



February 2022

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:
Serving with JOY!*

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



From the Rector

LOVE

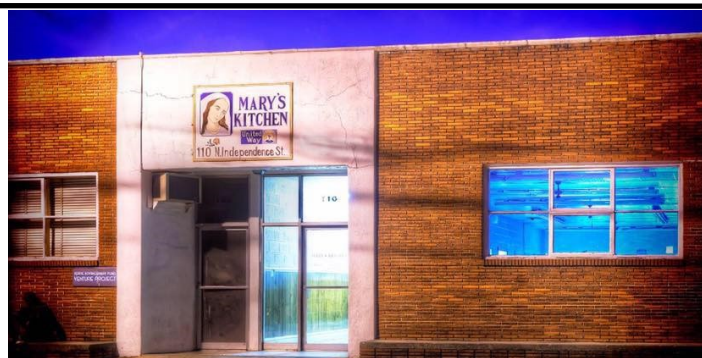
is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self-seeking
it is not easily angered
keeps no record of wrongs
does not delight in evil
rejoices with the truth
always protects
always trusts
always hopes
always perseveres
never fails

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Last week, I remembered a fun experiment that we tried with our Science Olympiad team a couple years ago. Our students were given a recipe to make delicious cookies, but were then also given way too many ingredient options. None of them were labeled. They had to use the scientific method to help them select the correct ingredients which, in a couple instances, actually resulted in mouth-watering deliciousness. In most cases, however, something was amiss. It was obvious in how the “cookies” looked, or tasted, or both! St. Paul, in his first letter to the church in Corinth, wrote about many spiritual gifts that are given to help guide, uplift, and build God’s Kingdom here on earth. Then, in chapter 13, he wrote that as wonderful as those gifts and skills are, they are as useless... without one key ingredient: love. It’s kind of like the cookies: with that key ingredient missing, something just isn’t right.

Jesus is clear about just how important real, biblical, love is. The greatest commandment is to love. Followers of Jesus will be known by their love. All you need is love. Ok, that last one wasn’t Jesus, but it is the Gospel truth that the love of God IS what we need! With Valentine’s Day, there is a whole lot of talk about “love” in the month of February. Friends, I hope you’ll take a good close look at how the Bible describes “love” in 1 Corinthians 13 and strive for that real love to be what you celebrate. I hope that you’ll try to “walk in love,” and let God’s love reach others through the way you live. But most of all, I hope you’ll remember that 1 Corinthians 13 is actually describing the Love that God has for YOU, most powerful shown through Jesus. Celebrate that Good News and pray for ways to share it, joyfully!

Tom +



Mary’s Kitchen Volunteers

Mary’s Kitchen has been able to continue serving a warm, nutritious meal every day for years, even through the pandemic. But, it has been difficult to schedule the minimum number of servers recently.

If you would be willing to offer your time for about three and half hours (8:30-11:45am) on any week-day, please contact Jim Godfrey (maryskitchen@stmaryskinston.com). You would make such a wonderful difference! Thank you!!!



Interested in helping to shape and design our liturgies during the Lent and Easter seasons? Come join the conversation at

our next Worship Committee Meeting on Sunday, February 13th. We’ll meet at 2:45pm in the parlor.



“Journey in Faith” is a small-group series of interactive sessions with Fr. Tom to explore the fundamentals of Christianity, Anglicanism, and the Episcopal Church. JiF is ideal for anyone curious about baptism, confirmation, or joining St. Mary’s, but it’s open to anyone at all! When Bishop Skirving’s visitation schedule is published, we will announce the next JiF meeting schedule.

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Organist & Choirmaster	Mrs. Sharon Veitch
Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey

News at St. Mary's

139th Annual Diocesan Convention

Rescheduled to June 3-4



With the reality of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 still prevalent, the Executive Council of the Diocese and the Bishop, acting together, made the decision on January 28th to reschedule the 139th Convention for June 3-4 with the desire that the Convention be a safe in-person gathering. Updates regarding registration and accommodation, nominations and resolutions, the Convention schedule and other details will be posted on the

[Diocesan website](#) as they become available.

Please keep the Diocese and our common ministries, the Executive Council, and our convention delegates (Terah Archie, Richard Crumbacker, Jo Parrott, Barbara Crumbacker, and David Brown) in your prayers!



