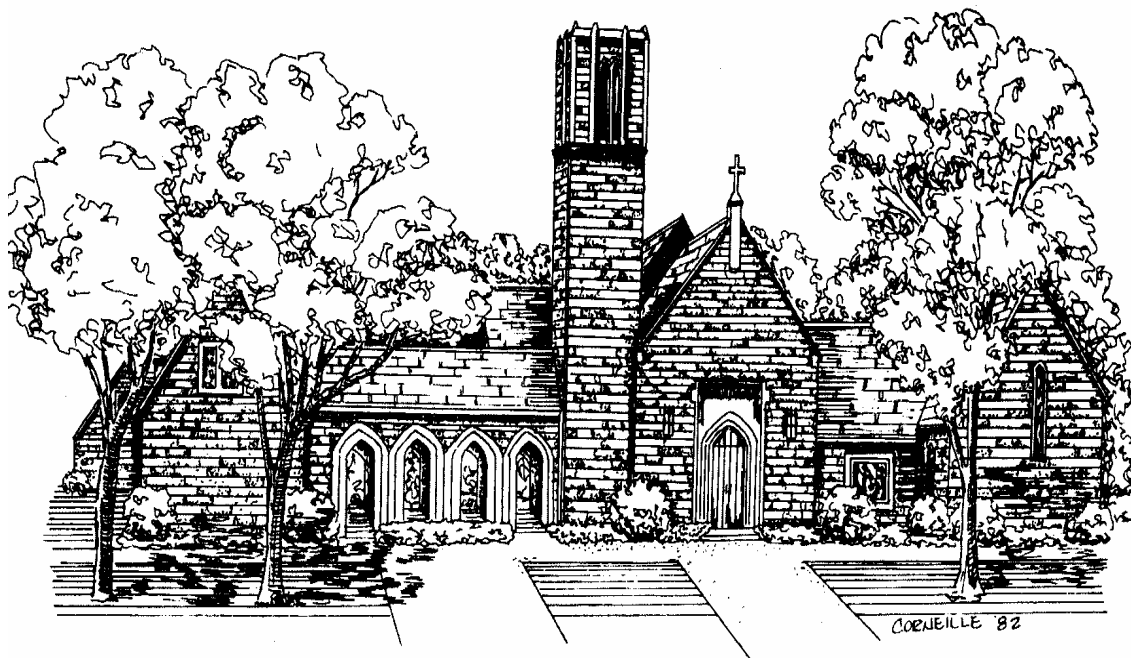


Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 5, 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.

The Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church!

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 in-person liturgies (Rite 1 at 8am in the Chapel and Rite 2 at 9:30am in the large church). These liturgies are offered following the parameters outlined in Fr. Tom's [Pastoral Letter of November 17th](#), in accordance with [Diocesan guidelines](#).

*As we enter into a new season of the pandemic, many restrictions are being lifted from our ways of gathering. Regarding wearing face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase applies: **All may, some should, none must.** All are welcome to wear a face covering at any time. We acknowledge the CDC recommendation for all persons over age 2 to wear a face covering indoors when virus transmission is "substantial" or "high" in the area, according to the CDC county data tracker. Following the Governor's latest Executive Orders and Bishop Skirving's guidance, no one is required to wear a face covering at St. Mary's. Recognizing that individuals will have varying comfort levels about gathering in public, please be mindful and respectful of one another.*

SERVERS IN THIS LITURGY:

Celebrant and Preacher: Tom Warren

Sub-Deacon: Greg Smith, Seminarian

Organist: Sharon Veitch

Vocal Soloist: Michael Adams

Acolytes: Anna Haddad, Madi Hengst, and Chloe Albritton

Lector: Jessica Shimer

Eucharistic Ministers: Greg Smith, Barbara Crumbaker,

Audra Haddad, & Susan Fox

Ushers: Clifton Carey, James Grady, Jess Edwards

Greeters: Sherry and Todd Tanner

Prelude

Greeting & Opening of the Annual Parish Meeting

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

The people stand as they are able during the procession.

Processional Hymn #65 “Prepare the way, O Zion” Bereden vag for Herran

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Then the Celebrant continues

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.***

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 the Prophet Malachi:

[3:1-4]

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1: 68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Church in Philippi: [1:3-11]

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is

best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

The people stand as they are able. The Gospel lesson is read in between the two hymn verses.

Gospel Hymn #707 "Take my life, and let it be" Hollingside

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:1-6

All stand as they are able.

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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 Page 358

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 Prayers of the People, Form I

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Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Intercessor For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our diocesan bishop; Tom, our Rector; Greg & Jon our postulants for Holy Orders; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For Joe, our President; for the leaders of the nations; for Roy, our Governor; for Don, our Mayor; and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For this city of Kinston, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially _____], and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the blessing of the buildings and grounds of St. Mary's Church. Lord, thank you for all people whose lives and ministries contribute to the care and maintenance of these sacred spaces, especially Ronnie Taylor and his staff, and Jimmy Ballard, our Jr. Warden, and grant us all the wisdom and ability to steward these gifts well. Let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Family, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People ***To thee, O Lord our God.***

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

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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

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.***

Announcements: Election of Vestry Members & Delegates to Convention

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

“O Magnum Mysterium”

Evan Rumas

The People with gladness give to God their gifts of tithes and offerings.

Presentation Hymn #380 vs. 3

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand as they are able.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

All sing the Sanctus

Hymnal S130

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people, in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Family, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.****

***Indicates times when the Sanctus bells may be rung.*

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.

Communion is offered in both kinds (bread & wine). Please bring an appropriate cup that, ideally, is set apart for this sacred use. Compostable cups are also available in the narthex and ushers will have some with them at communion time. At the usher's invitation, please make a single-file line to receive bread at the bottom of the chancel steps, then proceed to receive and consume wine in your cup, if desired. At the third station, water is poured into the communion cup to rinse it. Please consume the water before returning to your seat. Compostable cups may be left in the container near the third station or in the narthex. Please do not throw communion cups in trash cans.

If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, please come to clergy and cross your arms across your chest which will indicate that this is your desire. If, for mobility concerns, you would prefer for communion to be brought to you, please tell an usher.

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 Music

Hymn #53	Once He came in blessing	<i>Gottes Sohn ist kommen</i>
Hymn #76	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	<i>Winchester New</i>
Hymn #74	Blest be the King whose coming	<i>Valet will ich dir geben</i>

Postcommunion Prayer

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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.

An Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before our path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

The People respond: Amen.

Recessional Hymn #67 “Comfort, comfort ye my people” *Psalm 42*

Closing of the Annual Parish Meeting & Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude Lift Up Your head, Ye Mighty Gates David Lasky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule – December 5, 2021

Sun.	10:45 am	Adult & Children Christian Formation
	10:45 am	Usher Training
	3:00 pm	EYC
	8:00 pm	AA meets in Moseley Hall
Tues.	8:30 am	Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel
	9am-Noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours
	12:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Queen Street Deli
Wed.	7:00 am	Men's Bible & Prayer Group in Moseley Hall
	9am-Noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours
	3:30 pm	Parish Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	EfM (Moseley Hall)

Thurs. 8:30 am Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel

2-4:30 pm Fr. Tom's Office Hours

5:45pm Handbell Choir Practice

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Fri. 9am-1:30pm Fr. Tom's Office Hours

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sam Gilmore.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - The Annual Report of St. Mary's Church is available in hard copy on the welcome tables this morning and online at the homepage of www.stmaryskinston.com. Please read about this remarkable year and don't hesitate to ask any ministry leader any questions that you may have. We are grateful for the following members of St. Mary's who are answering a call to serve in the following ways:

Vestry Class of 2024: Clifton Carey, Jess Edwards, Jo Parrott, & Ginny Wade

Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Terah Archie, Richard Crumbacker, Jo Parrott

Alternate Delegate: Barbara Crumbacker Youth Representative: David Brown

THE DECEMBER BELLRINGER is published and available online and in hard copy throughout the church.

MINISTRY TRAINING SESSIONS - With many recent additions to our worship life, training has been scheduled for Sunday mornings at 10:45am for Ushers (Dec 5), Acolytes (Dec 12), and Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors (Dec 19 in the Chapel). All are welcome to join in these ministries and come to the training!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDY: THE ADVENT CONSPIRACY continues today during the Christian Formation hour. This series meets in the parlor at 10:45am for a short video and group discussion. We have a few copies of the book available or you can purchase it through Amazon, but reading the book is not necessary to participate in this study. Please join us if you can! Contact Audra Haddad if you would like to help facilitate one of the weeks using the study guide.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS - At the Christmas liturgies, the altars and chancel are decorated with a sea of poinsettias in celebration of Christ's birth. If you would like to remember a loved one or offer flowers in thanksgiving for someone, make a contribution of any amount in the Christmas offering envelopes found on the welcome tables, or contact the church office. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's

Church. **Monday, December 20th** is the deadline to ensure that names will appear in the Christmas bulletin.

ST. MARY'S COOKIE WALK - Join us for our DRIVE THRU St. Mary's Cookie Walk next Saturday, December 11th from 11am-Noon. We will have delicious, beautifully boxed cookies ready for pick up (small box for \$10 or large box for \$25). Nut-free boxes also will be available. Come for a festive drive thru experience and pick up some Cookie LOVE to enjoy and to share this Christmas season! Please enter Cookie Alley from Rhem Street entrance. Bakers are needed for this event! Cookies may be dropped off to the church office through Thursday, Dec. 9th or to Moseley Hall beginning Friday, Dec. 10th from 9am-6pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Laury Sargeant at jsarg4@suddenlink.net.

GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN - Thank you for participating in the Foster Children's Ministry again this year. We are providing gifts for 21 children! The gifts will be blessed during the 9:30 liturgy on December 12th and delivered to Social Services on the 13th. You may drop off your gifts to the Church Office (Vestry Room) on Friday, December 10th, or you may bring them before the service on December 12th. Please wrap gifts or place them in a Christmas bag, and on each gift please include the number, initials, age, and gender. Also, it is helpful to include receipts in case exchanges need to be made. The following child has not been selected:

- Number 19 - "NW" male/age 13: XBox, scooter, action figures, Dragon Ball Z, Naruto, 3D Printer, shoes size 9.5 men

Remember, you do not need to purchase everything on the list. The public schools furnish iPads for all students to use. Contributions are helpful to assist with the purchase of gifts and may be sent to Lori Kelly in the parish office. Contact Becky Darst by email at rcdarst@suddenlink.net for any questions.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - As we enter Advent, we share our anticipation for the return of a live Christmas Pageant on December 24th at 5pm! This year, we have many main character roles available (minimal speaking involved). All children and youth (from babies - 12th graders) are invited to sign up for a role by December 12th (contact Liz or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex). Liz will share the assigned roles on December 13th. Pageant Practice will be Sunday, December 19th at 10:45am. In addition to the main roles, we are excited to include parish-wide participation during the pageant by encouraging you to choose a prop (or multiple!) located in the Narthex as you enter the service Christmas Eve. With the help of the Narrator, you will be given

directions regarding the prop you have chosen and when your participation is needed during the pageant. You won't even have to leave your pew to join the fun! Questions? Please email Liz at lhengst@stmaryskinston.com.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - The Kids Ministries and EYC are in need of unused Christmas cards for some upcoming projects. Please donate any unused Christmas cards now through December 12th by dropping them off to the office during business hours. Liz will also be happy to accept them on Sundays as well.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Christmas caroling is planned for Sunday, December 19th. We will meet at 4pm in the church parking lot. Bells & festive clothing are welcome! This is sure to be a time of fun and fellowship as we spread good news and cheer to many of our cherished members. This is a church-wide event - ALL are welcome to join in this festive afternoon!

COMMUNION CUPS - We are SO grateful for Renee Herlong for leading us in designing the communion cups for individuals & households. If you painted one, yours can be picked up in the Vestry Room/Bookstore the next time you come to the church. While donations are always welcome, there is no charge for any of these cups! Compostable cups are also available for one-time use.

MINISTRY MINUTE: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Cooler weather means more indoors time and picking back up the handwork (knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, etc.) we put aside during warmer weather. At St. Mary's, we offer a Prayer Shawl Ministry, where everyone is welcome - men, women, experienced, and first timers. Recently Bishop Skirving visited with the group. There is no one to call...just show up! This hearty, informal group meets every Tuesday 12:30-2:30 at Queen St Deli. Having started over 5 years ago, this group has produced about 150 beautiful prayer shawls, countless baby and adult handmade caps, and many other treasured handwork pieces. These items are blessed during a church service before they are distributed with love and received with gratitude. This ministry is part of the Pastoral Care Commission, and we invite you to come to watch or participate and most of all enjoy the fellowship of one another!

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY - Music is a regular part of our Sunday morning worship, and we invite you to join our handbells, choir, or both! We meet on Thursday nights, handbells at 5:45-6:45 pm and choir at 7-8pm. If you like to sing and enjoy blending with other voices, please join us - you do not need a soloist's voice.

For any questions, please email Sharon Veitch (sveitch@stmaryskinston.com) or call/text her at 910-548-6836.

DIOCESAN MISSION PRIORITIES - Bishop Rob Skirving and the Executive Council of the Diocese of East Carolina invite your participation in discerning and refining the mission priorities for us as a Diocese. Read the draft priorities and watch video presentations by Bishop Rob online at: www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/discerning-mission-priorities/. Please email your feedback to missionpriorities@diocese-eastcarolina.org.

ST. MARY'S BLOOD DRIVE - St. Mary's will host a blood drive on Monday, December 27th from 12-4pm in Moseley Hall. To help your time go more smoothly, make a reservation at www.redcross.org.

COVID-19 VACCINE HELP CENTER - The COVID-19 vaccine help center, operated by the NCDHHS, can be reached at 888-675-4567. Callers can get help with general COVID-19 vaccine questions, clinical questions about the vaccine, how to find vaccine locations, and transportation services.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Church of the Advent, Williamston, The Rev'd Connie Connelly, Priest in Charge; Vestry Elections & Annual Parish Meetings

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Miss Jane Herring, Miss MacKenzie Keel, Mrs. Kay Turner, Mrs. Frances Herring, Mr. Seraphim Smith, Miss Elisabeth Webster, Dr. Greg Gridley

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Althea and Randy Holton

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
Susan Fox.....Altar Guild Chair
Laury Sargeant.....ECW President
Greg Smith.....Seminararian

Parish Vestry	
2021	2022
Jimmy Ballard	John John
Sam Gilmore	Scott Turik
Jessica Shimer	Dee Warner
Stuart Stroud	Harry Wooten
2023	
Skip Greene	
Audra Haddad	
Vicki Kennedy	
Pam Mazingo	

SUNDAYS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

All are welcome!

8:00 am - Online Liturgy of
Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Spiritual Communion)
posted to our YouTube and Facebook platforms

8:00 am
Holy Eucharist: Rite 1
in the All Saints' Chapel

9:30 am
Holy Eucharist: Rite 2
in the large Sanctuary

Visit www.stmaryskinston.com to learn more about many other
community ministry offerings for all ages.

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