



March, 2019

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

# The Bell Ringer

Online at [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com)

*"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."*

## Where do the ashes come from?

The ashes are made from the  
**blessed palms** used in the  
Palm Sunday celebration of  
the previous year.



**LENT**   
At St. Mary's Church

I invite you,  
therefore, in the name  
of the Church, to **the**  
**observance of a**  
**holy Lent**, by  
*SELF-EXAMINATION*  
and *repentance*; by  
**prayer**, fasting,  
and **self-denial**; and  
by reading and  
meditating on *God's*  
*holy Word*... (from  
the Ash Wednesday liturgy)

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

Ash Wednesday Liturgies

7am (Chapel)

12pm (St. Augustine's)

7pm (Church)



## 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

[www.episcopalchurch.org/](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/)

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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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### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

"Serving with JOY!!

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



### 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!

### PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NEW ADDRESSES:

**The Rev. Barbara Houston**  
7745 Little Ave Rm 104  
Elmcroft Of Little Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28226

**Sandra Warren**  
1103 Rhem St.  
Kinston, NC 28501

### SING FOR JOY! All Welcome

St. Cecilia Choir  
Sunday  
9:15-9:30  
3-5 yr olds

Training  
Choristers  
Sun. 9:30-9:45  
1st-5th Grade

Choristers  
Sun. 9:45-10:30  
6th Grade  
& Up

Both Chorister Choirs-Wed. 6:30-7:00pm



### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER



#### TRANSFER IN:

**Chuck, Ginny, Morgan, & Colin Wade**  
From Trinity United Methodist (Kinston, NC)

**Alexandria Delman**  
From Nashanic Reformed Church (Hillsborough, NJ)

#### BURIAL:

**Dallas "Dee" Foster** (February 2, 2019)  
**Andy Turik** (February 24, 2019)



Holy Loving Good  
purpose towards  
presence mind  
faithful theology  
active neighborhood meaningful  
aged  
Church  
worship  
compassionate  
Kingdom-Oriented special  
faith children Statement  
seeking heart neighboring feed  
building directing Christ-Centered communities soul neighbor  
individuals inspired Anglican  
response community  
Episcopal teaching resources  
intentional rest focus mission  
values needs  
Christian liturgy  
vision Mary  
alive love  
actions Joy  
apostolic others  
mission first  
relationships  
honoring Theotokos  
God-bearer  
rhythms  
Kingdom efforts  
frames Others

## A continued look at our Core Values

With respect to liturgy, the Book of Common Prayer is a common thread throughout the Anglican Communion and its rhythms of daily Scripture reading & prayer, and weekly Sunday worship (with the Eucharist when possible), are integral parts of our DNA as a parish.

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- **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.

# Lenten Worship

## 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.

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

### EYC



3-5:30pm  
In the Youth  
Room



5:45-6:15pm  
In the Church



6:15pm-7:30pm  
Supper for all in Moseley Hall, then the following for programs:  
Adults in Moseley Hall  
Jr. & Sr. EYC in the Youth Room  
Kids 2nd Grade through 5th Grade in Room 110 (next to Choir Room)

Kids 1st Grade and Younger in Room 108 (nursery)



The ECW has the pleasure of helping provide hospitality for Wednesday Night Suppers during Lent. Help will be needed to:

- set up
- clean up
- provide salad and dessert
- provide flowers/table décor.

It can be very simple and sweet! There is a sign up sheet on the ECW bulletin board next to the parlor with dates available. We hope you will consider sharing your gift of hospitality for the glory of our Lord during this season.

# Lenten Worship



Make plans to join us Wednesday evenings for our Lenten study of the WAY OF LOVE series, which includes a supper. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry describes the Way of Love like this: In the first century, Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement – a community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and

committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called "the way." Today we are called to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we grow together more deeply with Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to His way of love in and for the world? The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. Join us as we learn about The Way of Love and apply it as our framework for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

## THE WAY OF LOVE

### *Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

**TURN** Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus

**LEARN** Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus' life and teachings

**PRAY** Dwell intentionally with God each day

**WORSHIP** Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and draw near God

**BLESS** Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

**GO** Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus

**REST** Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

## Welcome Guest Speakers!



On Wednesday, March 13th, we are pleased to be joined by the Rev. Deacon Cheryl Brainard of St. James Episcopal Church, Wilmington. Rev. Brainard will guide us through the first part of our Lenten Series, The Way of Love, which is to "TURN."



Make plans to join us on Sunday, March 17th during **ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION** as Father Winston Charles guides us through the history of contemplative prayer, what contemplation is, and contemplative prayer practices that can be a significant part of the spiritual journey. Fr. Winston retired from being Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh, after fifteen years and has worked with the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation.



On Wednesday, April 3rd, we are pleased to be joined by Bishop Rob Skirving. Bishop Skirving will guide us through the portion of our Lenten Series, The Way of Love, in which we are called to "BLESS."

## The Way of Love: PRAYER

**ADULT  
CHRISTIAN  
FORMATION**

During the season of Lent, the Adult Christian Formation class will focus on one of the areas in The Way of Love series: PRAYER. In addition to exploring contemplative prayer with Fr. Winston Charles (see left), we'll also study other elements of prayer through the Max Lucado series called *Before Amen*. We are grateful for John John for coordinating this season of our Adult Christian Formation year!



