

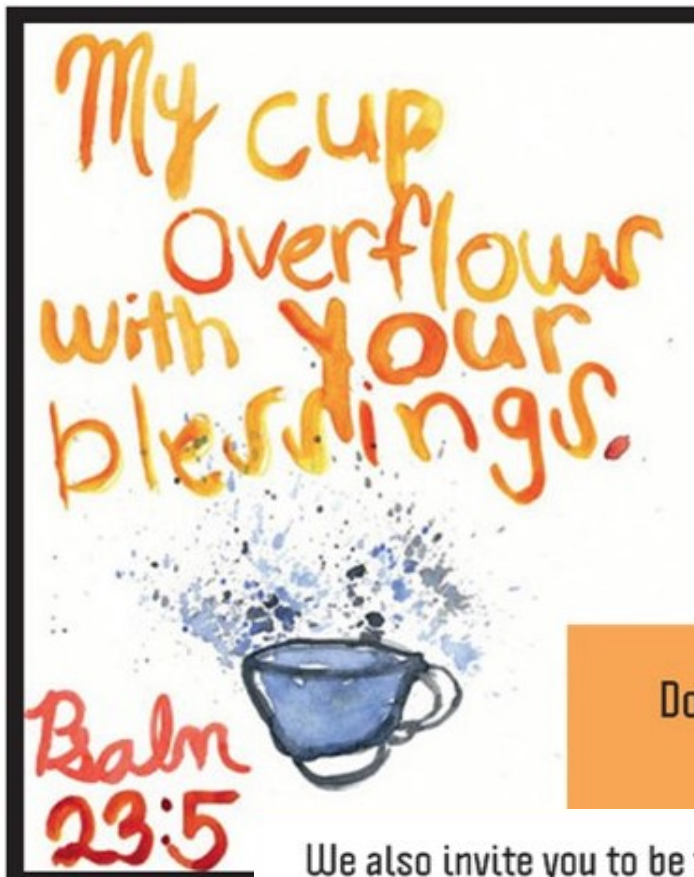


May 2017

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



GROUNDS FOR HOPE

Please join us any morning this spring

in the comfort of your home
in your favorite cozy chair
with a warm mug of coffee

to pray for the community of
Mosovi, Dominican Republic
and the 2017 DR Mission Team

Dominican Republic Mission Team 2017

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Kinston, NC

We also invite you to be the **GROUNDS FOR HOPE**
with a financial donation to support the mission work
of VBS to 100 children, small church repairs, school
supplies, and clean water to each home in Mosovi.

No offering is too small or too big!

Bring the **HOPE** of Christ to Mosovi.

**Donations of \$100 or more received by
June 1, 2017 will receive a 1 pound bag of
fresh and delicious Dominican Coffee!!**

Make checks payable to St. Mary's Episcopal Church (memo: DR MISSION)
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A church of 362 baptized members whose mission is to worship and serve God joyfully, to nurture each other in faith and wholeness, to minister to others, and to manifest the "good news" of Christ.

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News at St. Mary's



Massey Duo Concert

The Massey Duo is a husband and wife duo that has been performing together for over a decade. Flutist, Angela Massey, and clarinetist, Taylor Massey, form an expressive and vibrant ensemble. With every performance, the Massey Duo is augmented with other musicians which allows for a diverse repertoire and the ongoing creation of new programs. For their concert at St. Mary's Church on Friday, May 12 at 7pm, they will be joined by Armenian pianist Vahan Sargsyan. We look forward to hosting these incredibly talented musicians and hope that you'll join us!

A reception will follow the concert and we are deeply grateful to Anne Lindley and the ECW for providing this offering of hospitality.

The John J. and Josephine M. Rowland Scholarship

Please contact LaTonya Smith, Parish Administrator, for the John J. and Josephine M. Rowland Scholarship application. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior(s) who is/are members of St. Mary's Church. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of scholarship, ability, and need.

Applications must be returned to the Parish Office by 12:00 noon on May 8, 2017. No applications will be accepted after this time. The scholarships will be awarded by the end of May.

