

December, 2016



*St. Mary's Episcopal Church*

# The Bell Ringer

Online at [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com)

## For unto us a child is born!

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Luke 2:1-14



### December 24th - Christmas Eve

5:00 p. m. – Family celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

This special service welcomes families with children. It will feature a Christmas Drama.

(A nursery will be available for infants.)

11:00 p.m. - Festal traditional celebration of the Holy Eucharist with traditional music will lead us into Christmas morning.

### December 25th Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. - Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
(no music)

## The Episcopal Church

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### In the Anglican Communion

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

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### In the United States

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

Established in 1788.

Presiding Bishop

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

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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. Robert S. Skirving

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### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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



### Flowers for Christmas

At the Christmas liturgies, the altars and chancel are decorated with a sea of poinsettias in celebration of Christ's birth and given in memory or honor of loved ones.

On Christmas Day some of the flowers are delivered by the members of the Cherished Member Committee to our homebound and ill members.

If you would like to remember a loved one or offer flowers in thanksgiving for someone, please contact the church office. Special offering envelopes may also be found on the Narthex tables. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Church. **Sunday, December 21st is the deadline** for submissions to insure that names will appear in the Christmas bulletin.



### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting of St. Mary's Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 11:20 a.m. in the church. At that

time, we will hear about various ministries of the congregation and vote for members of the Vestry leadership as well as Delegates to Diocesan Convention. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, contact LaTonya Smith in the church office by November 29th.

The following individuals have been nominated to serve on the Vestry: **Ron Albertson, Juliet Barrus, Andrew Dupstadt, Adrian King, Walter Poole, and Jon Sargeant.** A short biography and photo of each is found in this newsletter.



### Caroling for Christmas

An afternoon of Christmas caroling is planned for Sunday, December 18th. We'll meet at the church in Moseley Hall at 4:00 pm, before venturing out to spread good news and cheer to the home-bound and shut-in members of our community.

We will return to the church around 5:30 p.m. for soup, sandwiches and dessert. All those attending are asked to bring a soup, sandwiches, or dessert to share. Bring good voices as well!

## From the Interim Rector

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a joy and a privilege it is to be here at St. Mary's as your Interim Rector! Your kind words and warmest of welcomes have made David and me feel at home from the very first moment we arrived in Kinston. And, your loving spirit and energetic devotion to Christ's mission and ministry make me so very grateful for the opportunity to be among you and join with Father Tom and all of you in the important work of transition.

It is especially meaningful for me that my time with you begins in the season of Advent—a season of active waiting,

waiting with hopeful expectation. And, for us here at St. Mary's, this particular Advent season holds special significance as we await both the coming of Christ and the calling of a new rector.

I know some of you have previously experienced an Interim Rector; but, there may be others of you who may be asking, "What is an *Interim* Rector?" Good question. An Interim Rector is a priest with special training in the many aspects and challenges of transition in congregations. Many years ago interim priests were simply placeholders until a new rector could be found. But, by the 1980's, those who studied congregational life found that there are crucial developmental tasks that arise in the interim period and when those tasks are accomplished

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successfully the health of the parish is enhanced and the probability of a successful ministry with a new rector is markedly increased. The tasks of interim ministry certainly include tending to the pastoral basics – that is, planning worship and preaching, pastoral work, and church administration. But, beyond the basics, interim ministry includes various efforts to help a congregation come to terms with any remaining issues from the past, to help the parish clarify and strengthen its congregational identity, to share

with the parish biblical models of transformation and hope and to model, teach and encourage strong leadership—just

to name a few. Generally speaking, the work of the Interim Rector, then, is to assess and facilitate the health and wholeness of the parish so the new rector can hit the ground running!

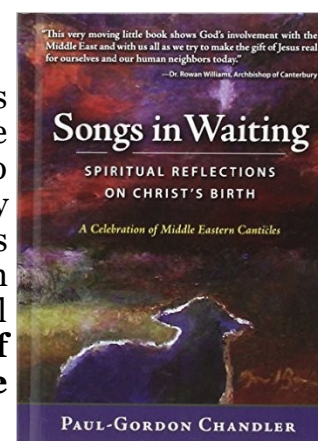
You can see, then, that we have some work to do! But, from what I've seen and experienced thus far, I'm confident that this will be enjoyable and meaningful work. By trusting in God and by faithfully following the Lord Jesus, I know our mutual ministry will be fruitful!

May God's richest blessings be with you and your family during this extraordinary season of reflection and rejoicing.

*Judith<sup>+</sup>*

### ADVENT BOOK STUDY with the INTERIM RECTOR

During Advent, we often study the assigned lectionary texts and the hymns and songs of the season; rarely, however, do we study those songs of praise that we call canticles. This Advent season offers us an opportunity to examine the *Magnificat*, *Benedictus*, *Gloria* and *Nunc Dimittis*, guided by a new resource entitled, *Songs in Waiting* by Paul-Gordon Chandler. This author situates the canticles in the ancient Middle Eastern culture from which they arose and offers some interesting insights into these beautiful hymns. **Mother Judith will lead this study on the Wednesdays of Advent: Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, 14th and 21st at 5:30 pm in the Bookstore.** Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting.



# Worship

## The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival 2017

In January we will hold our 28th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log festival on Sunday, January 8th, at our traditional 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. times. A banquet will follow the 5:00 p.m. performance. Tickets for the banquet are \$30 per person. Tickets are on sale now! Tickets may be purchased in the church office or online via the church website.

### Costume Fittings

We encourage everyone to see Marion Classen & Vicki Barker in the Boar's Head closet to be fitted for your costume, regardless of how many years you may have participated. Upcoming costume fitting dates and times are: **Wednesday, November 30th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, December 4th from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



## The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival Rehearsal Dates

**Monday, January 2 -  
7:00 p.m. – Wassail**

Spot, Waits, Jugglers & Apprentices, Puppeteers, Sugar & Spice Girls, Wizard, Tinker

**Tuesday, January 3 -7:00 p.m. –** Nativity Spot Star of the East, Angels, Torchbearers, Tintinnabulum, Balthazar, Kaspar, Melchior and their pages, Shepherds

**Wednesday, January 4 - 7:00 p.m. -** Yule Log Spot Poor Man, Red & Green Skipping Sprites, Log Sprites, Yule Log Co., Woods Co., Wenceslas & Pages, Holly Bearers, Choir in Choir room

**Thursday, January 5 - 6:30 p.m. –** Church Banner Bearers [St. Augustine's, St. Mary's, I AM, Diocesan]

**7:00 p.m. –** Manor Spot, Banner Bearers & Trencher Bearers for Boar's Head, Mince Pie & Plum Pudding; Chief Herald, Huntsman & Apprentices, Scholar, Cooks' Co., Manor Ladies, Manor Children, Bishop, Pilgrims, I Am Banner Bearer, Dame Julian & Orphans

**Friday, January 6 - 7:00 p.m. –** Full Cast Walk-Thru

**Saturday, January 7 - 8:00 a.m. –** Building Open  
**9:00 a.m. – Full Dress Rehearsal**

**Sunday, January 8 - 2:00 p.m.** Sign in and costumes  
**3:00 & 5:00 p.m.** Festival

**Open Dress Rehearsal on January 7, at 9:00 a.m.**



The parish will celebrate the Christmas Season with Lessons and Carols during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy on January 1, 2017. If you are willing to read a lesson, please contact Linda in the Parish Office.



There will be a community performance of Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. This community performance will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 2101 N. Herritage Street, Kinston.

First Presbyterian Church is asking for a donation of \$7 at the door.

# Vestry Nominees



**RON ALBERTSON** Ron has been a member of Saint Mary's for the past five years. He works as a Developmental Technician II in a supervisory role for the State of North Carolina at Caswell Center here in Kinston. Previous to that, Ron was a Corrections Officer for 23 years at Eastern Correctional Institution in Maury and was awarded Officer of the Year in 2011 by the State of North Carolina. Ron is a United States Veteran and served in the Navy for four years. He also completed Peace Office Training. For many years Ron has worked part time at the Neuseway Nature Center and was a former Park Ranger for the City of Kinston. He resides in Lenoir County with his wife Pam. They have three sons and five grandchildren. He participates in numerous projects at the Nature Center and loves to go fishing in his very limited spare time. Ron enjoys his church family through worship and fellowship. He especially loves to cook for various events at St. Mary's and has helped provide the pig pickin' at every Block Party.

## JULIET BARRUS

Juliet Barrus was born 1948 in Kinston, N.C. to Catharine and Kersey Smith. She was baptized, christened and married in St. Mary's Episcopal Church. She graduated from St. Mary's Junior College in Raleigh and UNC in Chapel Hill with a degree in art. In 1971 she married Alban Barrus and they have two sons, Alban and Charles and 5 grandsons. She has served on the vestry at St. Mary's and as president of the Episcopal Church Women. She taught Sunday school for many years and co-founded St. Mary's Market. Her church and Christian community have always been very important to her.



## ANDREW DUPPSTADT

Andrew is honored to have been nominated for the vestry at St. Mary's. He has attended St. Mary's since moving to Kinston in November 2012, and transferred from St. Anne's Parish in Jacksonville. He was raised in the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church USA, before joining the Episcopal Church at St. Anne's about 12 years ago. He attends the 8 a.m. service at St. Mary's, but can occasionally be spotted at the 10 a.m. service. In his four years here, he has served as a Eucharistic Minister, participated in Boar's Head, was part of the Renewal Works Task Force, and has played on and coached the championship softball team. Also, through his involvement with the Kinston Disc Golf Association, he has helped raise over \$3,000 total for Mary's Kitchen through the annual Ice Bowl tournament.



Andrew is originally from Onslow County, graduated from Swansboro High School and went on to receive a BA and MA in History from UNC-Wilmington. He has worked for the NC Division of State Historic Sites for 16 years, the last 10 in his current position as Program Development and Training Officer for the division. He has been married to Ms. Laura Jackson for almost a year. Fun fact: Andrew and St. Mary's Children's Minister Shelly Yarbrough have known each other since 7<sup>th</sup> grade when they were involved in youth activities together at First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville.

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## ADRIAN KING

Adrian is the Executive Director of Pride of Kinston. Current involvement includes: Board of Directors Lenoir UNC -Lenoir Health, Kinston Rotary Club; Greene-Lenoir United Way board; Lenoir Committee of 100, Lenoir Transportation Committee, Lenoir County Historical Association; member and Vice-Chair of the Lenoir Community Foundation, and others.

Adrian became member of St. Mary's upon moving from Atlanta to hometown Kinston in 2003; Co-chair of the 175th anniversary program at St. Mary's; Member of the Vestry 2009-2011; member of the choir; a participant in Boar's Head program for 13 years; regular participant in Sunday's Adult Education sessions; regular participant in Wednesday evening dinners and program, organizer of Lenten program in the past; regular member of the Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study group, and occasional supply organist.

Adrian believes that living a complete life is reliant not on all the answers, but how one deals with all the questions. He says "St. Mary's has fundamentally changed my way of approaching many of those questions. I love this church and treasure its impact on my life . . . and if I have a talent or two to advance its mission, particularly in Kinston, then I want to help."

## WALTER POOLE

Walter is a new member of St. Mary's having been confirmed on January 31, 2016 after completing confirmation classes led by Fr. Tom Warren. He has been married to Sylvia since 1982 and together they share seven children, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Walter is a member of the Men's Prayer Breakfast Bible Class, Adult Bible Class, attends St. Mary's regularly and serves as an usher and lector.

Walter is active in real estate and real estate development and is President of Walter Poole Realty, Inc. He has served as Regional Vice President of the North Carolina Association of Realtors, State Chairman of the NC Association of Lions. He greatly appreciates his nomination and is just thankful to be a member of St. Mary's and serve in any way possible.



## JON SARGEANT

Jon has been an active member of St Mary's Church since his marriage to Laurel Sargeant in 1992. They have 2 children, Will and Abby, who are both active in the church. Jon has previously served one term on the Vestry several years ago, and he was chairman of the Outreach Commission. Jon has been a practicing attorney here in Kinston for 25 years, and he is a board certified specialist in Family Law. Jon is active with the St Mary's mission team having participated in all of our four mission trips to the Dominican Republic. He also currently

serves on the Lenoir County Parks and Recreation Commission and is the elected chairman of the Lenoir County Board of Education.

# Cookies Save Lives

Be a part of the Mission--right in your own kitchen!



## Why do we have a Cookie Walk?

"It is so much fun! I would never miss it. I've already told all my friends. It is on the calendar. I look forward to it every year!"

Jean Culbreath-- community member

Provides financial support to St. Mary's very own outreach efforts: Hand in Hand program and Dominican Republic missions

## What does the Cookie Walk Money do?

- fuels education by providing 600 snacks a week at Northwest Elementary School
- delivers 500 new books to Northwest Elementary students to encourage summer reading
- VBS fun and crafts in Mosovi
- buys school supplies for the entire Mosovi village in the Dominican Republic
- helps Alexander, an 8 year old Dominican boy from Mosovi, walk again
- repairs a leaky roof and painted our partner church of Divina Gracia in Mosovi, Dominican Republic
- dug a deep well bringing clean water source to Mosovi, DR



St. Mary's 5th Annual Cookie Walk

YOU-select Christmas Cookies: \$8/pound

Saturday, December 10th

11am-1pm in Moseley Hall

Cookie Cafe Lunch available: \$6

Do not miss the fun-- Join this mission from the comfort of your own kitchen! Bake up some life-saving Cookies for our 2016 Cookie Walk.

# **COOKIE WALK FAQ's**

## **(frequently asked questions)**

### **What is a Cookie?**

A cookie is anything sweet, delicious, fits in your hand, and does not require a fork to eat! We welcome bar cookies, brownies, candies, spiced and roasted nuts, chocolate covered pretzels, fudge, etc.

### **What kind of Cookies do you want?**

We would love to offer a variety of cookies to our shoppers. They love the festive cookie. We welcome everything from the cookie jar favorites of chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin to the specialty type Christmas selections. We encourage creativity. Bake up your family favorite. If you can offer something that is not the expected---please do! If chocolate chip is your specialty--please do!

### **How many Cookies do I need to make?**

We would love to have a DOUBLE batch of whatever you bake, but we welcome whatever quantity you can bring us! We welcome 1 dozen as gladly as we welcome 6 dozen.

### **I'm very busy that week--can I bake ahead and freeze?**

Absolutely! We know it is a busy time of year!! Please do not feel like you must bake your cookies the day before the Cookie Walk or even the week of. Bake at your convenience and freeze your delicious cookies. If it works better for you, make and freeze your dough ahead of time and then just bake closer to the date. We encourage you to make this fit your schedule.

### **What if I just don't bake?**

We understand that not everyone is a baker. It's ok to seek the help of an expert. Brown's Sweet Treats on Vernon Avenue makes some absolutely beautifully decorated sugar cookies. LeRaine at Queen Street deli has some wonderful sweet offerings. Buy the ingredients and bake with a friend who knows how (makes for a good excuse to get together). Just a few ideas...

### **How and When do I get my cookies to the Cookie Walk?**

You can bring your cookies to church on Sunday, December 5th (if they can be frozen) or you may drop your cookies during office hours with church staff beginning Monday, December 5th--Thursday, December 8th (if they can be frozen) Beginning Friday, December 19, you may drop your cookies off with a Cookie Walk volunteer in the parlor from 9AM-7PM.

### **What do I bring my cookies in or on?**

Bring them in anyway you can--ziploc bags, tupperware, etc. If it is a container you need back, please label with your name. We welcome them on a pretty platter, but that is absolutely not necessary. Please label your sweet offerings with the "name your cookie" and let us know if they contain nuts or no nuts.



# Christian Formation

## ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**December 4th - Annual Parish Meeting** - Following 10:00 a.m. worship we will remain in the church for the Annual Parish Meeting. Those attending will hear various reports, elect members to the Vestry and elect delegates to Diocesan Convention.

**December 11th — *The Story* - (Chapter 22) The Birth of the King**

"This book tells the greatest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves His children, who established for them a way to salvation and provided a route to eternity. Each story in the 31 chapters reveals the God of grace -- God who speaks; the God who acts; the God who listens; the God whose love for His people culminated in His sacrifice of Jesus. His only Son to atone for the sins of humanity."

**December 18th - *The Story* - (Chapter 23) Jesus' Ministry Begins**

**December 25th** - There will not be a Christian Formation class this morning. The Christmas Day liturgy will be at 10am in the All Saints' Chapel. Merry Christmas!!

## #AdventWord

### A Global-Digital Advent Calendar

Be part of the Anglican Communion's Global Advent Calendar. It's an innovative way to engage in the season of Advent with people all over the world. Sign up online at

[www.adventword.org](http://www.adventword.org)

Nov 27 #Shine	Dec 11 #Glow	to receive a daily meditation emailed to you and respond with images and prayers that speak to your heart. Your image and prayer responses will appear in the Advent Calendar with others from around the world. Join the
Nov 28 #Love	Dec 12 #Rely	
Nov 29 #Renew	Dec 13 #Mend	
Nov 30 #Listen	Dec 14 #Surprise	
Dec 1 #Proclaim	Dec 15 #Trust	
Dec 2 #Light	Dec 16 #Awaken	
Dec 3 #Play	Dec 17 #Embrace	
Dec 4 #Touch	Dec 18 #Open	
Dec 5 #Commit	Dec 19 #Simplify	
Dec 6 #Be	Dec 20 #Prune	
Dec 7 #Act	Dec 21 #Abide	
Dec 8 #Hope	Dec 22 #Animate	
Dec 9 #Promise	Dec 23 #Live	
Dec 10 #Befriend	Dec 24 #Celebrate	

[Society of St. John the Evangelist](#) (an Episcopal monastery in New England) as we anticipate the coming of Christ, the fulfillment of our deepest longings.



## Calling all angels... shepherds, animals, and a few wise men too!

All children three years of age through the Fifth Grade are invited to join others of all ages to be a part of the Nativity Play, which will be part of the 5:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th. There are no lines to learn, just a willingness to share the Good News! Children are encouraged to invite their friends who may want to participate too!

Rehearsal times are Sunday, December 18, at 11:15am and Wednesday, December 21 at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Shelly Yarbrough with any questions.



## Take *The Bible Challenge!*

Make 2017 a year of strengthening your faith by reading God's word. As you review new year resolution options, consider a commitment to reading some of the Bible every day. Possible goals for the year include reading the New Testament, the Psalms, or even the whole Bible! Reading plans will be available in the narthex to help you meet your goals.

Additionally, all who take this challenge are invited to gather and discuss what they've read together in community. Participants will determine the time and place of these gatherings.

Visit [www.thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org](http://www.thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org) for more information on The Bible Challenge and join us!

# Youth Community News

## Mark Your Calendars!!

### Sunday, Dec. 4

*EYC bakes cookies for the Cookie Walk! Lunch will be provided for all and we'll start as soon as the Annual Parish meeting ends.*

### Wed, Dec. 7

*STUDY. PRAY. EAT.  
Homework Hangout 3p  
EYC/Compline 5:30p  
EYC Supper 6:15p*

### Sunday, Dec. 11, 11am-noon

*EYC Community Clean-Up Walk*

### Wed, Dec. 14, 5:30-6:15pm

*STUDY. PRAY. EAT. Same schedule as Dec. 7*

### Sunday, Dec. 18, 11am-1pm

*EYC Sunday Brunch*

*Jr. & Sr. EYC meets during Christian Formation hour to prepare brunch for the whole church to be served after classes.*

*...Then, caroling around the neighborhood...Meet in Moseley Hall @ 4pm with Pot-Luck supper to follow.*

**EYC will not meet on Sunday, Dec 25 or Wednesdays, Dec 21/28... Merry Christmas!!**

*Please come and bring a friend!!!!*

## GIVING THANKS

At the time of publication, Thanksgiving has just arrived and I can hardly believe how quickly time has passed this Fall. Even in the midst of storms (literal and figurative) this Fall, I'm certain that you have many things for which you are thankful to God.

Advent is a time to slow down, focus on God's activity in your life and the world, and expect more wonderful ways for God to show up and bring hopeful Good News. It is a perfect season to take some time to be deliberate in calling these things to mind.

One thing for which I am thankful is the ways that so many young people from St. Mary's have lived into the vision for Christian life set forth in Acts 2:42, our current EYC theme. And just a few Sundays ago, others in the St. Mary's parish family experienced the 'prayer' aspect of this vision when **Anna Haddad** led them in compline (shown above).

Anna is one of **many EYC members** who have led compline many Wednesday evenings this Fall and is representative of the many ways that each young person is equipped for ministry. Well done!!

I give thanks to God for the opportunity to live the Christian life with the EYC and wider St. Mary's parish family and look forward to what God has in store for the rest of 2016 and beyond! Below and at left, you'll see a few of these opportunities. God bless y'all... I'm thankful for you.

-Fr. Tom



## Movie Night at Goldsboro's Paramount Theater

On Tuesday, December 20, we'll be able to experience one of the most beloved Christmas movies of all time on the BIG screen. There is no charge to EYC members who want to go. Popcorn and snacks may be purchased and enjoyed in the theater. We'll leave at 6pm to enjoy the 7pm show. To ensure that we can have a ticket for everyone, you must sign up with Fr. Tom by Wed. Dec. 7

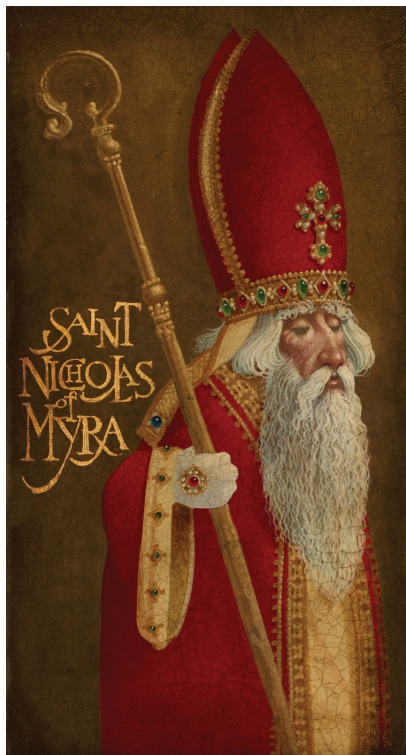
## The Pilgrimage to Washington DC

is scheduled for February 17-20 (Presidents' Day weekend). This is a joint trip with Christ Church (New Bern) and St. Paul's (Beaufort). We will leave the St. Mary's parking lot at 4pm on Friday, the 17th. It turns out that most of you DO have school on the 20th, so keep this in mind. The total cost of the trip will be \$275. More information about this trip and Registration and Community Covenant forms may be found at the Youth page of the St. Mary's website: <http://www.stmaryskinston.com/learn/youth/>. **The forms and a \$100 deposit are due on Sunday, December 11.**



## Other news

### Saint Nicholas to make visit on December 4th!!



Saint Nicholas lived sometime during the first half of the fourth century (ca. A.D. 300-350). He was bishop of a town called Myra, located in what is now southern Turkey.

Nicholas loved children very much even though he didn't have any children of his own. Legend has it, one day, Nicholas heard about a poor man in his town who had three daughters. The man could no longer take care of his daughters. He had no money to feed them or buy them clothes. This

made Nicholas so sad that he made a plan. Nicholas waited until it was dark. He filled a bag with money and secretly left it at the poor man's door. The man was surprised when he found the bag of money at his door in the morning! He wondered who left it there. The next night, Nicholas filled another bag with money and secretly left it at the man's door. Again, the man found the money in the morning and wondered who left it there. The third night, Nicholas filled still another bag with money and placed it at the man's door. But the poor man saw Nicholas and came to the door before Nicholas could leave. The poor man was so happy that his children would have food and clothing. He was so happy that Nicholas had been so kind.

Nicholas always found time to look after the children and poor in his town. One reason we give gifts to one another at Christmas is to remember the kindness Saint Nicholas had for those around him. The Feast of Saint Nicholas is December 6th.

On Sunday, December 4th, Saint Nicholas will make a visit to St. Mary's Church and will have a gift for all children at the 10:00 a.m. service.

### Diocesan Convention

The Diocese of East Carolina will hold its annual convention, February 2 - 4, 2017 at the Convention Center in New Bern. If you wish to represent St. Mary's at convention, please make it known to LaTonya Smith prior to November 29, 2016. To serve as a delegate you must be confirmed in the Episcopal Church and a member of St. Mary's. If you have questions, please see one of the clergy.

### From the Parish Register

**Baptism:** Julie Eloise Coley  
Olivia Pearl Gridley  
Sawyer Jackson Gridley  
Charles Robert Means, IV  
November 6, 2016

### Pastoral News

**New Address:**  
Greg, Sarah, Emily, and Austin Turner  
204 W. Craftsman Way  
Hampstead, NC 28443



St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on Thursday, December 29 from 2-6pm in Moseley Hall. This Blood Drive is a scholarship event for our own Melissa Glen, an undergrad at ECU. If we meet or exceed the drive's goal of collected units, then

she will be a candidate to receive a scholarship! To make your time go more smoothly, make a reservation at the [American Red Cross website!](#)

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**Cherished Member  
 Christmas Luncheon**



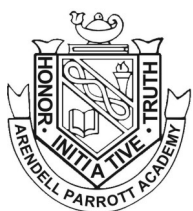
Thursday, December 1st  
 at 11:00 a.m.

All friends of retirement age  
 are invited to attend.

Please contact the Parish  
 Office by Nov. 28th to make a  
 reservation.

Special entertainment of  
 Christmas music

to be provided by  
 the singers &  
 guitarists from  
 Arendell Parrott  
 Academy.



**Year end contributions**

All contributions to St. Mary's Church for 2016 must be received in the church office no later than 12:00 p.m. on December 31, 2016 to be credited for 2016. Statements will be mailed in mid January.

**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

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer

**ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

2016	2017	2018
Stephen B. Hill	H. Earl Harper	P.C. Barwick, Jr.
Isaac C. Hines	J. Mark Herring	Clifton W. Carey
Barbara A. LaRoque	John K. John	Rebecca "Becky" C. Darst
Kevin M. Zoltek	John "Sandy" Shimer,	Milton D. "Dee" Warner

Senior Warden – P.C. Barwick, Jr.

Junior Warden – J. Mark Herring

Clerk – Becky Darst

Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley