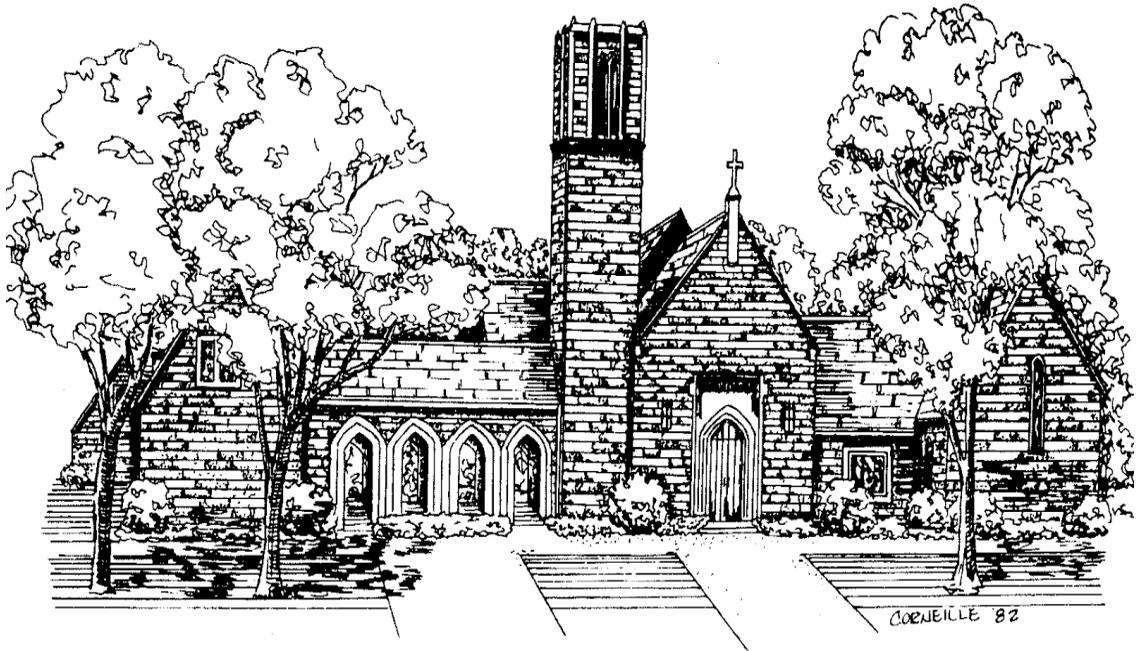


# Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, February 21, 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: Tom Warren

Seminarian: Greg Smith

Organist: Sharon Veitch

Vocal Soloist: Marcus Jones

Recorder: Seraphim Smith

Acolytes: Morgan Wade, Isabelle Rosa-Irizarry, Eagan Ballard

Lector: Susan Fox

Ushers/Greeters: Laury & Jon Sargeant, Gerry Fox

## Prelude

### Greeting & Announcements

*The people stand as they are able while praying aloud the Great Litany.*

### The Great Litany *(Provided as a handout)*

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*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* ***His mercy endures for ever. Amen.***

### The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### The Lessons

*All may be seated for the readings.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

[9:8-17]

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the First Epistle of St. Peter:

[3:18-22]

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

*All stand as they are able.*

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*All may be seated.*

**The Sermon**

Fr. Tom

*All stand as they are able.*

**The Nicene Creed**

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*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.*

**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 Hymn #675 "Take up your cross, the Savior said"



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest

Tune: *Bourbon*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All stand as they are able.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

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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.*

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***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.***

*The Celebrant continues, the People kneel*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### **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.*

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*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.***

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Communion Hymns

#448           “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

*Dues tuorum militum*

#121           “Christ, when for us you were baptized”

*Caithness*

**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 Solemn Prayer Over the People**

*The celebrant introduces the prayer by saying:*

Bow down before the Lord

*The people kneel as they are able.*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Recessional Music

### Dismissal

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week's Schedule – February 21, 2021

Sun.	10:45am	Adult Christian Formation Series: Sunday Morning Stories <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
	5:00pm	Outdoor Worship: Prayer Stations for Lent
	8:00 pm	AA meets in Moseley Hall
Mon.	12:00 pm	Blood Drive (Moseley Hall)
	6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Tues.	8:30 am	Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel
	9am-noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours
	9:15 am	St. Mary's Walking Group
	Noon	Rector's Forum: <u>Reading While Black</u> book study - Email <a href="mailto:Fr. Tom">Fr. Tom</a> for the Zoom link.
	6:30 pm	EfM - Email <a href="mailto:Jon Sargeant">Jon Sargeant</a> for the Zoom link.
Wed.	7:00 am	Men's Morning Prayer Group - Email <a href="mailto:Gerry Fox">Gerry Fox</a> 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

**WAY OF THE CROSS** - St. Mary's offers the Way of the Cross indoors **each Friday during Lent at 5:45 pm**. This short devotional experience, usually about 20 minutes, is both tactile and meditative. St. Mary's will also offer a drive-thru, accessible, outdoor Way of the Cross located on the driveways near the West Lawn during Lent. Please consider making a commitment to walk the Way of the Cross at least once before Easter.

For a summary of all Lent events and offerings, be sure to visit [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com) and click on the “Lent @ St. Mary’s” picture on the homepage rotator.

**LENT AND YOUTH** - Each Sunday during Lent, the children, youth, and families of St. Mary’s will be reading stories by Kobi Yamada (read more about him at [www.thestoriesweweread.com](http://www.thestoriesweweread.com)) and talking about how we prepare for what God has for us. This week's book is "Maybe." If you missed it this morning, you can view a reading of it again this Wednesday at 4pm on our Instagram page.

**ST. MARY'S BLOOD DRIVE** - St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive tomorrow (**Monday**), **February 22nd, Noon-4pm in Moseley Hall**. Donors will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred - make yours at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**HEART AND SOUL DINNER & AUCTION THANKS** - We give thanks for all who joined us for an evening of LOVE at the ECW Heart & Soul Drive-Thru Valentine's dinner event! Also, many thanks to Bonnie Smith (Seraphim's mom) for designing and creating this year's auction item - a beautiful, one-of-a-kind stained glass cross window. Congratulations to Canon Mollie Roberts for winning such a heartfelt piece of art. The Episcopal Church Women are grateful for all the support in this ministry!

**AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES VIRTUAL CRAFTS DISPLAY** - St. Mary's will provide a virtual display of the African crafts and jewelry from African Team Ministries throughout the month of February and part of March at <https://africanteamstore.square.site/>. Your support provides much-needed support to the Church in East Africa and its effort to spread HOPE.

**THE ADULT FORUM** continues its new Lenten series called "Sunday Morning Stories." Join us as individuals share some of their spiritual journey of discerning and responding to their calls from God. Adult Christian Formation gathers on **Sunday mornings from 10:45-11:45am** in-person in Moseley Hall or online via Zoom. This week’s speaker will be Fr. Tom.

**THE ECW BIBLE STUDY** - As part of your Lenten discipline, we invite you to join us for our next 4-week study of the book of Ruth beginning **Tuesday, March 2 at 4pm via Zoom**. Ruth is one of only two books in the Bible named for a woman and is a story about how God moves even when we don’t see Him working.

**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](mailto:tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com) if you would like to receive the Zoom link.

**THE FEBRUARY BELLRINGER** is available now! Pick up your copy in person or enjoy it online [www.stmaryskinston.com/bellringer](http://www.stmaryskinston.com/bellringer).

**FORWARD DAY BY DAY** - The February-April edition of Forward Day by Day in small or large print is available now! Pick up your copy in person or call the church office and we will gladly mail one to you.

**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](mailto:jsarg4@suddenlink.net)) or Audra Haddad ([5haddad@suddenlink.net](mailto:5haddad@suddenlink.net)) who will in turn contact you to assign a friend.

**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.

**ALL LITURGY SERVERS:** Please be attentive to emails & messages from Ministry Scheduler Pro! If you have any questions about the schedule, please contact Gerry Fox at [gfoxjr@gmail.com](mailto:gfoxjr@gmail.com). The "live" schedule is available at: [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmaryskinston/schedules/565452](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmaryskinston/schedules/565452).

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte, The Rev'd Farrell Graves, Rector, The Rev'd Deacon Michael Ligon, The Rev'd Deacon Jean Miller

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Mrs. Sarah Warner, Mr. Jacob John, Ms. Megan Johnson, Mrs. Raye Shimer

Tom Warren.....	Rector	Parish Vestry	
Sharon Veitch.....	Organist/Choirmaster	2021	2022
Stuart Stroud.....	Senior Warden	Jimmy Ballard	John John
Jimmy Ballard.....	Junior Warden	Sam Gilmore	Scott Turik
Jon Sargeant .....	Treasurer	Jessica Shimer	Dee Warner
Audra Haddad .....	Clerk of the Vestry	Stuart Stroud	Harry Wooten
Lori Kelly.....	Parish Administrator	2023	
Liz Hengst... Youth/Families	Ministry Coordinator	Skip Greene	
Sherry Tanner.....	Communications Director	Audra Haddad	
Jim Godfrey.....	Mary's Kitchen Director	Vicki Kennedy	
Cyndi Rafferty.....	Altar Guild Chair	Pam Mazingo	
Laury Sargeant.....	ECW President		
Greg Smith.....	Seminarian		