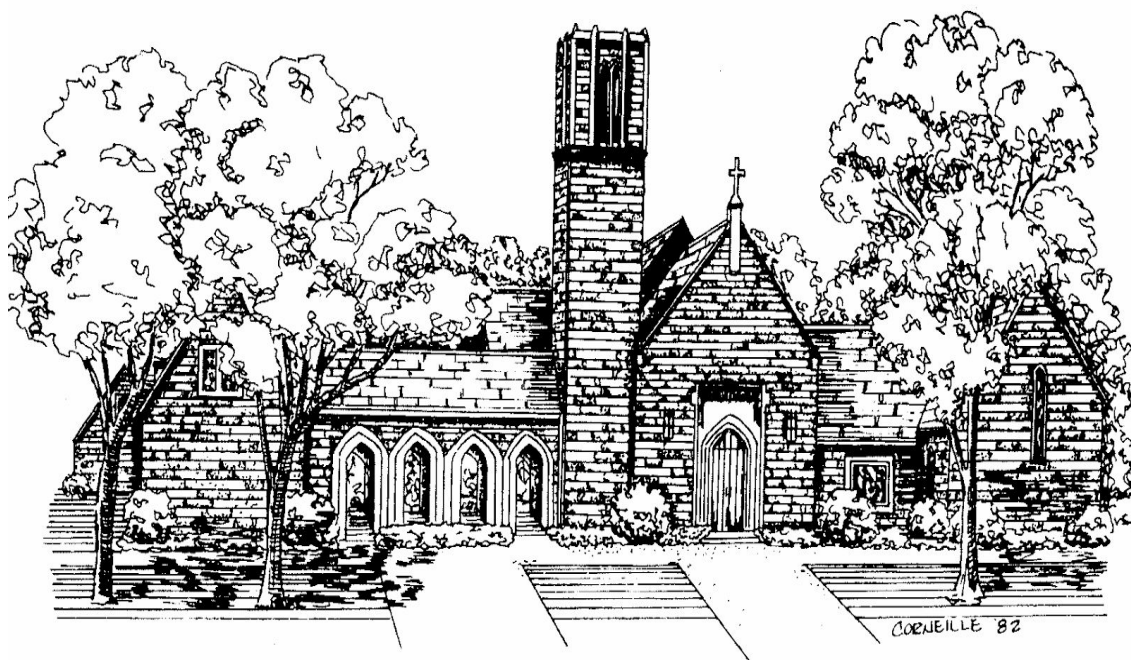


Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.



St. Mary's: Serving with JOY!

The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to bear God's Good News through joyful worship, Christ-centered teaching, compassionate care, and intentional relationships.

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9:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church!

In these extra-ordinary times, St. Mary's offers three Sunday morning worship opportunities of Holy Eucharist. One is an online pre-recorded liturgy of the Rite 2 service (Spiritual Communion), posted to our Facebook and YouTube platforms. The others are indoor public liturgies (Rite 1 at 8am in the Chapel and Rite 2 at 9:30am in the large church), following the parameters outlined in [Fr. Tom's Pastoral Letter of October 21](#) and in accordance with current state Executive Orders and [guidelines from the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina](#).

For worshipers gathering in person, we thank you for taking seriously the measures that are in place that allow us to gather safely, especially wearing face coverings, observing six feet of physical distancing between different households, and refraining from congregational singing. These practices will make our time together safer and are appreciated as signs of love for one another.

You may also wish to begin the practice of bringing with you your own copy of the Book of Common Prayer and Bible to incorporate into your worship while at St. Mary's Church and beyond. If you don't have either, please speak with the clergy - we'd love to help!

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.

SERVERS IN THIS LITURGY:

Celebrant & Preacher: Tom Warren

Organist: Sharon Veitch

Vocal Soloist: Seraphim Smith

Acolytes: Chloe Albritton, Eliza Grady, & Thomas Grady

Lector: Liz Hengst

Ushers/Greeters: Whitney & James Grady, Randy Holton

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

The people stand as they are able during the procession while the hymn is sung by the soloist.

