



March, 2018

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

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“...mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of Christ’s suffering, and also share in His resurrection...”

~from the Collect for Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 25th at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Breakfast and Palm Cross making in Moseley Hall beginning at 8:45am.

At 10:30am, we'll have the blessing of the palms near the Church sign and a procession into the church, accompanied by a donkey!

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 pm

Recall the institution of the Last Supper and Jesus' humble act of washing His disciples' feet. The service ends with the stripping of the altar and reading of Psalm 22.

MONDAY & TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Monday, March 26 at 5:45 pm - Teaching Eucharist in the church that walks us through and explains the Holy Eucharist service

Tuesday, March 27 at 5:45 pm - Youth-created and youth-led service that promises to be creative and wonderful! The location of Tuesday's service will be announced.

OVERNIGHT VIGIL

Thursday at 8pm until Friday at 1pm

The Chapel is transformed into a special place for prayer, inspired by Jesus' question "Could you not watch with me one hour?" Sign up for a time of prayer on the Chapel door.



WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, March 27, at 7:00 pm

Our Tenebrae liturgy in the church includes music from Taize and spoken word from the Psalms and other Scriptures that foretell Jesus' Passion.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 30, Noon - Good Friday liturgy including Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

Way of the Cross (Stations) will also be offered in the church at **5:45 pm**.

HOLY SATURDAY ends with a very special **Easter Vigil service at 7:30 pm located in the back yard of the new Rectory (1102 Rhem St)**. The Easter Vigil service begins in Lent with the "New Fire" and ends in Easter with the first communion of the Paschal Season. Bring a lawn chair if you have one.

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A church of baptized Christians whose mission is to worship and serve God joyfully, to nurture each other in faith and wholeness, to minister to others, and to manifest the "good news" of Christ.

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Sr. Warden Mr. Jon Sargeant

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News at St. Mary's



Wendell Kimbrough returns to Kinston from Fairhope, Alabama for a special **Hymn-Sing and Concert on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mother Earth Brewing Tap Room.** Wendell has visited St. Mary's twice in recent years. Wendell has released two full-

length albums of Psalms set to music for congregational singing that has been met with great reviews from Christian churches across the country. He is currently on tour sharing music from his latest album of hymns from the Book of Psalms called, **"Come To Me."** We hope the Hymn-Sing will be a blessing to you and those you may bring!

Learn more about Wendell and listen to his music at www.wendellk.com.



The ECW board recently met for a time of organization, reflection, and long range planning. A clear mission was established and plans are being made for an afternoon of joyful fellowship and spiritual nourishment this spring. More details coming soon!

The ECW is providing hospitality for the Lenten meals/programs. If you would be willing to lend a hand, please contact Sarah Warner. Help is needed in several different areas. As with most ECW gatherings, the time we spend together in preparation has a reward in and of itself! We would love for you to join us!

St. Cecilia's Choir!!



Starting Wednesday, February 28th from 6:00-6:15 pm through Palm Sunday, we will have a "Mini St. Cecilia's Choir" for any little ones (Ages 2/3 through 1st grade) interested in singing in church on Palm Sunday. It will be hosted by Whitney and Eliza Grady in the Parlor. What joy!!

A Pastoral Letter From The Rector

Sent to the Parish on the First Wednesday in Lent
Dear St. Mary's Parish Family,

These last few weeks have been incredible! Since accepting the Vestry's call to serve as your next Rector, I have wondered so much, in a new way, about what dreams God has for this church family in the years to come. In what ways will the love of Christ be made present and visible through how we live, worship, and serve with each other? What impact will this season of ministry have on our families... on our city... on our world? These have been awesome and exciting prayers to pray and, as I mentioned in my first sermon to you as Rector, it is truly an exciting time to be a Christian in this world and a member of St. Mary's.

I'm writing to highlight two very important things to you that pertain to this very topic:

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, (beginning today!) I hope that you will participate in our supper and program series. **The theme will be "LISTENING" to God's call on our lives, as individuals and as a church family. We'll begin the supper & program as soon as Evensong concludes. Evensong begins at 5:45pm in the Nave.** The ECW will be offering their warm hospitality during these special evenings, so please come and enjoy!

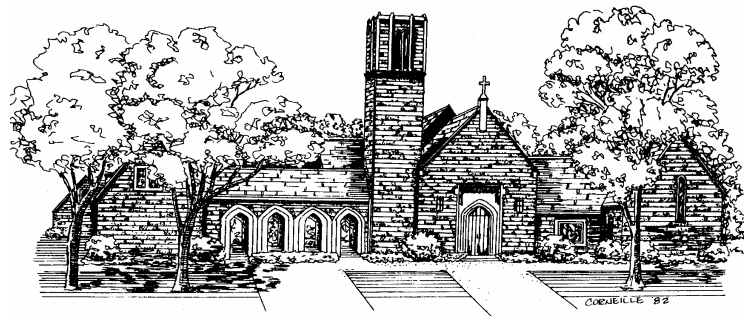
The Vestry and I have prayerfully decided to take steps toward acquiring the adjoining property to our West Lawn (900 Rountree St.). As such, we are beginning a fundraising campaign towards the purchase of the property itself, the demolition of the structure on the lot, and further costs associated with preparing the lot for the future use of the land that will be determined by a long-range planning committee. Thanks to a most generous offer, **from now, through Sunday, March 4, any donation that is made specifically towards this project will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000!** Please consider being a part of this exciting possibility for St. Mary's by making a contribution towards this project – I assure you, no gift is too small. Checks for this purpose should have "Capital Fund Drive" written in the memo line. Contributions may also be made online, at www.stmaryskinston.com/give, selecting the Fund of the same name.