Habitat for Humanity Lenoir County Build

[The Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne](#) is stepping out on faith for another special

project: Lenoir County Build 2022! This special project involves community partners like St. Mary's coming alongside the future homeowner, who is the head of a Hurricane Florence-impacted family, in building the residence from the ground up under careful professional guidance. Mark your calendars for our scheduled workdays in the coming months: Saturday, March 19 and a weekday (TBA) later. Workday shifts are 8-11:30am and noon-3:30pm. Volunteers can serve at either or both shifts. Please contact [Fr. Tom](#) if you're interested in being a part of the workdays or supporting this project in other ways.



St. Mary's Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a blood drive on **Monday, February 28th** from **12-4pm** in Moseley Hall. To help your time go more smoothly, make a reservation at

www.redcross.org. Show your **LOVE** by giving the gift of **LIFE**.

News at St. Mary's



Altar Guild Training

On Sunday, February 6th at 2pm, Fr. Tom will meet with the Altar Guild in the chancel to offer training in the latest practices for preparing for corporate worship at St. Mary's church. Much has changed over the course of the pandemic (indoor/outdoor worship and the return of wine at communion) and a tabernacle has been added to the sanctuary which all impact the ways in which we prepare for worship. Come enjoy fellowship, conversation, and prayer with friends as we discuss these things!



Glory Ridge Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting in Moseley Hall for all who are interested in

being a part of (or just learning about) the Glory Ridge experience this summer (July 23-30) on Sunday, February 13, following the 9:30am liturgy. We'll share general information about what it means to "Make Work Worship" in Madison County, NC, answer any questions you have, and pray together about what this summer's trip will be like. If you are a current Middle or High Schooler, or an older person (!), and are interested in joyful Christian service, please come to this meeting to learn more!



Across the Diocese

• Trinity Center Executive Director

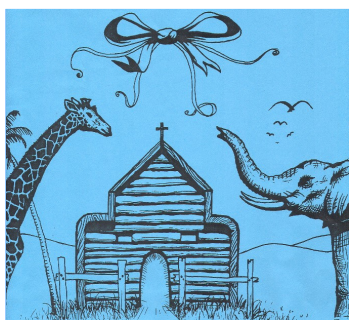
The Trinity Center Board of Managers is seeking an Executive Director who will lead the Center into the future. Deadline to apply for this position is February 14, 2022. Visit this website to read more about the position and for details on how to apply: <https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/executive-director>.

• Diocese of East Carolina Coordinator of Communications

This person will help to advance the mission and ministries of the Diocese of East Carolina by supporting staff and leaders with effective communications across the Diocese and beyond. Read more about this position at the [ECDIO website here](https://www.eastcarolina.org/eccio). To apply, please send your cover letter and resume to Admin@Diocese-EastCarolina.org.

We invite you to pray for discernment in your life and whether God is calling you to either of these ministries.

*Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.
~ Psalm 143:8*



African Team Ministries

After 2 years, we are excited for the return of African Team Ministries at St. Mary's! Mark your calendars for March

6th-27th when these beautiful crafts will be on display and available for purchase. Read more about African Team Ministries in the March Bell Ringer and at their website: <http://www.africanteamministries.org/>.

Worship



"We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood."

~ The Peoples' Response at the Baptismal Liturgy (BCP, Pg. 308)

We are thrilled to have a baptism planned for Matthew Fearing Sermons, son of Lauren and Wayland Sermons, and grandson of Cathy and Dan Sale, on Sunday, February 13th during the 9:30am liturgy. We will renew our Baptismal vows at both in-person and online services that day as well. Please keep Matthew, his baptismal sponsors, and his family in your prayers as we welcome the newest member of the household of God!



New Leadership Commissioned

In January, St. Mary's celebrated a commissioning service as part of the Sunday morning liturgy during which the new Vestry members and officers, and ECW officers were commissioned. Here are our new officers and commission leaders for the coming year:

