ARE INVITED TO AN ECW

MOVIE NIGHT



Sunday, August 24th - time TBA
Moseley Hall



We will have popcorn & snacks!



Bring a friend!

The Program Year



The Program Year Begins in September!

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 10th** for the return of Wednesday Night Supper and Programming and **Sunday, September 14th** for the return of Parish Breakfast and Christian Formation for ALL ages!

Each Wednesday, join us in Moseley Hall to be fed physically and spiritually! Suppers begin at 6pm with programming to follow at 6:30pm.

Each Sunday morning, join us in Moseley Hall at 9am for breakfast prepared by the Men's Cook Teams (*no charge, but love offerings are welcome!*). Then, stay for Christian Formation for all ages at 9:30am.

St. Mary's offers a variety of studies throughout the program year, led by our own parish members and leaders. We hope you will join us to feed your heart, soul, and mind!



Worship



**Sunday, August 17th
10:30am liturgy**

Make plans to join us for worship where we will share a special time of prayer to mark the beginning of the new school year.

Students of ALL ages, lifelong learners, and educators are invited to bring their bag of choice for a special Blessing of the Backpacks and the donated Back-to-School supplies.



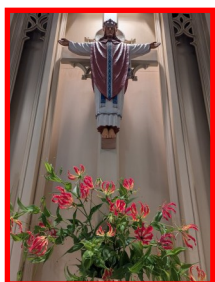
intended for the choir, anyone may attend. Please email Sam at sholt@stmaryskinston.com or text him at 704-438-1252 to confirm your attendance.

Choral Evensong is a beautiful service of music and scriptures, and we are excited to begin our MONTHLY Choral Evensong on **September 14th at 5pm**. Offered on the second Sunday of each month from September-May (*except December and January*), this service will become a St. Mary's tradition and a beautiful offering to the community. Please invite your friends and neighbors!



Mary's Day: Homecoming Sunday

Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family, and join us on **Sunday, September 7th** as we celebrate the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin - our parish's Matron Saint Day ~ with a special homecoming day! Wear something **MARIAN BLUE** if you wish, enjoy special music, extend warm Christian hospitality to friends & visitors as well as the staff and families of St. Mary's Nursery School, and enjoy a special Homecoming Pot-Luck Lunch in Moseley Hall after the 10:30am liturgy!



Pentecost Sunday



St. Barnabas Service



*Making work worship
Habitat Build*

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

— JOIN US — CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES FALL MINISTRY PLANNING



3 August



9am

In Moseley Hall ~ light breakfast items

Nursery Available!



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)



Thank you for being a part of the conversation & support of the Youth & Children Ministries of St. Mary's! We hope you will join us as we invest in the children and youth of St. Mary's for the 2025-2026 curriculum year. Please be sure to fill out the Ministry Leader Interest Form located in the narthex of the church and indicate your area(s) of interest in this or any other ministry this fall. You may also send an email to tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com indicating your areas of interest. God bless the many ways you serve Christ and others in the Church!



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wherever you go. Joshua 1:9**



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS
St. Mary's Annual Block Party
Sunday, September 28th, 2025

Join your St. Mary's family as we extend a warm welcome to our surrounding community! Beginning September 7, we will put out signs and hand-deliver invitations around the neighborhood. We'd love your help as we invite neighbors to this event of food, hospitality, games, music, and fellowship!

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 in Facebook)

11:45 am - Lemonade on the Lawn under the Breezeway Arches

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

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