Senior Sunday

Graduations are a special time! On May 21st, we will honor our graduating high school seniors at the 10:00 am service.

In the June issue of *The Bell Ringer* we will list all graduates. If you or your child is graduating, please forward this information to ljohnson@stmaryskinston.com, Linda Johnson, our Parish Secretary, or call the church office at 252-523-6146. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Thank you to Gilda & Mark Hollar, Kelli Stroud and Sandra Warren for their fantastic and dedicated work in organizing and providing the meals for our parish family this year. These opportunities for fellowship are such a gift to the church family. Dinners return in September!

From the Interim Rector

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Dear Friends,

May is shaping up to be full of the joy of the Risen Lord! The Great Fifty Days continues throughout the entire month! So, I'm wondering where you will encounter the Lord Jesus here at St. Mary's? Will it be in those sacred moments as we worship together? Will it be in shared laughter with a brother or a sister? Perhaps in the sweet faces of our children you will see the face of the Risen Lord? I wonder where you will encounter our resurrected Savior?

I know that the Living Lord is here, yearning to connect with us and empower us with the Holy Spirit. One of the times that I experience his presence most profoundly is at the passing of the peace. At that time, there is a chorus of joy that arises as we clasp one another's hands and offer Christ's own words of peace. What a powerful reminder of Christ's power and presence!

I wonder where you will encounter the Risen Lord, St. Mary's?

May the love of the cross, the power of the resurrection and the presence of the Living Lord, be with you during these Great Fifty Days and always,

Judith⁺

St. Mary's offers sympathy

St. Mary's offers sympathy to the family of Althea Holton upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Genetear Oliver. Please keep Mrs. Oliver's family, especially Althea, Randy, and Brandon in your prayers.

An Evening to Celebrate!

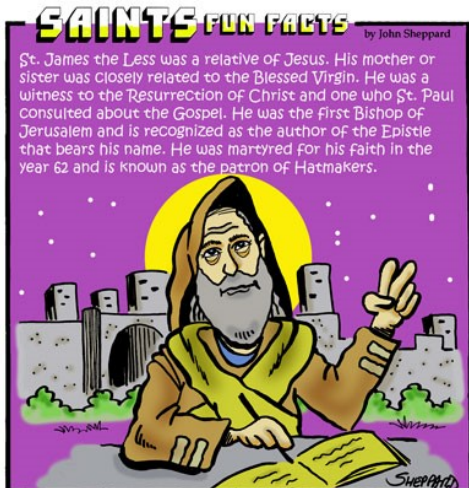


On Friday, April 7, a banquet was held to recognize the volunteers whose service make possible the mission and ministry of Mary's Kitchen. LaTonya Smith, the Executive Director of Mary's Kitchen and St. Mary's Parish Administrator, coordinated the event. Everyone who had served in some way throughout the year was invited to attend. Mr. P.C. Barwick, Jr., Mr. Mark Hollar and Mrs. Mary Hosea all received MVP (Most Valuable People!) awards for their long years of devoted service to Mary's Kitchen. Mr. Del Nix received a trophy for accruing the Most Volunteer Hours over his twenty years of service. Last year, Mary's Kitchen served approximately 43,350 meals to anyone who came seeking a warm meal, no questions asked. This has been the mission of Mary's Kitchen since its beginning over 30 years ago.

St. Mary's Church has a team that coordinates the meals at Mary's Kitchen one Saturday every three months. If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, please call the parish office or email LaTonya at lsmith@stmaryskinston.com.



Worship



St. Mary's observes the

Feast Days of the Church with a celebration of Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers on Wednesday of the week in which a feast day falls on the calendar. All liturgies are held in the All Saints' Chapel at 12:00 noon. This month, we will celebrate:

- the Feast of Ss. Philip & James (May 3),
- Ascension Day (May 24),
- the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31).

Prayers of healing of all kinds and for any person are most welcome. Please plan to join your parish family for this service.