## The Way of the Cross

St. Mary's offers the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings at 5:45 p.m., beginning March 8th. 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. This is an especially poignant way "that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby [God] has given us life and immortality," to quote the Prayer Book's collect for Palm Sunday. Please consider making a commitment to travel the Way of the Cross at least once this Lent.



# Youth Community News

## Christian Formation for YOUTH

### SUNDAY PROGRAMMING:

- 9:15-9:30am Christian Formation  
Preschool Age  
(St. Cecelia's choir in  
the Music Office then  
to the Nursery for  
more fun!)
- 9:30-10:15am Christian Formation  
Elementary Age  
(Music and lessons in  
the Music Office!)
- 9:30-10:15am Christian Formation  
Middle/High School Age  
(Upstairs in Youth Room  
with Audra & Terah)

### WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING:

- 3:00-5:25pm Homework Hangout  
With Kelli Stroud
- 5:30-6:15pm EYC  
Upstairs with Holly,  
Father Tom, Kelli,  
& Justin
- 5:30-6:15pm Elementary Age Fun &  
Fellowship with Susanne  
Ballard
- 6:15pm DINNER!

### LOOK FORWARD TO LENT!!!

- Wednesdays March 13-April 17
- 5:45pm Evensong
- 6:15pm Dinner
- 6:30pm Programming (45min-1hr)  
Preschool-Elementary:

### THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD!!!

Meet in the nursery at 6:30pm after  
children have had dinner!

Middle+High School:  
6:30pm upstairs (after 6:15pm dinner)

## NEW BEGINNINGS 54

APRIL 5-7, 2019

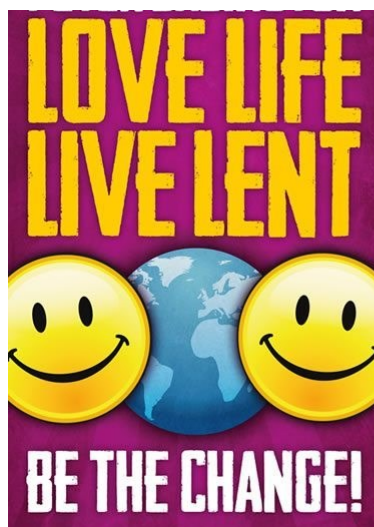
### PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

Parish Registration  
Deadline: March 18th

Please note we do not accept individual  
registration forms.

This exciting weekend event, April 5-7 at Trinity Center, was designed especially to respond to the unique challenges and concerns of young people across the diocese in grades 6-8. The participants will engage in activities that focus on self, friends, parents, siblings, school, God's love, prayer, and the church. Don't miss this amazing opportunity for spiritual growth and maturity for our next generation!!!

March 18th is the deadline for participant registration. Applications may be found online [www.ecdio.org](http://www.ecdio.org).



Young people of St. Mary's, be sure to pick up one of these daily devotional booklets for the season of Lent! They'll be in the Youth Room! May God bless you throughout this special season.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

St. Mary's will host Vacation Bible School along with partners from First Presbyterian Church and Gordon Street Christian Church on

**June 10-14, 2019!**

## Other News



Delegates from St. Mary's recently attended the 136th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina, held in Wilmington in February. We give thanks for their willingness to serve our Parish and the ministries of the wider Episcopal community.

*Pictured left to right:  
Front Row: Barbara Crumbacker,  
Rebecca Brown, Adrian King, Jo  
Parrott. Back Row: Father Tom Warren, Ike Hines*



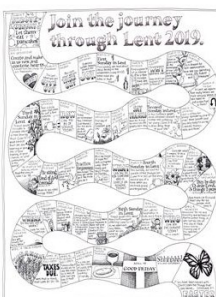
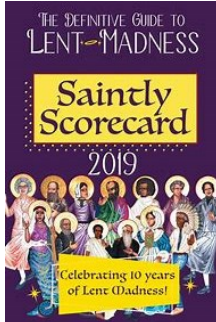
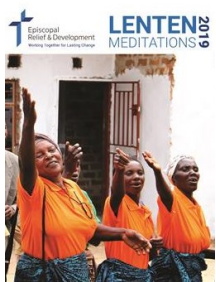
Remember:  
"Spring Forward"  
March 10th!



The 2019 Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off was a great success! Thanks to all the participants for sharing their delicious chili for our Glory Ridge fundraiser! Pictured are the winners: Sandra Warren (Cornbread Champ), Ty Wentz (Most Original), Christina Zoltek (Peoples' Choice & 3rd Place Overall), & Lori Kelly (Best in Show). Not pictured is 2nd Place Overall winner Vicki Kennedy. Congratulations!



## LENTEN RESOURCES



Whether you are looking for a reflective Lenten meditation booklet, a celebratory guide to the Saints, or a daily poster/calendar, St. Mary's has a supply of items to feed your spirit during this season of Lent. Pick up any of these items for free in the Narthex while supplies last!

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





**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
**800 Rountree Street**  
**Kinston, NC 28501-3655**

**Cherished Members  
 & Friends  
 are invited to attend the  
 Cherished Members  
 Luncheon**

**on  
 Thursday, March 7th  
 at 11:30 am  
 Moseley Hall**

**Please RSVP by  
 Tuesday, March 5th  
 by notifying the church  
 office or by using the sign-  
 up sheet in the Narthex.**



**If I were a  
 Butterfly**

*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](mailto: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

Clerk – Whitney Grady

Treasurer – Billy Page