- **Senior Warden:** Vicki Kennedy
- **Junior Warden:** Harry Wooten
- **Treasurer:** Jon Sargeant
- **Clerk of the Vestry:** Audra Haddad
- **Christian Formation for Adults:** John John assisted by Clifton Carey
- **Christian Formation for Children/Youth:** Ginny Wade assisted by Pam Mazingo
- **Pastoral Care:** Pam Mazingo assisted by Audra Haddad
- **Fellowship:** Harry Wooten assisted by Ginny Wade
- **Finance:** Scott Turik assisted by Skip Greene
- **Worship:** Jo Parrott assisted by Clifton Carey
- **Outreach:** Audra Haddad assisted by Jo Parrott
- **Personnel:** Dee Warner assisted by Vicki Kennedy
- **Long Range Planning:** Skip Greene, Jess Edwards, Steve Mazingo, Vicki Kennedy, Harry Wooten, Stuart Stroud, & Jimmy Ballard
- **ECW President:** Audra Haddad
- **ECW Co-Vice Presidents:** Ginny Wade & Amanda Hodges
- **ECW Treasurer:** Cathy Beasley
- **ECW Secretary:** Whitney Grady



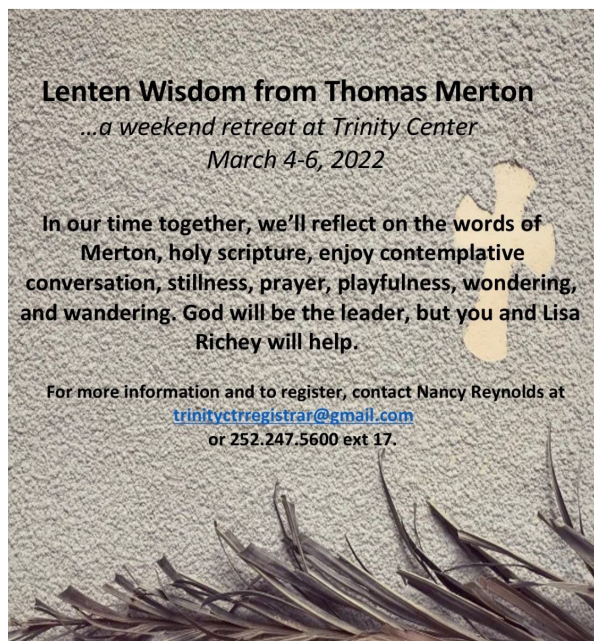
The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Mary's began over 5 years ago and has since produced more than 150 beautiful prayer shawls, countless baby and adult handmade caps, and many other treasured pieces. Join us on Sunday, February 20th during the 9:30am liturgy for a special blessing of the newest items before they are distributed with love to comfort others.

Lenten Wisdom from Thomas Merton

*...a weekend retreat at Trinity Center
March 4-6, 2022*

In our time together, we'll reflect on the words of Merton, holy scripture, enjoy contemplative conversation, stillness, prayer, playfulness, wondering, and wandering. God will be the leader, but you and Lisa Richey will help.

For more information and to register, contact Nancy Reynolds at trinityctrregistrar@gmail.com or 252.247.5600 ext 17.



Adult Christian Formation

Adult Christian Formation: THE CHOSEN

THE CHOSEN



The Adult Christian Formation series on The Chosen continues each **Sunday morning at 10:45am in the Parlor and via Zoom.**

All are invited to join us as we view and discuss this critically acclaimed, fascinating film series about Jesus and His disciples. For those meeting in person, the Adult Forum will view the video in the Parlor at 10:45, then gather with others online for group discussion from 11:25-11:45am. If you would prefer to join virtually, go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> and

follow the instructions to view the episodes at any time from your home. Then join us each Sunday at 11:25-11:45am for group discussion via zoom. A link was shared via email on Saturday, January 15. Please contact Father Tom if you need the link emailed to you.

ECW



Heart & Soul Auction

This year our Heart and Soul auction will be a beautiful 12" x 16" stained glass cardinal window (see left) designed & created by our very own St. Mary's member Bonnie Smith and owner of Bonnie's Art

Glass Studio in Downtown Kinston. **The online auction is live now thru Sunday, February 12th at 6pm.** The bidding is easy, safe, and online at

<https://www.32auctions.com/stmarys28501>.

Registration to bid is a quick process....simply create your account (**no financial information has to be given**). We hope you will take a peek at this beautiful piece, consider making a bid, and share this information ... & the **LOVE** ... with others! Contact the church office with any questions.

Heart & Soul Drive Thru Dinner for Two

February 12th 4-6pm
St. Mary's Episcopal Church at "Heart Alley"
(located off Rhem Street)

Cupid's Special

\$60 Valentines Meal for Two includes:
Two hors d'oeuvre-style meals paired with a bottle of wine or non-alcoholic beverage.