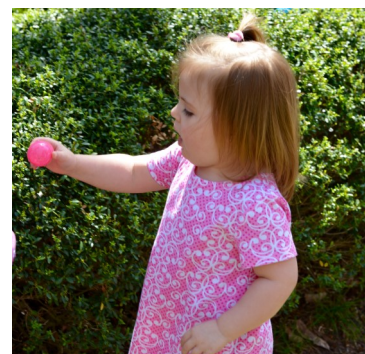


Memorial Day

Sunday, May 28, 2017

On this Memorial Day weekend we will remember, by special prayers and with the laying of a wreath in St. Francis Garden, friends of St. Mary's that have died while serving in the Armed Forces of our country. If you have a loved one who died while serving in the military, please send that name to ljohnson@stmaryskinston.com, Linda Johnson our Parish Secretary.

BLESS YOU!!! To all the many people whose ministries made our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter liturgies possible. A special thank you to the altar guild, choirs, musicians, acolytes, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and children's ministers for sharing their gifts, love, and talents at St. Mary's!



Christian Formation

Celebrating our Christian Formation Leaders

On Sunday, May 21, we will acknowledge and thank the many church leaders whose teaching ministries have proven to be so helpful this program year. If you were a part of leading any Sunday morning or mid-week Christian education offering this year, please plan to be at the 10am liturgy on May 21.



**where faith grows
and hungry people
are fed**

Soles4Souls

On Palm Sunday, April 9th, members of the church gathered in Moseley Hall following the 10am liturgy and boxed hundreds of pairs of shoes which were shipped to Nashville, TN where they will be distributed as needed throughout the world. St. Mary's has shipped over 7,500 pair of shoes to *Soles4Souls* the past 7 years! We thank all those who contributed and packed shoes. A special thank you to Rachel Singer for her leadership in this ministry. Additionally, this year the boxes of packaged shoes were part of a prayer station in Moseley Hall on Tuesday in Holy Week that the EYC coordinated. Worshipers were invited to pray for the *Soles4Souls* organization as well as for the people who played a part in the St. Mary's outreach and all people who would be impacted by this initiative. May God bless all involved!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All Hands on Deck!

Here is what St Mary's is being asked to provide for this summer's VBS:

- Popcorn - enough to yield 80 cups (either kernels or microwave bags or pre-popped; if pre-popped, can deliver the week of VBS)
- Marshmallows - 60 oz.
- Sour Patch Kids candies - at least 300 individual candies
- Sticky printer labels, 3 1/3 x 4" each (for example, Avery 8164) - 150 labels
- Bottles of Water - approximately 50 bottles (12-17 oz in size)
- Plastic drinking straws (variety of shapes, diameters, colors)

Please be in touch with Shelly Yarbrough at syarbrough@lenoir.k12.nc.us if you can help us meet these needs. Supplies should be brought to the church office by Sunday, June 4.

Registration Information for this year's VBS Abundance Orchard (hosted at First Presbyterian Church, June 19-22) [may be found at https://vbspro.events/p/events/kinstonvbs](https://vbspro.events/p/events/kinstonvbs). Please plan to invite all the kids you know and understand that your help would be appreciated so much! It's going to be a joyful week!

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, May 7

EYC Brunch

Wednesday, May 10

No EYC

Sunday, May 14

Happy Mother's Day!

EYC does not meet.

Wednesday, May 17

Study. Pray. Eat.

Homework Hangout 3p

EYC/Compline 5:30p

Supper 6:15p

Sunday, May 21

EYC Coffee Talk

Wednesday, May 24

Study. Pray. Eat.

Same as May 17

Sunday, May 28

EYC Coffee Talk

Wednesday, May 31

Study. Pray. Eat.