Processional Hymn #539 "O Zion haste, they mission high fulfilling"

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The music features a mix of whole, half, and quarter notes, with some rests. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

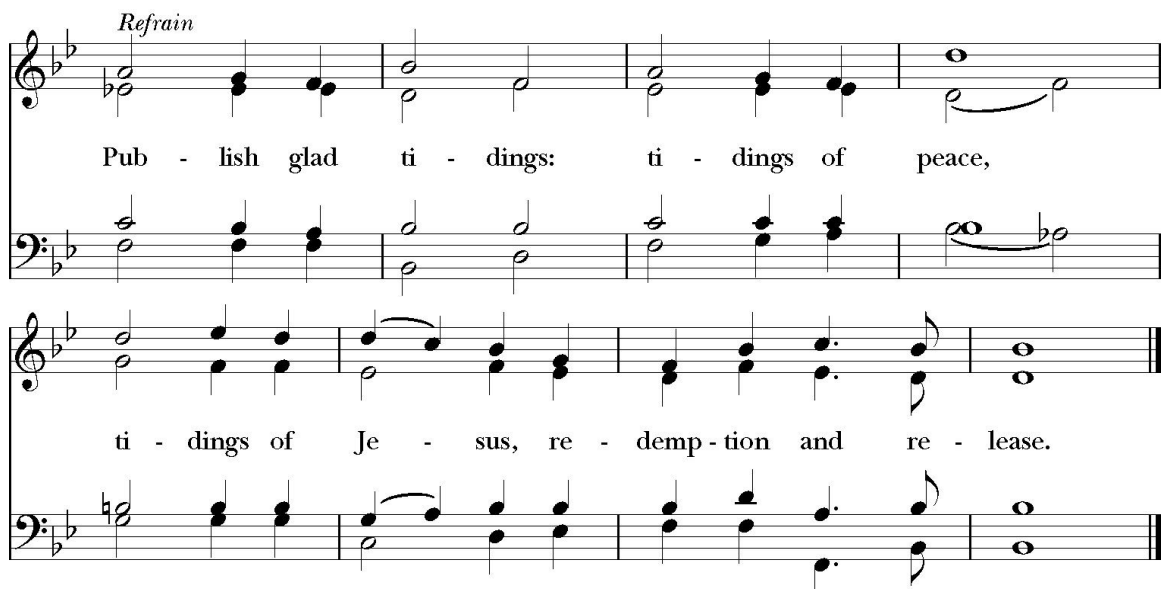
to tell to all the world that God is Light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,



one and till through soul should died on thy ne - fail earth shall bring - to that his un - know his king - dom's fit to love his live a - joy - ful see his might. bove. day. face.

Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,
ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson

Tune: *Tidings*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People ***Christ, have mercy.***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

All may be seated for the readings.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah:

[3:1-5, 10]

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalms 62:6-14

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth: [7:29-31]
I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* ***Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:14-20
All stand as they are able.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. *People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

All may be seated.

The Sermon

Father Tom

All stand as they are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All stand as they are able.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our diocesan bishop; and all bishops, priests, and deacons. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, especially Joseph, our President; Roy, our Governor; and Don, our Mayor; and people of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the St. Mary's Nursery School. We thank you for the joy and care of the children of this community, and pray your blessing on them, their families, and the teachers of this school, especially Ashley Price, the nursery school's director.

Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayers may be lifted aloud or in the silence of our hearts at this time.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Confession

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.**

The Offertory

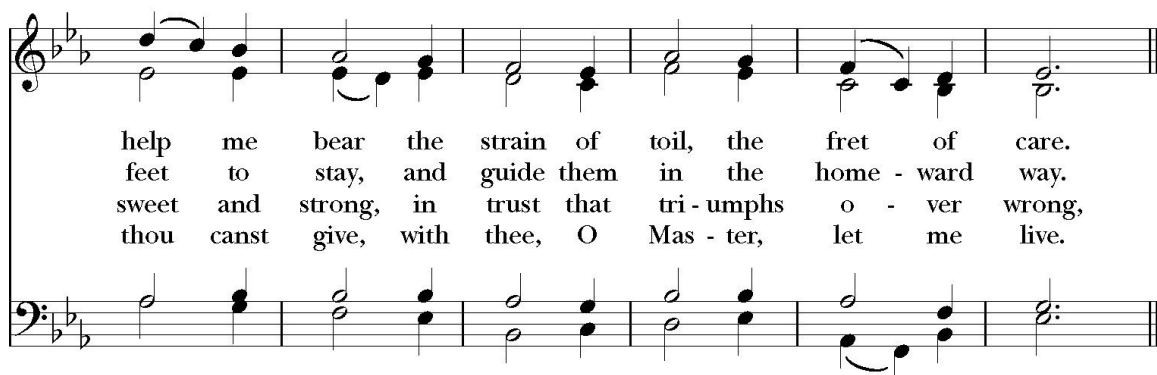
A collection basin is located at the entrance of the church where worshippers may, at their desired time, place offerings for Christ and His church.