How to Place Your Order

Please click the link below to order and pay <https://onrealm.org/stmaryskinston/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NzI5N2U0NDAtNmNhNC00YzY1LTgyMGUtYWUxYTAwMDFiZWUz> or access the QR Code below

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEB 7

*Enjoy an evening all about **LOVE** that enables the Episcopal Church Women to continue their ministries within the church and the community.*



Children, Youth, & Families @ St. Mary's

FEBRUARY

Kids' Sunday School

Sunday, February
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
@ 10:45am

All kids pre-K to 5th grade - join us for prayer, activities, Bible stories, and fun

EYC Sunday Gathering

Sunday, February 6th, 13th, & 27th
@ 3-4:30pm

All 6th-12th graders - join us for discussion, formation, service, and fun

EYC Bread Making with Seraphim

Sunday, 20th @ 1-5pm

This event is open to 6th-12th graders but registration is required. Spaces are limited.

Contact Liz Hengst @

lhengst@stmaryskinston.com *to register.*

\$40 fee (scholarships available)

Show LOVE to Your Community

All ages invited to join in Trash Bashing

No supplies needed

Bring grabbers if you have them

- Every Tuesday in February
3:30pm - Start and end at St. Mary's
- Every Thursday in February
4:30pm - Start and end at Pearson Park

Show LOVE to Your Minds

Every Wednesday in February

@ 3:30-5:30pm

All EYC students - join us for homework, coffee, & conversation at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse

Show LOVE to Your Neighbors

Friday, February 25th

@8:30-11:30am

*All EYC students who are out of school
Serve with us @ Mary's Kitchen*

Chili Superbowl TO-GO Events

Sunday, February 13th!!

- **CHILI SALE PREP** (Thursday, February 10th from 3:30-4:15pm) - Join us to get everything ready for a smooth Chili Sale!
- **CHILI SALE PREP** (Friday, February 11th from 6-8pm) - All EYC students, especially those planning to attend Glory Ridge, are invited to join us in getting everything ready for a smooth Chili Sale!
- **CHILI SUPERBOWL "TO-GO" EVENT**
Let us do the cooking so you can enjoy the Super Bowl (with a "super bowl" of St. Mary's chili) on Sunday, February 13th! **For any donation amount**, you will receive one quart (32 oz) of beef, chicken, or vegan/vegetarian chili and 6 cornbread muffins to take home with you. Enjoy great food while supporting our youth mission trip to Glory Ridge this upcoming summer. Stay tuned for more details to follow, and join us in prayer that we will be able to bring back the great Chili "Cook-Off" next year in 2023.

From the Desk of Liz ~

This month we will be showing **LOVE**.

- ♥ How does God call us to show love to others?
- ♥ What does that look like in whatever season of life we are currently in?
- ♥ How does God call us to show love to the place we live, from the small space of our home to the big space of our planet?
- ♥ How does God call us to show love in areas of darkness and hurt?

We are going to spend the month of February listening for where God is calling us to show more love. We are going to learn how to be more intentional about showing love everyday, to everyone.

Liz

ATTENTION BASEBALL LOVERS
Wood Ducks Box seats available all season for a donation to benefit EYC and Glory Ridge!!! Next month sign-ups will be available. Contact Liz Hengst.

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Camp Trinity Summer 2022

Registration for Summer 2022 is going on now! Download your brochure

and application from www.trinityctr.com. For registration questions, contact the Trinity Center Mary Beth Bradberry, Director, or Nancy Reynolds, Camp Registrar, at (888) 874-6287 or (252) 247-5600. Email applications to trinityctrgeneral@gmail.com.



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Email Laury Sargeant at jsarg4@suddenlink.net or Audra Haddad at 5haddad@suddenlink.net today!

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am (Online) - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Spiritual Communion)

posted to [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)

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

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the large sanctuary

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30am in Chapel

Regarding wearing face coverings at St. Mary's, we recognize that the pandemic situation is evolving. At the time of publishing, the familiar Anglican phrase applies: All may, some should, none must. While all are welcome to wear a face covering at any time, we affirm the CDC recommendation that all persons over age 2, especially all who are not vaccinated, should wear a face covering indoors when other people are present. Following the Governor's most recent Executive Order 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.

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2022	2023	2023
John John	Skip Greene	Clifton Carey
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