



February, 2019

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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

INVITE A FRIEND & JOIN ST. MARY'S FOR A

CHILI COOK OFF



The CHILI & CORNBREAD COOK OFF is THE main fundraiser for the EYC Mission Trip to Glory Ridge! This year we will be joined by Jennifer Reda, Executive Director of Glory Ridge, and her family. Rainbow Meadow Farm & The Whiskey Pig Craft Butchery will also be represented on the Expert Judge's panel!

Everyone is invited to enter the competition. Extra crock pots will be on hand to keep the chili warm, but be sure to let Fr. Tom or Audra Haddad know if you need one.

Enjoy great food and fellowship, support the youth mission trip, and stock up on extra chili for your Super Bowl gathering later in the evening!

**Super Bowl
Sunday**

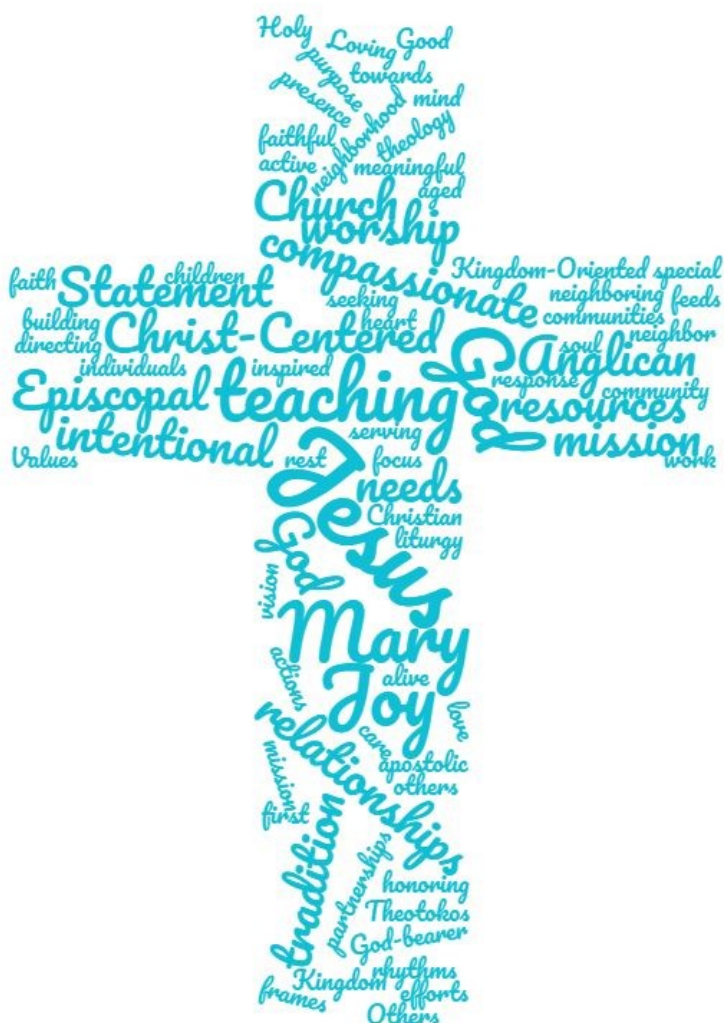
February 3rd

12:00 pm

**MOSELEY
HALL**

From the Rector

Each of the 12 elements of our organizational statements will be featured in the 2019 BellRingers as a way of explaining and celebrating how we have heard God calling us into JOY-ful service in this time.



What's at our Core?

There's a lot of talk in business leadership circles about the sort of mission and vision statements that our vestry adopted at the end of 2018 – and with good reason. A proverb in Scripture says “without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 28:19). The heart of this concept is that, in order to thrive, people need to be connected with the purpose God has for us!

Among the organizational statements that St. Mary's has for this season of our life together is a set of **core values**. Very simply put, these are things we behold as treasures in our lives of faith and they are essential to our life and witness as Christians in this community. The first Core Value is that we are “*Christ-Centered and Kingdom-Oriented in our teaching and purpose for mission.*”

Jesus needs to always be the center – the core – of our very being and all that we do. We know that we are not who we are meant to be without Him at our heart. The relationship we have with Him is the most valuable thing we have and it must be at the front of all that we consider as individuals and as a church. Whatever we teach and do should be at outgrowth of our relationship with Jesus.

