



November 2022

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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



Advent

*The Season of Preparation
begins*

Sunday, November 27th

From the Rector



By the grace of God
and with the consent of the People

The Right Reverend
Robert Stuart Skirving

Bishop of the Diocese of
East Carolina will ordain

Gregory Smith

To the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy
Catholic and Apostolic Church
on Tuesday, the eighth of November
two thousand and twenty-two
at six o'clock in the evening
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Your prayers and presence are requested!

sac·ra·ment NOUN

The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace. (BCP, 857)

I wonder, what are some ways that you might describe having sensed God's presence in your life at some time or another? James 1:17 tells us that every good gift in our lives comes from God, so an eye towards gratitude for blessings around us will reveal countless ways that God is near. Additionally, the Episcopal Church affirms God's promises to make His presence known in certain specific occasions too. We call these sacraments.

Each time a person accepts the gift of being adopted as a child of God in baptism, or the bread & wine of communion nourishes the bodies & souls of the faithful in the Eucharist (the Great Thanksgiving!), God is most assuredly present! These are meant for every single person, which is why they are called the two great **sacraments**. The five **sacramental rites** (read more on pg. 860 of the Prayer Book) are not necessary for all persons, but only for those whom have been called to them.

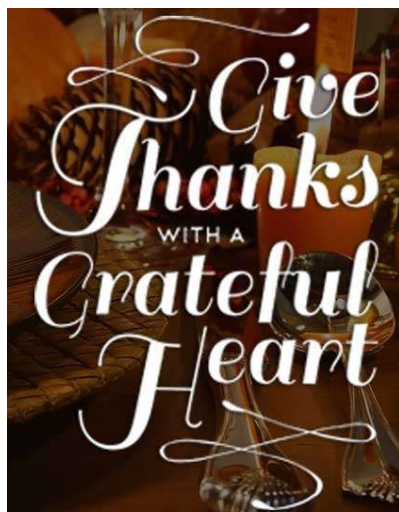
Let us all rejoice and hold in prayer those who, this month, accept God's call in their lives to

be baptized, to share in communion with Christ, to take steps towards confirmation and marriage, to be reconciled, to be healed, and to be ordained. What a joyous gift it is to share in this live-giving and loving community of faith!

Tom +

Thanksgiving Day: A Liturgy of Holy Baptism
with the Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

This Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov 24) at 10am, all are welcome to come to the All Saints' Chapel of St. Mary's Church for a joyful service of thanks. The Celebrant and Preacher will be the Rev. Canon Mollie Roberts. At this time, Reed Burt (Canon Mollie's grandson) will be baptized and all will share in lifting thanks and praise to God for the countless blessings of this life. We look forward to sharing the joy of this day with you, and hope you will invite others to join!



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Jesus First,

Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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Sr. Warden	Mrs. Vicki Kennedy
Jr. Warden	Mr. Harry Wooten
Parish Administrator	Mrs. Lori Kelly
Ministry Coordinator (Youth/Families)	Mrs. Liz Hengst
Organist & Choirmaster	Mrs. Sharon Veitch
Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey

News at St. Mary's



From the Parish Register

Baptisms:

Wells Theodore Means
(October 23, 2022)

Funerals:

Suzanne Setzer Bizzell
(October 30, 2022)

Transfers In:

Dolph, Heather, Mollie, & Rudy Mintz ~ from Westminster UMC
(October 3, 2022)



Our sympathy extends to Judy Carey on the death of her oldest brother, David Michael (Mickey) Williams, who died October 9th from a rare autoimmune disease at the age of 87. Also, the prayers of the faithful are asked for the repose of the soul of our beloved in Christ, Suzanne Bizzell, who died October 25th. Please hold Suzanne's entire family, especially her husband, Rob, and their daughters, Beth and Maggie, in your prayers

during this tender time. Let us pray:

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with the Williams, Carey, and Bizzell families in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Join Us! We're Hiring!

St. Mary's is now receiving applications for several part-time Nursery Staff positions. The ideal applicant will have experience working with and caring for children, ages birth-5th grade. CPR Certified is a plus, but training would be provided. Hours will be 9:00am - noon on Sundays, Wednesdays 5:30-8pm, and occasional other hours for seasonal events. Interested applicants should contact Liz Hengst, Family Ministry Coordinator, at lhengst@stmaryskinston.com with your resume or letter of experience.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to **"FALL BACK"** one hour on **Sunday, November 6th.**



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

MINISTRY Minute

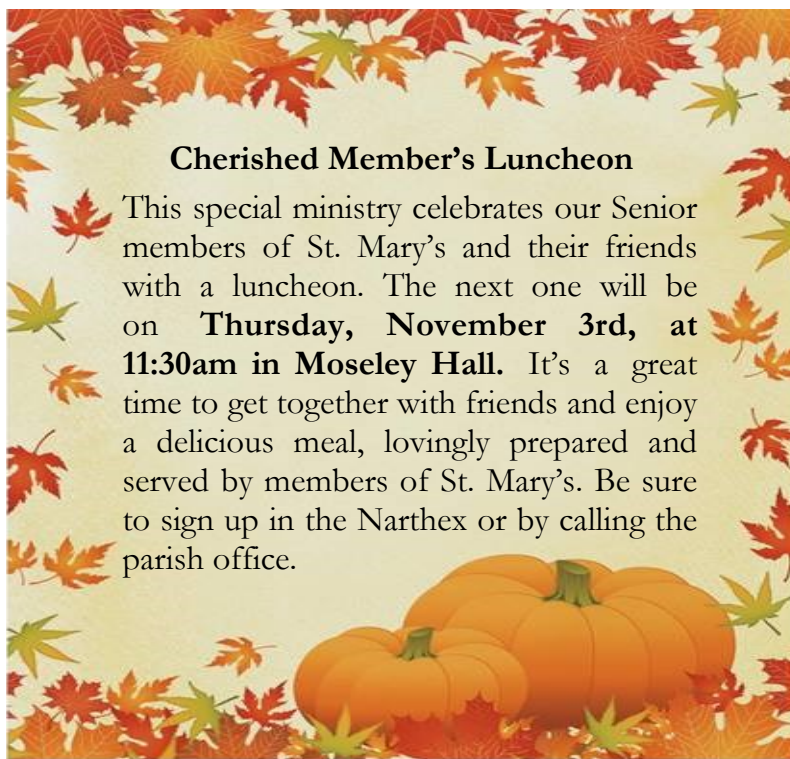
Music is a wonderful part of the Worship Commission at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Our Choirmaster is Sharon Veitch (sveitch@stmaryskinston.com or 910-548-6836). Sharon, and all members of the music ministry, welcome your questions and participation. In addition to the Chancel Choir (*which practices on Thursday evenings and occasional Sunday mornings before the 10:30am service*), we also have a Handbell Choir and Children's Choir. Music is a vital part of our worship, and many lives are blessed each Sunday through the lyrics and tunes that guide our worship. Isn't it time you joined the fun?

The Worship Committee will meet Tuesday, November 1st, at 5pm in the Vestry Room.



Cherished Member's Luncheon

This special ministry celebrates our Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends with a luncheon. The next one will be on **Thursday, November 3rd, at 11:30am 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 sure to sign up in the Narthex or by calling the parish office.



St. Mary's
Book + Gift Store

The St. Mary's Book Store invites you to read for JOY!! **Beginning Sunday, November 6th, our Book Store will be open for 30 minutes after the 10:30 service.** Step into the Vestry Room and discover all we offer. Prayer Books, Bibles, Scripture Commentary, Guides to the Episcopal Church, and a wonderful collection of reading materials will enrich your spirit. Children's books, Advent calendars, cards, jewelry, and gift items will make special presents for this holiday season. We happily accept either cash or check. Come and enjoy our pre-inflation prices. If you'd like to serve as a volunteer Book Store clerk, call or text Vicki Kennedy 252-560-5893.



Volunteers Needed!

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Are you looking for a way to serve in the life of St. Mary's? Occasionally, the parish office is in need of volunteers for various reasons. **During November 7-10th & 14th,** Lori Kelly, our beloved Parish Administrator, will be out of the office. and there is still a need for a volunteer/volunteers on the 8th as well as the morning of the 14th. You may volunteer for an entire day or simply a period of time. Volunteers will show Christian hospitality by answering phones, greeting guests, and unlocking and locking the door at the start and end of the work day. Please contact Lori at 252-523-6146 or email at lkelly@stmaryskinston.com if you can help!



The Parish Office **will be closed Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The parish staff wish you and your family a joyous, safe holiday!

Vestry



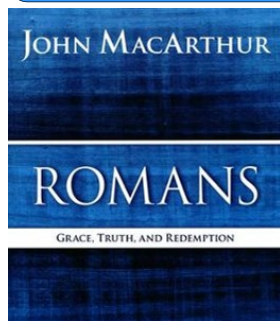
Vestry Nomination Process

The Vestry of St. Mary's has a vital role in the leadership of this parish, and St. Mary's will soon elect its next 4-person class of vestry leaders.

1. On October 21, a preliminary list of members who are eligible to serve on the vestry was shared via email. The parish office needed any necessary corrections by Sunday, October 30.
2. In November, nomination forms will be emailed and posted in the Narthex with instructions on the "Nomination by Ballot" process.
3. The Vestry's Nominating Committee (consisting of the 4 out-going members) will form a 4-person candidate slate based on the nomination ballots. In the event of a tie, the Nominating Committee will be trusted to discern an appropriate solution based on the needs of the parish.
4. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place during the 10:30am liturgy on Sunday, December 4, 2022 during which the 4-person slate will be voted on. Please plan now to attend worship this joyous day!

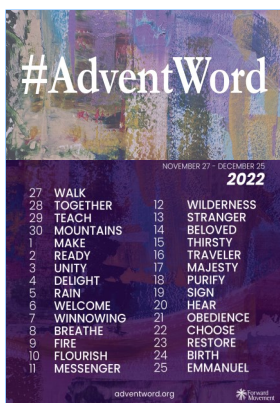
Serving on the Vestry of St. Mary's is service to Christ himself and is an honor and privilege. Please be in prayer for discernment about who you sense may be called to serve in this way and may God bless the leadership of this church.

Adult Christian Formation



Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

Our Adult Christian Formation Team, led by John John, continues its study from MacArthur Bible Studies series on Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Romans. This masterpiece is all about God, who unveils divine power and grace through the good news of Christ Jesus and His power and grace for all. We meet in Moseley Hall on Sunday mornings right after breakfasts, beginning at 9:30 am. All are invited!

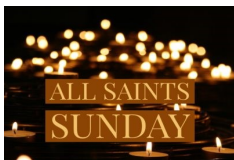


#ADVENTWORD

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th! Forward Movement has announced the 2022 reflection words for AdventWord, a global online advent calendar and community of disciples. For nearly a decade AdventWord has inspired followers of Jesus who wish to add an accessible prayer practice to their daily routine during this Holy Season. Daily meditations and images - inspired by a prompt word selected from the daily lectionary readings - will be released at adventword.org, beginning **Sunday, November 27**. Participants can sign up to receive this daily message, in English and Spanish, by email or by following [AdventWord on social media](#). Gathering a worldwide community, AdventWord provides a daily meditation, visual

image, and invites your personal reflections via social media to share your own Advent journey. Thousands have participated each year, responding to the words with photos, written responses, crafts, drawings, poems, found art, and Holy Spirit-filled posts. All-in-one graphics, bulletin inserts, and printable calendars of the 2022 prompt words are available for download at adventword.org.

Worship



All Saints Sunday, November 6th *For all the saints, who from their labors rest*

All Saints worship is a deeply meaningful Principal Feast Day that will be observed this year on **Sunday, November 6th**. We have the added blessing this year to celebrate the baptisms of Brent Campbell, Kathy Hyler, Bethany McKissick, Jamie Moye (and perhaps more) **at the 10:30am liturgy** that morning! Also, we will be joined by City Lights Jazz. Please keep this day in your prayers and make every effort to join us on this special day!

Later that evening, **at 6pm**, there will be an **All Saints** liturgy of Evening Prayer. During this service, the names of those who have been interred in the St. Francis' Garden will be named in prayer, along with the names of other loved ones who have been listed on the Roll of Remembrance. It is always a very moving time of thanking God for these lives that have touched ours and also for giving witness to Christ's resurrection.



Get ready for Boar's Head 2023!

All singers high school age and above are invited to join the 2023 Boar's Head Festival Choir! We know that it is a busy time of year, but we ask that you make a commitment to attend at least two rehearsals, the dress rehearsal, and the performances. For more information and to reserve your place in the choir (*space is limited*), contact Sharon Veitch by phone at 910-548-6836 or email at sveitch@stmaryskinston.com.

Choir Rehearsals:

Sunday, December 4th, 2:00 - 3:30pm
Sunday, December 11th, 2:00 - 3:30pm
Sunday, December 18th, 2:00 - 3:30pm
Tuesday, January 3rd, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Dress Rehearsal:

TBA

Performances:

Sunday, January 8th, at 3pm & 5pm

If you are interested in being in the Boar's Head Festival, please swing by the costume closet (*upstairs, above St. Mary's office wing*) during any of these times to secure your role with Marion Classen and pick out your costume for this year's festival. If you have any questions about roles, please contact Holly Warren by email at holly3799@hotmail.com.

Costume Fittings:

Wednesday, November 9th, 5:00 - 8:30pm
Wednesday, November 16th, 5:00 - 8:30pm
Sunday, December 4th, 11:45 am - 3:00pm
Sunday, December 11th, 11:45 am - 3:00pm



Compline Under the Stars

Sunday, November 13 at 6:00 pm

Prayers. Campfires.

S'mores. Hot Chocolate.

West Lawn ~ St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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



Family Camping Weekend

Friday-Sunday, November 4th-6th

Join us for hiking, camping, games, community, fun, and prayer. \$20 per person or \$60 per family (3+) Contact Liz Hengst for sign up/details.

Compline Under the Stars

Sunday, November 13th ~ 6pm

Join us on the West Lawn for compline, fire, and s'mores!

Family Ministry Advent Prep

Tuesday, November 15th ~ 6-8pm

All are welcome to join us as we prepare for Kids and EYC Advent. Food will be provided.

Fall Conference for Middle Schoolers

Friday-Sunday, November 18th-20th

Contact Liz Hengst for more details.

Family Game Night

Sunday, November 20th ~ 5-7pm

All ages are invited for fun and games. Bring your favorite games and snacks to share.

EYC at Mary's Kitchen

Wednesday, November 23rd ~ 8:30am

All EYC students are invited to help cook and serve a meal at Mary's Kitchen.

EYC Sunday Dinner

Sunday, November 27th ~ 5-7pm

All EYC students are invited to join us for dinner, fellowship, and discussion.

EYC Coffee with Liz ~ Middle Grounds

Thursdays ~ 4:00-5:30 pm

Wednesday Night Suppers & Lessons

Wednesdays ~ 6-7:30pm

All ages are invited to join us for dinner, time to learn, and time to grow together. Staffed nurseries are available.

From the Desk of Liz:

During the beginning of November Kids Ministries and EYC will be collecting monetary donations (please bring your loose change) and nonperishable donations for our EYC group to bring with us **when we volunteer on Wednesday November 23rd at Mary's Kitchen.** Nonperishable items you can donate are: peanut butter, jelly, individually packaged chips, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, number 10 cans of fruits, and number 10 cans of vegetables. Donation boxes will be located in the narthex or can be dropped off in the office during regular office hours.

In Peace, Liz

EYC AT MARY'S KITCHEN

Annual
Day-Before-Thanksgiving
Service at Mary's Kitchen
Wednesday
November 23rd
8:30am-noon!!!



The Thankful Tree Returns!

We are happy to announce the return of our November Thankful Tree, located in the Narthex. Through Sunday, November 20th, we invite you to be intentional by writing on provided colorful paper leaves and attaching them to our "Thankful Tree." Then, on the first Sunday of Advent (November 27th), all of our thankful leaves will be found hanging in the church. Don't miss this opportunity to give JOYful thanks in a very visual way!

SUNDAYS
9:30-10:15am

Kids' Sunday School
Birth-5th Grade

EYC Formation
6th-12th Grade

Youth Confirmation Class
Confirmation Students



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Halloween Trunk-or-Treat!

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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 with volunteers each month with assignments.

SUNDAYS

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
 (livestreamed and posted to [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#))

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
 John John
 Scott Turik
 Dee Warner
 Harry Wooten

2023
 Skip Greene
 Audra Haddad
 Vicki Kennedy
 Pam Mazingo

2024
 Clifton Carey
 Jess Edwards
 Jo Parrott
 Ginny Wade

Senior Warden – Vicki Kennedy
 Junior Warden – Harry Wooten

Clerk – Audra Haddad
 Treasurer – Jon Sargeant