Offertory #660

“O master, let me walk with thee”

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly



Words: Washington Gladden
Maryton

Music:

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand as they are able.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*****Holy, **Holy, **Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

***Indicates times when the Sanctus bells are rung by the acolyte.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ****AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Ministration of Communion

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. Please speak to the clergy if you would like to learn more about baptism and following Jesus as a baptized Christian. During this time, communion is shared in one kind (bread only). Anglican eucharistic theology has consistently taught that Christ is truly and fully present in both, the bread and the wine of communion. The full benefits of communion are available to the faithful in extra-ordinary circumstances when sharing both the bread and wine are not possible.

To receive communion, please stand where you are and the clergy will bring communion to you. Please wait until the clergy has moved beyond six feet from you before adjusting your face covering to consume the bread.

If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing at this time, please stand and as the clergy draws near, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your intention.

Please be seated after you have received communion or a blessing so the clergy can easily tell who still desires to receive communion or a blessing.

For those not wishing to receive communion, you are invited to pray this prayer of Spiritual Communion, adapted from the Armed Forces Prayer Book.

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I can not now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Hymns

#550 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

Restoration

#381 Thy strong word id cleave the darkness

Ton-y-Botel

Postcommunion Prayer

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Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Music

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* ***Thanks be to God.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule – January 24, 2021

Sun.	10:45am	Adult Christian Formation Series on Philippians <i>(Moseley Hall for in-person; Zoom link shared by email)</i>
	10:45am	Children Sunday School <i>(preK-5th grade)</i>
	2:00 pm	St. Mary's Walking Group
	3:00 pm	EYC
	8:00 pm	AA meets in Moseley Hall
Tues.	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	9am-noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours
	9:15 am	St. Mary's Walking Group
	4:00 pm	ECW Bible Study - Email Pam Mazingo for the Zoom link.
	6:30 pm	EfM - Email Jon Sargeant for the Zoom link.
Wed.	7:00 am	Men's Morning Prayer Group - Email Gerry Fox for the Zoom link
	9am-noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours
	2:00 pm	Parish Staff Meeting
	4:30 pm	St. Mary's Walking Group
Thurs.	8:30 am	Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel
	2-4:30 pm	Fr. Tom's Office Hours
	5:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal
Fri.	6:45 am	St. Mary's Walking Group
	9am-Noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Andy Greene and the love and joy he shared with others.*

THE ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION continues its study of the letter of St. Paul to the church in Philippi. This short letter is filled with messages of joy regardless of challenging situations. This 5-week series **meets each Sunday at 10:45am** in Moseley Hall and online via Zoom (the link was shared via email on Friday).

ST. MARY'S SHIRTS FOR 2021: The EYC is excited to share with you our 2021 t-shirt fundraiser with proceeds to benefit EYC service projects and activities!!!! **Now through Sunday, January 31st**, you will be able to order your official 2021 St. Mary's t-shirt. This year's design reminds us of time spent worshipping in the great outdoors with our big beautiful magnolia tree on the West Lawn. Shirts are available in long-sleeve or short sleeve, and in 2 colors (peacock and dove gray). Sizes XS-3X (there are youth sizes available as well).

\$25 for short sleeves, \$30 for long sleeves. Order online via Realm or contact Liz Hengst in person or by email (lhengst@stmaryskinston.com).

THE ECW BIBLE STUDY continues to study the Gospel of Mark as part of the GOOD BOOK Club during the 8 week season of Epiphany. Join us as we study the Gospel of Mark **each Tuesday at 4pm on Zoom**. Invite a friend and bring your Bible. Daily readings and the Zoom link will be sent via email in early January.

CHILI COOK OFF - Mark your calendars for the return of the Chili Cook Off on **Sunday, February 7th!** Like everything these days, it will be different, and not entail a mass gathering, but it will be safe, delicious, and in support of Youth Ministries at St. Mary's. More details will be shared soon!

ECW HEART & SOUL DRIVE-THRU HORS D'OEUVRE DINNER - We invite you to join us **Sunday, February 14, 2020 from 4-6pm** in "Heart Alley" for a drive-thru Valentine's dinner like no other! Ticket price is \$60 for a bottle of wine and 2 hors d'oeuvre meals (each meal contains 2 marinated jumbo shrimp, 1 smoked salmon with cream cheese and caper in a pastry shell, 1 scoop of chicken salad in a pastry shell, 1 pimento cheese scoop in a pastry shell, 1 deviled egg, 1 garlic herb goat cheese crostini topped with walnuts and honey, 2 sausage balls, 1 small chess pie square, 1 small cheesecake square, and a small bunch of grapes). This delightful evening of LOVE enables the Episcopal Church Women to continue its ministries within the church as well as community outreach. [Online registration is open now through Realm under the "events" section](#), or call the parish office for assistance.

SHROVE TUESDAY - While the pandemic makes it impossible for us to fill Moseley Hall for usual Shrove Tuesday festivities, we will still celebrate and offer a Pancake Supper!! On **Shrove Tuesday, February 16th**, choose between a "make-at-home pancake supper kit" for preorder, or swing by our drive-thru "Pancake Alley" to pick up a cooked pancake supper meal... or do both... hey, it's Shrove Tuesday!! More details will be shared soon!

THE BLESSING OF THE HOMES on the **Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th) and the season which follows, ending on Shrove Tuesday (February 16th)**. Fr. Tom would be glad to offer prayers of blessing for your home if requested. It is a blessing to your clergy to share in your lives! Being invited to offer this gift of the church to your home would be a great joy, so please don't hesitate.

THE RECTOR'S FORUM meets on **Tuesdays at noon via Zoom** to discuss the book "[Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope](#)" by the [Rev. Canon Dr. Esau McCaulley](#), an Anglican priest and New Testament scholar at

Wheaton College. Contact Fr. Tom by email at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com if you would like to receive the Zoom link.

ST. MARY'S WALKING GROUPS - We are excited to offer safe walking groups to fit any schedule. We hope you will check out any (or all!!) of these walking times...ALL are welcome!

- **Tuesdays at 9:15am** - meet at St. Mary's for a walk hosted by our ECW;
- **Wednesdays at 4:30pm** - all ages (animals too) meet @ St. Mary's for a 30-min walk
- **Fridays at 6:45am** - meet at St. Mary's and join others for 45 minute walk;
- **Sundays at 2pm** - join others for a 30 minute walk at a slower pace; this group will meet at St. Mary's and possibly other locations as announced.

ST. MARY'S TO BE A HOST CHURCH FOR SEMINARIAN - Next month, St. Mary's will serve as a Field Education church for Greg Smith, a Postulant who is in formation to become a priest. Greg lives in Goldsboro and his sponsoring church is St. Andrew's. He has studied at Sewanee's School of Theology and will gain formative practical parish experience with St. Mary's. His first Sunday with St. Mary's will be February 7 and you'll be able to read some about him in the next BellRinger. Welcome, Greg!

2020 YEAR-END GIVING: Final year-end statements have been mailed and also are available for review anytime by logging into your member account in our parish online directory (www.onrealm.org).

MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO: Please take some time to re-familiarize yourself with the Ministry Scheduler, its app, and the "live" schedule available on our website or at this link: www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmaryskinston/schedules/565452. If you need some one-on-one help, email Gerry Fox at gfoxjr@gmail.com. The Scheduler is a tool to help us ease the burden of contacting people each week to serve. It is our hope, with your help, it will do just that.

ECW FAITH FRIENDS - Consider joining FAITH FRIENDS, a group of ECW women making intentional personal connections by checking in on an assigned church member via short chats, doorstep visits, letters, and/or surprise gifts. Please contact Laury Sargeant (jsarg4@suddenlink.net) or Audra Haddad (5haddad@suddenlink.net) who will in turn contact you to assign a friend.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: St. James, Belhaven; St. Mary's, Burgaw

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mrs. Kelli Stroud, Mrs. Sue Schaffer, Mr. Tripper Parham

Tom Warren..... Rector
Sharon Veitch.....Organist/Choirmaster
Stuart Stroud.....Senior Warden
Jimmy Ballard.....Junior Warden
Jon SargeantTreasurer
Audra HaddadClerk of the Vestry
Lori Kelly.....Parish Administrator
Liz Hengst...Youth/Families Ministry Coordinator
Sherry Tanner.....Communications Director
Jim Godfrey.....Mary's Kitchen Director
Cyndi Rafferty.....Altar Guild Chair
Laury Sargeant.....ECW President

Parish Vestry

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Jimmy Ballard
Sam Gilmore
Jessica Shimer
Stuart Stroud

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John John
Scott Turik
Dee Warner
Harry Wooten

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Skip Greene
Audra Haddad
Vicki Kennedy
Pam Mazingo