“Kingdom-Oriented” is a way of expressing our conviction that God is at work in our lives and in this world now! Everything that is truly good comes from God and draws this world closer to the perfect peace God intends for all. The image for this state of perfection is the Kingdom of God and it has come near in Christ and spreads through the loving work of the faithful who act in His name.

Our first core value emphasizes that Jesus is the center of all we are and hope to be, and that everything we strive to do must be aligned with the growth and spread of God's Kingdom here on earth. This is where we start! From this place, we know that we have good work to do in sharing God's Good News!

Tom +

The CORE VALUES of St. Mary's Episcopal Church are:

- **Christ-Centered and Kingdom-Oriented** in our teaching and purpose for mission.
- **Anglican Tradition** frames our liturgy and theology.
- **Loving God and Neighbor** is at the heart of all of our actions.
- **Alive in the Holy Spirit** – seeking God's active presence in directing our efforts and resources towards building the Kingdom of God.

The Episcopal Church

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In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 38 member provinces/churches.

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In the United States

A community of 1.9 million members in 118 dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

Established in 1788.

Presiding Bishop

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

Episcopal Church Center

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New York, N.Y. 10017 212-716-6000

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In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 70 churches.

Founded in 1883.

Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Robert S. Skirving

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Jesus First,

Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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Rector

The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren

Sr. Warden

The Hon. Jon Sargeant

Jr. Warden

Mr. Walt Poole

Parish Administrator

Mrs. Lori Kelly

Organist & Choirmaster

Mrs. Sharon Veitch

Communications Director

Mrs. Sherry Tanner

Mary's Kitchen Executive Director

Mr. Jim Godfrey

Intern for Parish Records

Ms. Joy Kassas

News at St. Mary's



Cherished Members
& Friends

are invited to a
Valentine's meal!

Thursday, February 7th

at 11:30 am

Moseley Hall

*RSVP by Tues., Feb. 5 by calling the
church office or using the sign-up
sheet in the Narthex



PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS:

Ella Grace Gilmore, January 1st

Born to Theresa and Joel Gilmore

Grandparents ~ Kathy and Sam Gilmore

Big Sisters ~ Madeline and Claire

Claire Stevens Shimer, January 3rd

Born to Kristen and John Shimer

Grandparents ~ Jessica and Sandy Shimer

Dorothy "Dottie" Alexandra Kelley, January 9th

Born to Mary and Ryan Kelley

Grandparents ~ Molly and Randy Kelley

Big Brother ~ Gordon

ALSO, New Kelley Address:

1801 Cambridge Dr. Kinston, NC 28504



Give blood.
Give life. ♥

ST. MARY'S BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, February 26th

12pm - 4:30pm in Moseley Hall

News at St. Mary's



New Lay Leadership at St. Mary's!

During the Vestry Retreat Weekend, January 18th ~ January 20th, your 2021 Vestry Members and Officers were commissioned. We are blessed to have the following lay leaders serving St. Mary's this year:

Senior Warden: Jon Sargeant

Junior Warden: Walter Poole (assisted by Jimmy Ballard)

Treasurer: Billy Page

Clerk: Whitney Grady

Finance: Jess Edwards

Christian Formation (Adults): Jon Sargeant

Pastoral Care: Juliet Barrus, assisted by Sam Gilmore

Fellowship: Jim Purnell, assisted by Gerry Fox

Administration: Stuart Stroud

Worship: Jo Parrott

Christian Formation (Youth/Children): Whitney Grady

Outreach: Jessica Shimer

These leaders are excited to share ministry with you! If you have questions, please contact the chair and pray about how God would use your gifts and talents to further the work of the Gospel!

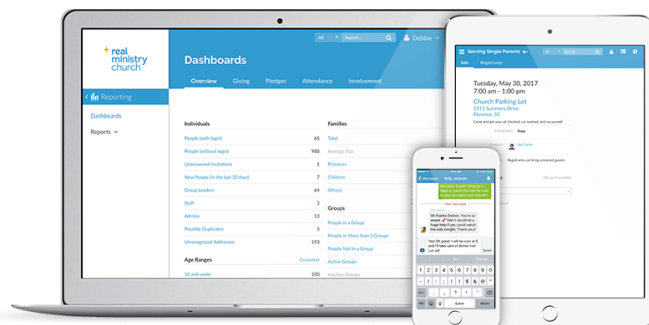


ACS REALM: A New Way to Interact with Your Church Family

We are glad to offer members of St. Mary's the ability to review their membership profile, access the membership directory, and communicate with each other through ACS Realm and its related mobile app called **Connect ~**

Our Church Community

(available for free at Apple's App Store & GooglePlay). Joy Kassas, St. Mary's Parish Intern for Membership Records, is sending invitations to members as she continues to work through our directory and is happy to help with any questions. Thank you for your part in helping St. Mary's have the most up-to-date and complete records as possible!



ECW Corner



A special ECW gathering has been planned for Sunday, February 10th at 4pm in Moseley Hall. Join us for "Running on Faith" with our guest speaker Mitzi Moye for a powerful testimony of faith and resilience. Light refreshments will be served.

The ECW met in January at the home of Sarah Weeks to review the events, outreach, and ministries of 2018 and to plan those for 2019.

We are excited to serve the Lord and our community together in the fellowship of each other! If you are looking for an area to serve, consider joining us in 2019 ~ we would love to have you!

WORSHIP

136th

CONVENTION

FEB 7 - 9, 2019



Please keep the Diocese of East Carolina in your prayers during the convening of its 136th Convention this month in Wilmington, NC. St. Mary's will be represented by Lay Delegates Ike Hines, Adrian King, Jo Parrott, and Barbara Crumbaker. Rebecca Brown will also represent St. Mary's as a Youth Representative.



Acolyte Training

Serving as an acolyte is open to a n y person in the 5th grade or

older (even adults!). Typically, Torchbearers are the youngest, Gospel Bearers are in 10th & 11th grade, and Crucifers are in the 12th grade or older. All are invited to attend an Acolyte Training session on **Sunday, Feb 10th after the 10:30 am liturgy.**

Training for Lectors

History and diocesan policy place high priority on development of strong lay ministries. From colonial days when East Carolina churches functioned almost completely under the care of vestries, since clergy were rarely available, the Diocese has been blessed with exceptionally strong lay leadership. The Prayer Book's Catechism (p. 855) describes the ministry of lay persons:

the ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and His Church; to bear witness to Him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

Especially in the worship of the Church, the whole people of God are represented in our worship services as lay people, as well as clergy, enable the corporate worship of the gathered community of the faithful!

For those interested in becoming a Lector, please consider attending the next training session to be held **Sunday, February 24th following the 10:30 am liturgy.**



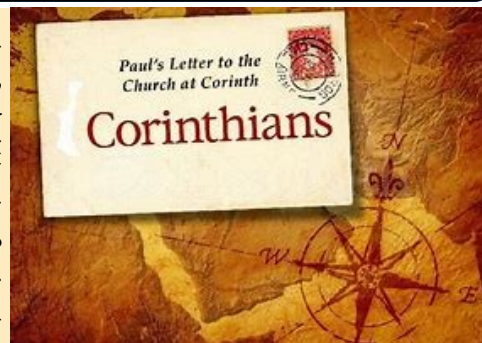
**The Season of Lent
begins March 6, 2019**

Christian Formation

Sunday school is a primary means of helping individuals gain a solid foundation for knowing God, for building a relationship with Jesus Christ, and for growing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we grow when we are grounded in God's Word, having regular, systematic study of the Bible; studying the teachings of the church; discussing and learning in connection with our brothers and sisters in Christ -- constantly practicing the faith. Sunday school starts in the crib and never ends. Our goal at St. Mary's is to strengthen children, youth, and adults in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, fellowship, and mission.

Sunday school is one of the most important discipleship and church growth tools available to reach this goal. A healthy church has a healthy Sunday school. Jesus said, "Make disciples." (*Matthew 28:14-20*). Sunday school is a great way to carry out the great commission.

Join us each Sunday in February in Moseley Hall after the 9am Parish breakfast for **ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION**. Our adult forum this month will continue the series on Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth, highlighting selected themes from one of the most quoted books of the Bible. Join us!



Other News



Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Glen & Boy Scout Troop 392

cordially invite you to attend an

EAGLE SCOUT

Court of Honor for

MATTHEW WHALEY GLEN

Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 at 3:00 pm

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Kinston, NC



Be sure to join us each Wednesday for activities that include the entire family! From

Homework

Hangout and Youth Ministry to Holy Happy Hour to Parish Family Supper, you will be able to recharge your week through the fellowship of others.. Let's do life together at St. Mary's!

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM:

Robert Beck III, January 13th

Grandparents ~ Sharon and Phil Veitch

TRANSFER IN:

Clay Whittington

From Church of the Good Shepherd (Salinas, CA)

DEATH:

Dallas "Dee" Foster, January 26th

Wife ~ Frankie Foster

Youth Community News

MAKE WORK WORSHIP!!!

On Feb. 2nd, EYC is participating in a work day in New Bern to assist members of **Christ Church** in continued Hurricane Florence clean up. This ministry is organized by **Jennifer Reda** of Glory Ridge. All interested volunteers should arrive at St. Mary's parking lot at **7:30am** and will return at approximately **5pm**. Lunch will be provided.

The following day, Jennifer and her family will travel to Kinston for our annual **Chili & Cornbread Cook Off** fundraiser for our summer mission trip to Glory Ridge*. This is the first year our cook off has been on a Sunday afternoon, so **please spread the word** and plan to be there. We hope lots of folks will buy chili to take home for their Super Bowl events. Speaking of "Super", **St. Mary's Youth ROCK!** Did you know there were **30 middle and high schoolers** participating in this year's Boar's Head festival, in costume, behind the scenes, and with the Renaissance Banquet?!? **Yes, God is awesome, and so are our youth!**



HAPPENING is a lively retreat at Trinity Center for high schoolers and adults who love ministry with young people.... and registration is happening now!!! Go online at <http://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org>, go to the Ministry and Education Opportunities section then to Youth and Young Adult. Happening#73 is listed there! The deadline for candidate registration is **February 11th**.

A MEETING FOR ALL INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM LITURGY ON FEBRUARY 17TH IN THE YOUTH ROOM.



**Glory Ridge registration forms are due Feb 10th! Find them in the Narthex or Youth Room. Trip dates: Jul28-Aug3.*

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SAVE THE DATE: SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper



Join us on Tuesday, March 5th, for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Moseley Hall from 5-7 pm.

The celebration will consist of more sausage and pancakes than you can handle! (Yes, that's a challenge!)

The cost of the meal is \$8, or \$6 for children under 10, and no more than \$28 for a family of 2 adults and children under 10. Proceeds from the dinner will be used for youth scholarships.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the beginning of Lent. Though "shrove" derives from the word *shrive* (i.e. to repent), Shrove Tuesday is actually a day for great celebrations that use up cooking ingredients which many will forgo during Lent.



Jesus said "Let the little children come to me." (Matthew 19:14)

Are you interested in joining Father Tom on occasional Wednesday mornings to share the Good News of Jesus with the children of St. Mary's Nursery School at their 9:30am Chapel? Contact Fr. Tom at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com!

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist: Rite I
 9:00 am. – Parish Breakfast
 9:30 am Christian Formation for All Ages
 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite II
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2019	2020	2021
Juliet Barrus	Jess Edwards	Jimmy Ballard
Walter Poole	Gerry Fox	Sam Gilmore
Jim Purnell	Whitney Grady	Jessica Shimer
Jon Sargeant	Jo Parrott	Stuart Stroud
	Senior Warden – Jon Sargeant	
	Junior Warden – Walter Poole	
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