Same as May 17

June 22-26

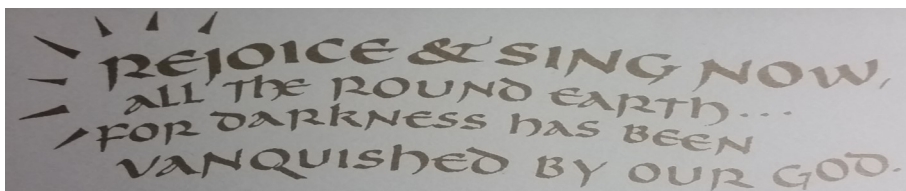
Erasing the Lines

Sunday, July 23; 2-3:30

Glory Ridge Skills Workshop

July 30 - August 5

Mission Trip to Glory Ridge



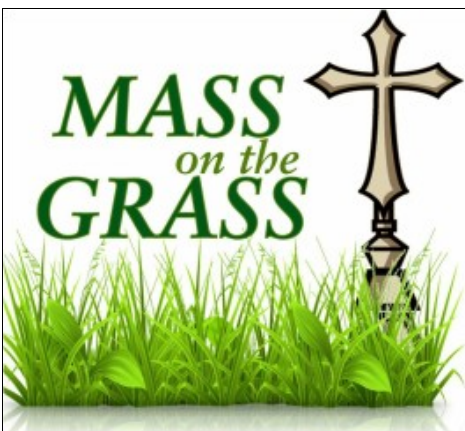
It was a great blessing to travel Lent & Holy Week with the EYC. I heard great stories of New Beginnings at Trinity Center and was impressed with their spiritual gifts in planning and leading the evening of worship on Tuesday of Holy Week that included Compline, officiated by Anna Haddad, with a powerful homily by Kirby Ballard and a labyrinth in Moseley Hall. The season culminated when Easter was joyfully rung in by a score of worshipers at the EYC Easter Vigil. Chloe Albritton baked the beautiful communion bread. God is most certainly alive and moving in the young people of St. Mary's! Happy Easter!!!

Fr. Tom+



Other news

A great big thank you to the members of St. Mary's who graciously participated in our 2017 Lenten Outreach project. Due to the generosity of this parish, a check in the amount of \$1,500 was presented to St. Mary's Nursery School teacher Kim Winter along with a card signed by many members of St. Mary's assuring her of our continued prayers for her healing and in thanksgiving for her ministry to the children of SMNS.



Please note the change in date for this Spring's Mass on the Grass. It is now rescheduled for Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Special music is being planned for this delightful liturgy. A pot-luck will follow. Please invite a friend to join you on this great celebration!



4th Sunday Breakfasts!

Some men of the church are bringing back a tradition from years ago and will be serving a home-cooked breakfast to ALL in Moseley Hall in between the 8am and 10am liturgies. Food will be served between 9 and 9:40am on Sunday, May 28. There is no charge for the meal, but donations will be accepted to help support future fellowship activities of the parish family. Thank you to the cooks and to all who will come and enjoy this great fellowship opportunity!

"Lemonade on the Lawn" begins in June

Light summer refreshments will be offered on Sundays this summer. Once again we will be offering a time of fellowship and refreshment following the 10:00 am celebration of the Holy Eucharist. "Lemonade on the Lawn" will begin June 11th.



Individuals or families can go together to host the refreshments. You are asked to provide lemonade and something to eat. A sign-up sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Paper products will be provided.

Linda Johnson, our Parish Secretary, will be coordinating this ministry. Should you have any questions, call Linda at 252-523-6146 or email her at www.ljohnson@stmaryskinston.com.

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Cherished Members and Friend's Luncheon



Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends are invited to the next luncheon to be held on Thursday, May 4th. The luncheon gets underway at 11:30 a.m.

If you've not been before we urge you to attend. It's a great time to get together with old friends and to make a new friend or two.

Those planning to attend are asked to sign up in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office.

The luncheons are a ministry of St. Mary's ECW.

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 11:15 a.m. – Sunday School

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2017	2018	2019
H. Earl Harper	P.C. Barwick, Jr.	Ron J. Albertson
J. Mark Herring	Clifton W. Carey	Juliet S. Barrus
John K. John	Becky C. Darst	Walter R. Poole, Jr.
John "Sandy" Shimer, Jr.	Milton D. "Dee" Warner, Jr.	Jonathan L. Sargeant
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Junior Warden – Walter R. Poole		
Clerk – Becky C. Darst		
Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley		