



October, 2017

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

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We kick off October with

Mass on the Grass!

Sunday, October 1st, 10:30 am

with

Jamey Graves, Musician

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Mass on the Grass!

We are thrilled to welcome Jamey Graves to St. Mary's! Many of you will know Jamey from Happening weekends over the years and also from his time of leading the music at Glory Ridge this past summer. He is the Praise Band Director at St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, NC and musically leads worship throughout the Episcopal Church. He will be with us for **Mass on the Grass at 10:30 am on October 1st. At 4:00 pm that afternoon, he will lead us in a Hymn Sing at the Tap Room of Mother Earth Brewing.** Indeed, we are kicking off October with joyful praise!

Mass on the Grass is an informal worship service on the grass located on the west side of the church. In case of rain, we will move to Moseley Hall. Our Fellowship Commission will cook hamburgers and hot dogs and provide drinks and paper products. You are asked to bring a large dish to share. We will be having guests and we want to have enough food for everyone.

If you are willing to help the Fellowship Commission, please contact Sandy Shimer at sshimer@househasson.com.

Interim Rector

Dear Friends,

Our new program year is off to a wonderful start! Over the past months, I've felt the energy slowly build here at St. Mary's and on St. Mary's Sunday, as we began our new year, that energy practically sizzled! I see God's Spirit moving powerfully in this place — in a new worship schedule, in new children's classes, new infant nursery, new adult classes of Education for Ministry and Financial Peace University, a new class for our Younger Adults and an awesome Communications ministry. And, the upstairs of our Education wing is now air conditioned! It's just amazing! I am so very grateful to God, to our wonderful staff and Vestry, but, most importantly, to each and every one of you.

In this month of October, we begin our focus on Stewardship. This year is one of the most important in the history of the parish as we prepare to call a new rector who will lead us into God's good future. This year the giving of our time, talents and treasure is of utmost importance as we face increased expenses associated with the calling of that new rector. All those wonderful new ministries mentioned above also require financial support as well as the support of time and energies. Kevin Zoltek will be leading our season of Stewardship this year with passion and energy. Over this month of October, please seriously and prayerfully consider increasing your own Stewardship of the resources with which you have been blessed.

May God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit continue to bless this parish abundantly and to bless each one of you and your families!

Judith⁺



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A church of 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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Mission Sunday

On Sunday, September 24th, Laury Sargeant and Anna Haddad spoke of their experiences on mission this summer to Mosovi (Dominican Republic) and Glory Ridge during their Response to the Gospel at both liturgies. What a joy it was to hear their sense of God's presence and power, in the joys and the challenges of their work, as they ministered to others in Christ's name and for His sake. Not only did they share their experiences with words, other participants in these missions shared their experience in pictures throughout the church and on display in the church yard. In case you missed it, these images have been posted on a bulletin board by Moseley Hall. We are grateful to all who participated in these ministries and also to all who participate in all the ministries of this church. Your energy and efforts enrich this parish and encourage all of us in our walks of faith!



On Saturday morning, October 7, the people of St. Mary's are asked to join others in a day of service to remember the impact of last year's Hurricane Matthew and continue the ongoing recovery efforts in our city. This event is planned by NC Governor Roy Cooper and coordinated by the KARE (Kinston Area Recovery Efforts) organization. Please contact Adrian King (karelenoir@gmail.com or 252-525-6139) if you are able to help or if you have any questions. **Our site will be 619 E. Lenoir Street from 9am until noon.**

Worship

Third Wednesday Worship



Nearly 30 worshippers crowded into the chancel's choir pews for our first 3rd Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Anointing and Healing Prayers in September. The Youth of St. Mary's helped shape the liturgy with music familiar to them from other meaningful worship experiences. Sharon Veitch and Fr. Tom played piano and guitar. After the readings and a short time of silent reflection, those who desired special prayers of healing, for themselves or on behalf of others, received them at the altar rail. The liturgy ended with all gathered around the altar to share in the Eucharistic feast. **We hope that you will join in our next 3rd Wednesday Worship on the Feast of St. Luke - October 18 - at 5:45pm!**

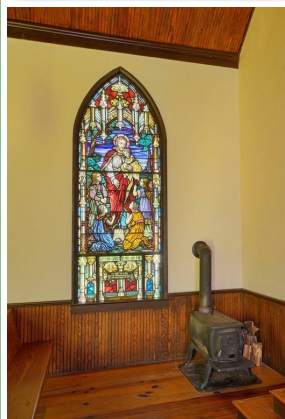
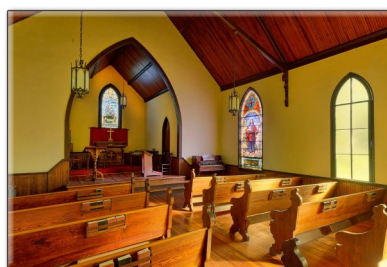
Eucharistic Visitors

Under the leadership of Ike Hines and with guidance from the clergy, a Eucharistic Visitor ministry has begun anew at St. Mary's whereby members of the parish who are unable to attend Sunday worship may receive Holy Communion by licensed ministers of the church. This ministry will not reduce the interaction clergy have with any of our members, but will enable them to receive the blessed sacrament more frequently. May God bless all involved in this ministry and may it strengthen the bonds of love within this community in Christ!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday afternoon at 4pm, October 8, 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 or pet food will be collected for the **Lenoir County SPCA**.



THE NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL SERVICE AT ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

will be Saturday, October 28 at 10am in Snow Hill,

NC. The Holy Eucharist liturgy will be from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and a pot-luck luncheon will follow in the home of Frank & Sandra Warren (106 W. Greene Street). All are welcome! Special thanks to Laddie Crisp who shared

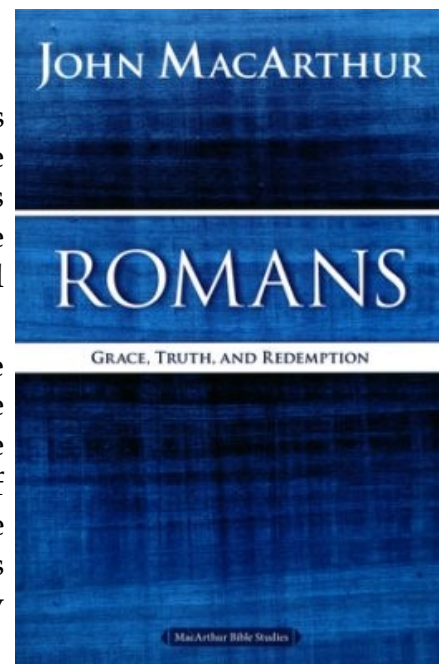
these images with us. Note the stained glass windows - they were originally in St. Mary's Church, before the current church was built.

Christian Education

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Adult Christian Formation Class is 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.

"Invitation to Romans" is a video series published by Disciple Bible Study. The video lasts about 15 minutes and will be augmented with supplemental material, including the study guide to Romans from the MacArthur Bible Studies series. A free copy of the book is provided to every participating household. There will be plenty of time for discussion! We meet in Mosely Hall Sundays beginning at 9:15 am. Our Adult Christian Formation Team, led by Dr. John John, are the facilitators for this class.



YOUNG ADULTS - A new Sunday School class for young adults meets in the Bookstore where breakfast and childcare are provided. This month, we're talking about faith and work—exploring questions about vocation and calling.

You spend 8 hours a day, 5 days a week (or more!) there. It's what you talk about at parties. It's how you introduce yourself. It's where you meet a lot of your friends. It might even be the reason you live where you live. Our jobs often dictate the circumstances and rhythms of our lives. So why does Monday morning feel so far from Sunday morning? For many Christians, there is a significant gap between work and faith. The two simply feel unrelated. This study helps bridge that gap as we reflect on how faith and work connect.

Opportunity for Retreat

Stillness in the Dunes

...a contemplative retreat into sacred stillness

November 10-12, 2017

*"Any time we look at our Maker with love,
our importance in our own eyes diminishes,
and we are filled with awe and humility and love for others."*

~ Julian of Norwich

Interested in a quiet weekend on the Crystal Coast, connecting with the Holy through gentle retreat guidance, based on the teachings of Julian of Norwich, an optional 30-minute massage, and time with people to whom you don't need to explain why you are silent? This may be the retreat for you. The cost (including lodging, meals, and

program at [Trinity Center](#)) is \$225. Space is very limited. Contact Lisa Richey for registration information: 910-840-3682 or piergazer@gmail.com

Youth & St. Mary's

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, October 1

9:15am THE STORY for
Middle School in the Parlor
and SEALED & SENT
FORTH for High School in
the Youth Room

10:30am Worship (MASS
ON THE GRASS!!)

4-6pm HYMN SING!

Wednesday, October 4

3:00pm Homework Hangout

5:30pm EYC!!!

6:15pm Parish Family Night

Sunday, October 8

Same as Oct 1, no Hymn Sing

Wednesday, October 11

Same as Oct 4 - EYC Supper!

Saturday, October 14, 7:30pm

Fiddler on the Roof @ NLHS

Sunday, October 15

Same as Oct 8

Wednesday, October 18

3:00pm Homework Hangout

5:30pm EYC w/ Wed. Worship

6:15pm Parish Family Night

Fri-Sun, October 20-22

Happening #70 (Trinity Ctr)

Saturday October 21

Half Marathon Aid Station

Sunday, October 22

Same as Oct 8

Wednesday, October 25

Same as Oct 4

Sunday, October 29

Same as Oct 8

4pm - Pumpkin Carving Party

Tuesday, October 31

Halloween Trunk or Treat
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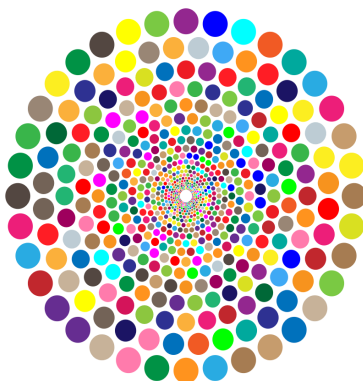
STUDY. PRAY. EAT.

It's what Christians do. It's what Christians have always done as they gather together in the Lord's name. It's what the St. Mary's family does in Sunday worship around the Lord's Table and it's what we do through Christian Formation activities, Wednesday night youth group times, Parish Family Dinners, and so much more. Be a part of the S.P.E. joyful gatherings noted throughout this page and check out www.stmaryskinston/learn/youth/ for more information. God bless you!



EYC PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY

Middle and High Schoolers are invited to a pumpkin carving party at the Assistant Rectory on Sunday, October 29 at 4pm. MANY stencils, drills, carving tools, a light for your pumpkin, tables, and snacks will be provided. Bring your own pumpkin!! Friends are more than welcome too!



"FULL CIRCLE" FALL CONFERENCE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

will be November 17 - 19 at Trinity Center. *We all come "Full Circle" in our lives, in our relationship with God, and with others. Full Circle is this year's Fall Conference theme. The story of Joseph and his brothers shows us what happens when we compare ourselves to others, become jealous and hold grudges. Just as the story of Joseph and his brothers unfolds, so do our lives, coming full circle through forgiveness and back wholeness. As always, Fall Conference will be full of fellowship, music, worship and a chance to live in community for the weekend at Trinity Center. Come with friends from your church and come. Registration forms are available on the Diocesan website and are due to Fr. Tom by Sunday, November 5th. We are also looking for a few High Schoolers and adults to serve alongside the Youth Council on Team. **Team applications are due October 10th.***

Outreach to Children



St. Mary's is hosting a "Trunk-or-Treat" in the church parking lot from 5-6pm on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31. Church members and friends are asked to reserve a parking space and decorate their vehicles to welcome children from the neighborhood on their Trick-Or-Treating rounds. This is an excellent way to offer a fun, safe, and joyful gift to others. Please sign up for a spot on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Contact Shelly Yarbrough (syarbrough@lenoir.k12.nc.us) or Heather Wentz (hawentz@msn.com) with any questions.

Northwest Elementary School



Our Hand-in-Hand Partner School is holding a book drive and is in need of new and gently used books to build classroom libraries. We are collecting books between now and October 31st. Books can be taken directly to Northwest School or brought to St. Mary's and placed in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!!

Episcopal Church Women

ECW Bulb Sale

It's time to order flower bulbs! Order forms may be picked up in the Narthex or [printed from the church website](#). Please make checks payable to St. Mary's ECW and return to the church office by Sunday, October 22.

Questions? Contact Juliet Barrus (252-523-3229), Kathy Gilmore (252-523-0546), or Frances Jilcott (252-286-8755). Thank you for joining the ECW in growing beauty on the earth and for supporting the ministries of the ECW!



ECW FALL KICK-OFF SOCIAL

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the ECW Fall Kick-Off Social! This is an event that is purely social with a little business thrown in as ECW starts a new year. Louise Mauck has graciously invited us to her home on **Thursday, October 5 5:30-7pm**. The address is 1502 Greenbriar Rd here in Kinston.

Refreshments will be served and this is a great opportunity to meet, greet, and visit. We especially would like to invite all women who have recently joined St. Mary's. Plan to join us and bring a friend! See you there!

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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, October 5th. The luncheon gets underway at 11:30 a.m. in Moseley Hall.**

If you've not been before we, why wait?! It's a great time to get together with friends and enjoy a delicious meal.

Those planning to attend are asked to sign up in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. The luncheons are a ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women.



SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

3rd Wednesday 5:45pm - Holy Eucharist w/ Healing Prayers

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

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