



October 2022

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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

*A
New Season*

FALL INTO
CHURCH
with
St. Mary's

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

From the Rector



I've never been on a television game show and don't expect that I ever will, which may be part of the reason why it has been SO much fun for me to cheer on my friend and fellow Episcopal priest, David Sibley (St. Paul's; Walla Walla, WA) in Jeopardy recently. David and I were Canterbury Scholars together in England the summer before our senior year in seminary (me at Duke

and him at General Theological Seminary in New York). He's incredibly smart (as the Jeopardy audience now also knows!), and he's also funny, witty, and simply a generally positive person to share time with. As I write these words, David has won 4 games! In addition to enjoying his skill at playing the game itself, there have been some other neat highlights too. There was the story about how his church was *given* over a ton of old candles when they were left outside the door! There was discussion about what a faithful "Biblical" wager for Final Jeopardy might be (10%?!). There was mention of how David may or may not use a buzzer during his sermons each week. But my favorite moment thus far was when he spoke of his young daughter and how he "wants the world for her." His love for his little girl was clear and it is beautiful. It made me think of how God's perfect love is always for and with each of us - and how God showed His love to the world so beautifully and so fully through His son, Jesus. Of course, David isn't perfect - his winning streak will end sometime (even Ken Jennings lost after all!), and not even his love is perfect. But he has brought a lot of joy to many people this week, and I pray that others might also be reminded of what our Father's love holds for us all. Peace,

Tom +

Consecration Sunday is Coming!



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. St. Mary's Vestry has selected the New Consecration Sunday

Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis. New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" Each Sunday of October, we will have a guest speaker during the announcements period of our service. Then, **on Consecration Sunday, October 30th**, we will have a guest preacher who will include a brief period of instruction and inspiration, concluding with an opportunity for members to make their commitments as a confidential act of worship. Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday, either online or in-person. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday!

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News at St. Mary's



From the Parish Register

Burial:

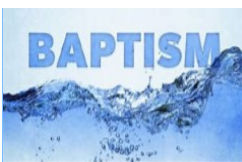
Ralph Shimer

September 10, 2022



**ADDRESS
CHANGE**

Pam and Raelynn Sheffield
3365 Alton Phillips Rd.
Kinston, NC 28504



We are thrilled to have a baptism planned for Wells Means, son of Abby and Trey Means on **Sunday, October 23rd, during the 10:30am liturgy**. Please keep Wells, his parents, and his baptismal sponsors in your prayers. Please make every effort to join us that day as we welcome the newest member of the houseful of God and renew our own Baptismal vows at all services that day.



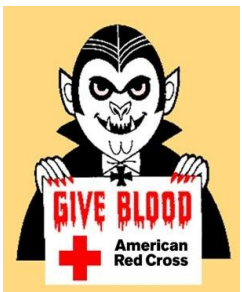
Mass on the Grass Update

We will celebrate the Eucharist and worship together indoors at regular times **this Sunday, October 2nd!** Due to the anticipated impact of Hurricane Ian, the outdoor Mass on the Grass and Potluck Luncheon has been cancelled. Another date has not been selected for the next Mass on the Grass at this time.



Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will meet **after church on Sunday, October 16th**. Lunch will be provided.



Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a Fall Blood Drive on **Monday, October 24th, from noon-4pm** in Moseley Hall. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred. To make yours, go to www.redcrossblood.org or phone 1-800-REDCROSS.

More News at St. Mary's (cont'd)



Life with St. Mary's: A Newcomer Gathering

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 the continuation of this **3-session series on October 9th & October 23rd**. 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. Welcome!!



Cherished Members' Luncheon Returns!

This special ministry celebrates our Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends with a luncheon in **Moseley Hall at 11:30am on the first Wednesday of each month beginning October 5th**. 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. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the parish office!



Sunday Morning Parish Breakfast

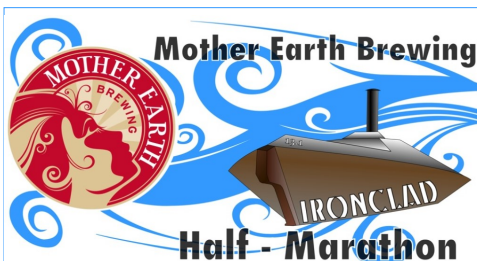
Sundays at 9am

Moseley Hall

Provided by Men's Cook Teams

All are invited!!!

No charge - love offerings accepted



Ironclad Race Aid Station

St. Mary's is on the route for the MEB Ironclad Race 1/2 Marathon (and a block away from the 5k route) on **October 15th**. In the spirit of Christian hospitality, St. Mary's will serve as an Aid Station near the race's "home stretch." Would you cheer on the runners and hand out water that Saturday morning? If so, please contact the church office!

Coming Soon!!!

The St. Mary's Bookstore is returning! This wonderful treasure of books for all ages is located in the Vestry Room of the Parish Office Wing. Be on the lookout for more information to be released soon.



2022 CLERGY CONFERENCE

Father Tom will be away at Trinity Center attending the Clergy Conference of the Diocese of East Carolina from **October 24th - 26th**.

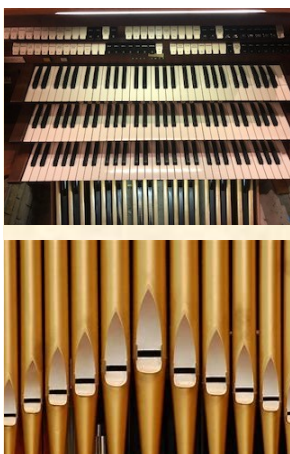
Worship



St. Francis of Assisi

Celebrate the Feast Day with a Blessing of the Animals

On **Sunday, October 2nd, at 4pm**, ALL ANIMALS are welcome inside 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**.



Choirmaster Sharon Veitch's Doctorate Recital

You are cordially invited to attend an organ recital by Sharon Veitch at St. Mary's Church on **Saturday, October 8th, at 1pm**. Over the years, Sharon has blessed St. Mary's with her musical offerings and leadership of the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Children's Choir, all while completing her Doctorate Degree. "The Seasons of the Liturgical Church" will highlight favorites such Veni Emmanuel and conclude with Veni Creator and will represent works of Bach, Durufle, Candlyn, Dupre, Messiaen, Bingham, and Burkhardt. This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the degree of Doctor of Sacred Music.

A poster for the Schola Cantorum Choral Evensong. It features a dark background with several lit candles in the foreground. A small white cross is centered above the text. The text "SCHOLA CANTORUM CHORAL EVENSONG" is written in large, bold, gold letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is "Sunday, October 16, 2022 5:00PM" and "St. Mary's Episcopal Church".

St. Barnabas

Semi-Annual Service

Join us for this special service on **Saturday, October 29th, at 10am** in Snow Hill, NC. The Holy Eucharist liturgy will be from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, and there will be fellowship time immediately following. All are welcome!



There are **99 days** between October 1st and the 2023 Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival on January 8!

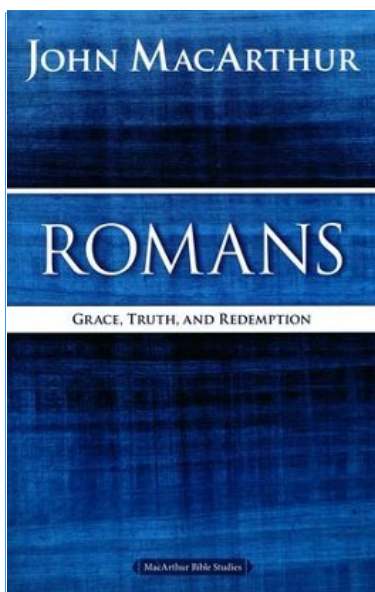


- ⇒ **The Handbell Choir:** Rehearsal on Thursday nights at 5:45pm
- ⇒ **The Chancel Choir:** Rehearsal on Thursday nights at 7pm
- ⇒ **The Children's Choir:** Rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Mark your calendars!

- † November 6th at 6pm ~ All Saints' Sunday Evensong
- † November 8th at 6pm ~ Ordination to the Priesthood of Greg Smith

Christian Formation



Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

The Adult Christian Formation Class will be studying the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Romans during the fall. Bishop N. T. Wright calls the letter to the Christians in Rome "Paul's masterpiece." This masterpiece is all about God, who unveils divine power and grace through the good news of Christ Jesus. And, the really, really good news is that Christ's power and grace is available for all. Our conversations will follow the book on Romans from the MacArthur Bible Studies series. A free copy of the book will be provided to every participating household. There will be plenty of time for discussion! We meet in Moseley Hall on Sunday mornings right after breakfasts, beginning at 9:30 am. Our Adult Christian Formation Team, led by John John, are the facilitators for this class. Join us!

"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection." -Romans 12:9-10



Join us for Alpha

Every Wednesday at St. Mary's Church
Dinner starts at 6pm * ALPHA starts at 6:30pm
All are invited!!!

Episcopal Church Women



Happy Fall!!!

Many thanks for the Women's House of Hope donations. Those ladies get so excited about laundry detergent, paper towels, and toilet tissue!!!

The wonderful ECW group serves at Mary's Kitchen on **Saturday, October 1st, from 8:30am-12pm.**

The ECW Bulb Sale Fundraiser continues this month. Don't miss this wonderful fundraising effort that supports the many ministries of the ECW within our parish and our larger community. Be sure to place your order **before the deadline, Tuesday, October 11th.**

Also, remember that Caring Casseroles and Cards (CCC) is a wonderful ministry to reach out to those who are homebound. Sign up sheets for both cards and casseroles are available in the church Narthex or at these links: for cards at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945ADA62EA2FE3-ccc or for casseroles at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945ADA62EA2FE3-cccaring.

And lastly, don't forget our first ever Starry Night Movie Night on **Sunday, October 9th at 7pm.** We will be showing *Sabrina*, with Audrey Hepburn. Bring your chair, blanket, and beverage - we will supply the popcorn!

We hope you will join us this fall for all the wonderful moments of faith and fellowship!

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



EYC Coffee with Liz

Thursdays in October ~ 4:00-5:30 pm
(at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse)

Wednesday Night Suppers & Lessons

Wednesdays in October ~ 6-7:30pm
All Ages

Join us for dinner, time to learn, and time to grow together. Staffed nurseries are available.

Kid's Sunday School

Each Sunday in October ~ 9:30-10:20am
Birth-5th Grade

Join us for Bible story time, activities, prayer, and fun!

EYC Formation

Each Sunday in October ~ 9:30-10:20am
6th grade-12th grade

Join us for Bible questions, discussion, activities, prayer, and fellowship!

Youth Confirmation Class Meeting

Each Sunday in October ~ 9:30-10:20am
Confirmation Students

Join us as we journey through the process of discovering what it means to be confirmed.

Some classes will be with all the EYC students. Be sure to check the schedule.

From the Desk of Liz:

Now that the school year has started and our fall programming year at St. Mary's is underway, we hope you are finding your rhythm for this season of life. Please join us for all the regular happenings, as well as the seasonal events, we have at St. Mary's. We are excited to share this journey in life with you!

Join us for these events in October:

- **Sunday, October 2nd, at 4pm**
Blessing of the Animals service
- **Saturday, October 8th, from 7-9pm**
Family Movie Night @ St. Mary's
We will be watching Hocus Pocus 2!
- **Sunday, October 16th, from 1-2:30pm**
Pumpkin Carving & Painting (West Lawn)
BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin) *or*
contact Liz if you would like us to supply one for you!
ALL are welcome to join the fun!
- **Friday-Sunday, October 21st-23rd**
Happening #78
There is still time to sign up!
See Liz for more details!
- **Monday, October 31st, from 4:30-6:30pm**
Trunk-OR-Treat
Join us for games, candy, and fellowship
Located on the West Lawn
- **Friday-Sunday, November 4th-6th**
St. Mary's Family Camping Trip
Join us for hiking, camping, games, fun, prayer, and community
Cost: \$20/person or \$60/family of >3
Contact Liz for questions or to sign up

SAVE THESE DATES

November 18-20 - Fall Conference for Middle Schoolers

November 23 - EYC at Mary's Kitchen

Liz

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800 Rountree Street
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CARDS, CASSEROLES, & CARE MINISTRY

Join CCC (CARE through CARDS and CASSEROLES), a ministry partnership with the ECW and Pastoral Care. With CCC, there will be monthly sign ups to make one 8x8 casserole to stock the ECW freezer and/or send cards to parishioners who can not make it to church. Sign up sheets for both cards and casseroles are available in the church Narthex or at these links: for cards at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945ADA62EA2FE3-ccc or for casseroles at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945ADA62EA2FE3-cccaring. Pam Mazingo with Pastoral Care will communicate the names and addresses for sending cards with the volunteers each month, and casseroles will be distributed from the ECW freezer on an as needed basis.

SUNDAYS

8:00 am (Online) - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Spiritual Communion)
 posted to [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel

9:00 am - Breakfasts for all in Moseley Hall

9:30 am - Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

6:00 pm - ALPHA (Meal & Discussions) in Moseley Hall

Regarding face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase (usually referring to private confession) applies: All may, some should, none must. While all are welcome to wear a face covering at any time, we affirm the CDC recommendations regarding when it is advised that face coverings are to be worn indoors while other people are present. No one is required to wear a face covering at St. Mary's.

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2022	2023	2024
John John	Skip Greene	Clifton Carey
Scott Turik	Audra Haddad	Jess Edwards
Dee Warner	Vicki Kennedy	Jo Parrott
	Pam Mazingo	
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Junior Warden – Harry Wooten	Treasurer – Jon Sargeant	