So, again I ask, and invite you to ask in your own prayers: What dreams does God have for this church family in the years to come? This season of Lent is a wonderful time to pray about and discuss this together. We have an incredibly rare opportunity before us to expand the presence of St. Mary's Church in our neighborhood. These things are a blank canvas, of sorts, on which God is inviting us to be His instruments in creating beauty for the sake of sharing the Gospel of His son, Jesus.

Yours in Christ,



The Reverend Thomas P. H. Warren
Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church



Worship

Mid-Week Liturgies in Lent



The Way of the Cross

St. Mary's offers the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings at 5:45 p.m. Sometimes called the Stations of the Cross, this short devotional experience is both tactile and

meditative. As we move to each of the fourteen markers throughout the church, a different event of Jesus' Passion is remembered.

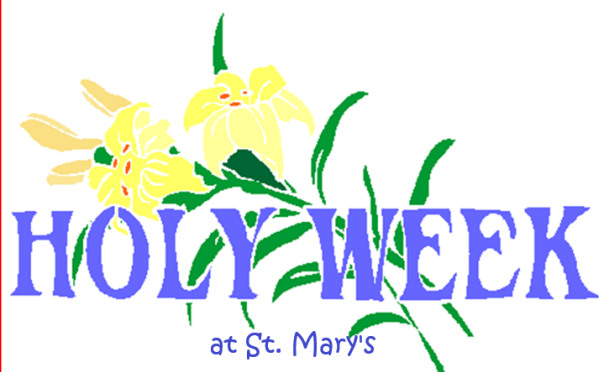
Choral Evensong

Our Wednesday evenings in Lent at St. Mary's begin with Choral Evensong at 5:45 pm in the church sanctuary. Choral Evensong refers to the daily office liturgy of Evening Prayer whenever most of it is set to music and sung, accompanied by a choir. Since the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549, Choral Evensong has been an evening offering in cathedrals and churches of the Anglican Communion. We hope you'll make this weekly liturgy a part of your Lenten experience in 2018.

EARLY MORNING EUCHARIST - On occasional weekday mornings in Lent, Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament will be offered in the Chapel at 6:30am. The liturgy lasts 15 minutes and offers an experience of communion with God and neighbor to start your day. Check the Week's Schedule in each Sunday's bulletin for the days this will be offered.

Community Ecumenical Services with the Association of Congregations

The Association of Congregations will be hosting service during Holy Week on March 26-29 at noon. Father Tom will be preaching at the service on Maundy Thursday. The services will be held at Queen Street United Methodist Church (500 N. Queen St) with a lunch offered following the service.



We are so grateful for the gift of children at St. Mary's! Here are some special things for kids during Holy Week and Easter that the kiddos will enjoy:

Join us on **Palm Sunday** **March 25** at 10:15am in Moseley Hall for breakfast and help making palm

crosses. Then, **FOLLOW THE DONKEY** into church for the 10:30 service! (That's right - a **REAL** donkey will lead us in!) Then, the next week on **Easter Sunday**, have fun at the **HUGE EASTER EGG HUNT** in the church yard! It'll come right after the 10:30 service!



Christian Formation

Wednesday Evenings During Lent

On Wednesdays in Lent, St. Mary's parish family gathers for worship, supper, and a program. The theme of the programs will focus on the ways in which we can Listen to God's will for our lives and, in particular, our listening as a church family to God's call for us as a church in this time and place. Each program will have a different specific way in which Christians in the Anglican tradition have traditionally listened for God's revelation: Scripture, Creation, Tradition, Music, and Reason.



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The Wednesday schedule will run as follows:

3pm
for the EYC in
the Youth Room.



Choral Evensong

5:45pm
in the Church.



Family Night Supper

and Program:

Adults in Moseley Hall

Jr. & Sr. EYC in the Youth Room

LENTEN ALMSGIVING OFFERING

For the 2018 church-wide almsgiving offering, the Outreach committee has chosen the Water-Bottle Holder project of the Episcopal Farmworkers' Ministry. Farmworkers shared their need for a way to keep drinks readily accessible while working in the fields. This project meets that need. The cost of each holder is \$35. Bottle-holder samples and more information will be in Moseley Hall on Wednesday nights. Contributions should be marked "Lenten Offering."



Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Friday Mar. 2– Sunday, Mar 4

Happening #71! @ Trinity Center

Sunday, Mar. 4

9:15am THE STORY for Middle School in the Parlor and SEALED & SENT FORTH for High School in the Youth Room

Wednesday, Mar 7

3:00pm Homework Hangout

4:30pm Youth Choir

5:30pm EYC!!!

6:15pm Parish Family Night

Sunday, Mar 11

Same schedule as March 4

Applications and Payment for New Beginnings due to Fr. Tom this day.

Wednesday, Feb 14

Same schedule as March 7

Sunday, Mar 18

Same schedule as March 4

Wednesday, Mar 21

Same schedule as March 7

Sunday, Mar 25 - Palm Sunday

Breakfast & Special Palm Sunday activities in Moseley Hall beginning at 8:45 am

Holy Week Services!

See schedule on the cover page...

Especially the Youth-Led service on Tuesday, March 27 and the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31.

Bring a friend!!!!

THANK YOU to the EYC, Anne Lindley, Gary Hamm, Christina & Kevin Zoltek, and the countless other ministers who provided an absolutely delightful special evening on "Shrove Valentine-Tuesday!!" In addition to a great time, \$400 was raised for EYC Scholarships! Thank you!



EYC MOVIE TRIP!!!

Come see "A Wrinkle in Time" on Sunday, March 18th. Free admission for all EYC youth... and FREE POPCORN to those who read the book beforehand! Stay tuned for an announcement about the showtime.

New Beginnings #53 April 13-15

A diocesan youth event for Middle Schoolers at Trinity Center!

Team Applications are due March 5 and the Team Meeting is March 17th at Christ church, New Bern

Non-Team participants must register with Fr. Tom. All forms and payments are due by Sunday, March 11th.

The costs of the event is \$135 for Team or Non-Team participants.

Registration Forms are located in the Youth Room and on the Diocesan webpage:

<http://diocese-eastcarolina.org/Ministry%20&%20Education%20Opportunities/new-beginnings.html%20>



Other news



Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off

We had an absolutely fantastic evening at the 2018 Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off!! An excellent turn-out with delicious food, wonderful fellowship! This year's Expert Judges were Steve Putnam of Putnam Family Farms and John-Luke LaRogue, representing Glory Ridge.

Also, thanks to the generosity of the wonderful crowd that came out, roughly \$1000 was raised for the construction projects that our youth will take on while at Glory Ridge this summer. THANK YOU to all!!!

Here are the winners: **Best In Show Chili:** Dori Ballard & Anna Haddad return to the victors' circle!; **2nd Place:** Christina Zoltek; **3rd Place:** Stuart Stroud; **People's Choice Chili:** Christina Zoltek; **Most Original Chili:** Lori Kelly; **Best Cornbread:** Pam Sheffield

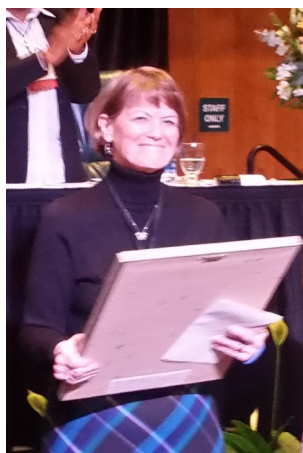
SPRING FORWARD!!!! Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday Mar. 11

Remember, set your clocks forward one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11th. Don't be late for church :)



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 twarren@stmaryskinston.com!



135th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina

St. Mary's was very well represented at last month's Diocesan Convention in New Bern, NC! Delegates from St. Mary's were **Ike Hines**, **Adrian King**, and **Jo Parrott**. **Will Sargeant** was a Youth Representative. **Melissa Glen** was there representing ECU's Campus Ministry. **Bonnie Holton** was honored in thanksgiving for her outstanding service on Diocesan House staff since 2003 as she begins retirement in March. St. Mary's members were also highlighted in various roles throughout the Diocese including **Lee Albritton** (Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Board), **Dick Archie** (Trustee of the Diocese), **Adrian King** (Foundation Board), **Jo Parrott** (136th Convention Committee, Interfaith Refugee Ministry Board), **Jon & Laury Sargeant** (Companion Relationship with the Diocese of the Dominican Republic), and **Fr. Tom** (Commission on Ministry & Happening Spiritual Director).



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EASTER SUNDAY **is APRIL 1st... No Joke!**

On Easter Sunday, St. Mary's will have two JOYFUL celebrations of Holy Eucharist: 8am in the Chapel and 10:30am in the church with full choir, flowering of the cross, and all the glory of Easter Morning!



There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for children following

the 10:30am service. Adults, please bring pre-filled eggs to hide! Children are asked to bring their Easter baskets for the hunt.

Who will you invite to come with you and hear the Good News of Jesus on Easter morning?!

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:15 a.m. – Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Wednesdays in Lent: Evensong at 5:45 p.m.

Fridays in Lent: Way of the Cross at 5:45 p.m.

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2018	2019	2020
P.C. Barwick	Juliet Barrus	Jess Edwards
Clifton Carey	Walter Poole	Gerry Fox
Becky Darst	Jim Purnell	Whitney Grady
Milton "Dee" Warner	Jonathan Sargeant	Jo Parrott
	Senior Warden – Jon Sargeant	
	Junior Warden – Walter Poole	
	Clerk – Becky Darst	
	Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley	