



May 2020

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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



THE Good News

- Welcome new members, new babies, and new leaders! (pgs. 2 & 6)
- Celebrate our graduates! (pg. 3)
- Worship in new ways! (pg. 5)
- Join a group to read and grow together spiritually! (pgs. 6 & 7)

From the Rector

This “word-cloud” cross is made up of many of the key words contained in our organizational statements.

All of the organizational statements may be read on our website: www.starmaryskinston.com/about-us.

Statement Christ-Centered Episcopal teaching intentional Kingdom-Oriented special needs Anglican resources mission work

In late 2019, the Vestry determined that the Long Range Planning Committee would be a standing committee of the vestry to recommend priorities as a church and neighborhood parish based on our organizational statements and in consultation with the Rector. Please keep this group's faithful ministry in your prayers!

Long Range Planning Committee Members

Steve Mazingo - Chair

Jo Parrott

Jimmy Ballard

Jon Sargeant

Walter Poole

Jess Edwards

Outdoor Task Group

Walter Poole, Chair

Indoor Task Group

Skip Greene, Chair

Music Task Group

Bonnie Holton &

Pam Mazingo

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to tell you something wonderful that happened recently. As service was wrapping up at Mary's Kitchen one day, I walked an older gentleman in search of someone from the Kitchen's leadership. He explained that when he was growing up, he experienced hunger. He is so grateful for the ministry of Mary's Kitchen which ensures that there's always an option to help anyone who may experience *food insecurity* in this region today. Thankfully, he and his family now have everything that they need. Certainly, there are things that he and his family would *like* to have, but nevertheless, he proceeded to present a check which represented the entire amount of stimulus money given by our government to both him and his wife. He wanted no publicity (though he did give me permission to share this story anonymously) and he returned home.

An enjoyable thing for my family in these quarantine times has been to watch an occasional edition of [Some Good News](#), or “SGN” on YouTube. SGN is a home-made ‘news’ show by actor John Krasinski (remember Jim from the show [The Office](#)?). Each episode curates some incredibly heart-warming stories found online and then leverages celebrity star-power to brighten the lives of others in wonderfully creative ways.

There's no question that our anonymous benefactors' generous act at Mary's Kitchen would fit right in on an

episode of SGN. I've heard of many things which you and others in our community have been up to that could make up a full episode! The truth is, God has given us **The Good News** - the Gospel of Jesus Christ - to encourage us in the hardest of times and inspire us towards sacrificial, life-giving actions which reflect how Jesus lived and died for us all. I pray that we will never fall for the age-old lie which tempts us to think there's no good news around. It just isn't true... and God is always inviting us to make some good news ourselves by sharing His Gospel. That's what love does!

Yours in Christ,

Tom +

Tom Warren, Rector



What a wonderful sight to behold on Sunday, April 19th! Through the thoughtful work of so many in this parish family, Fr. Tom was surprised to be “joined” by smiling worshippers during his time preparing for the Sunday morning service. It was a joyful moment, and it could be heard in Fr. Tom's voice. Many thanks to everyone for this blessing given to Fr. Tom as well as each other. This was a great reminder that **we are still together despite the physical distance!**

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In the Diocese of East Carolina

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Founded in 1883.

The Rt. Rev. Robert S. Skirving

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Others Second,

Yourselves Last"

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Jr. Warden	Mr. Jimmy Ballard
Parish Administrator	Mrs. Lori Kelly
Organist & Choirmaster	Mrs. Sharon Veitch
Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey

News at St. Mary's



FROM THE PARISH REGISTRY



Transfer In:

Louis Peak

April 29, 2020

from Mill Brook Baptist Church (Aiken, SC)

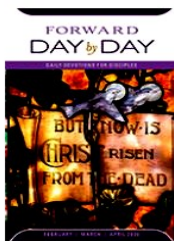
PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Courtney & Kendall Mitchell on the birth of their daughter, Leighton Margaret Mitchell born on March 7th.

Allie & Jack McNairy on the birth of their son, John Harvey McNairy, Jr (he will go by "JJ") born on April 25th.

We rejoice with you and pray God's blessings over your families!



FORWARD DAY BY DAY - The next edition of the Forward Day by Day booklets are available. There are a number of ways to engage with this daily devotional: Swing by the church for private prayer during Fr. Tom's office hours and pick up a copy on the tables in the Narthex. We will gladly mail one to your home if desired...simply email

[Lori Kelly](#) for this option. Forward Day by Day is also now available as [a podcast that you can listen to by clicking here](#). May God bless your daily spiritual walk.

ONLINE GIVING

We recognize the incredible impact of this pandemic on every facet of our lives and are grateful for the tithes and offerings that have continued to be sent by mail and online even though we haven't been able to meet in person.

For convenience, there are several ways to contribute online to St. Mary's: (1) a draft to the church coordinated with your bank, (2) a draft from your bank account through the church using [Realm](#) (there is a small fee associated with this ACH payment method), (3) using a debit or credit card through [Realm](#) (a fee is charged to the church for all credit and debit card transactions with American Express carrying the highest charge). If you need any assistance, please contact Lori Kelly, Parish Administrator by [email](#) or phone (252) 523-6146. Thank you!



News at St. Mary's



CONGRATULATIONS to those who have been formed in the Christian faith at St. Mary's as they celebrate graduation milestones in their academic careers! **The Class of 2020**, whether on the high school level or the college level, has collectively experienced a defining moment in history. The COVID-19 pandemic has altered your final days in school and the milestones you would have celebrated, but you are helping your community to stay safe. By staying home, social distancing, and sacrificing the moments that a senior year would normally include, you are a part of the healing that will happen. You

are the class that has faced distinctive challenges, but you are also the class that will shape our future using this experience. **You are a big deal!** We celebrate all the ways that God has blessed this community and beyond through the gifts, generosity, and accomplishments of these young people as they graduate from high school and institutions of higher learning. Please join us in honoring:

ARENDELL PARROTT ACADEMY

Kyle Turik (University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill)
Lillian Warner (University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill)
Brandon Zoltek (University of North Carolina in Wilmington)

SACRED HOLY GROVE (HOMESCHOOL)

Rebecca Brown (Pitt Community College)

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Nathaniel Jackson Glen - Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science
Warren (Richard) Glen - Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science
Lillian Wooten - Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Joseph John - Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, Chemistry, and Global Health

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Ned Thomas Grady III - Bachelor of Arts Degree in History



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are especially full seasons in any given year, but this year included the additional "opportunities" of observing these times with the necessary restrictions that a pandemic has brought about. There are many groups within the St. Mary's family who have been instrumental in supporting our worship. We offer thanksgiving for the ministries of our Altar Guild, Lectors, Choir Director and music ministers, ECW, Vestry, and staff. You have blessed us with your talents, time, and service to ensure that our parish family could continue to worship in new and creative ways during quarantine that have been a blessing to so many.

Worship



EVENING PRAYER WITH BISHOP SKIRVING - During the Easter Season, the Diocese of East Carolina is offering Evening Prayer **each Wednesday at 7pm**. This Facebook Live event with Bishop Skirving follows Rite II of the [Book of Common Prayer](#). All are welcome to join by accessing [this link](#).



FR TOM WITH THE REFUGE REVIVAL

The Refuge, a Christian camp located in Eastern NC, is a place for youth to find peace and learn about the love of Christ. It's been a wonderful place for St. Mary's over the years as youth have engaged in the summertime *Erasing the Lines* camps. The Vestry held their retreat there earlier this year. And this month, we were scheduled to have a Confirmation Retreat there as well. This is truly place of "refuge" to unite believers. As we continue to face the social, emotional, financial, and physical challenges caused by COVID-19, The Refuge is hosting a "revival" to remind people to continue to focus on Jesus. Each morning in May at 7:30am, a video will be shared on the [Refuge website](#), [Refuge Facebook page](#), and [Refuge YouTube channel](#). You'll hear an encouraging word from many friends and supporters of The Refuge. Be on the look out for Fr. Tom's devotion!



MINISTRY

During this time of separation, music can be an enriching experience. Through the weekly Wednesday emails, we will share with you an anthem specifically chosen for the Easter season. If you are a member of the choir, perhaps you will feel called to learn a new piece. If you are not a member of the choir but have an interest to join, this can be your time to explore choir music. Or maybe music just "speaks" to you...fills your soul...evokes memories of past times worshiping together and fills you with hope for the return of those times. However you are moved by these musical offerings, our hope is that they will delight your senses and bring you JOY! In addition, we are excited to share that St. James Music Press has a new initiative called "Quires in Quarantine" to help church musicians through this challenging time. Watch [this video](#) to hear what SJMP has to say about this collection of over 40 pieces (and growing!) to help serve music ministry in this time. Check out the collection [here](#). Additionally, we will feature some of the most famous organs in the world. One is the Cavaille-Coll organ at St. Sernin, Toulouse. This can be heard [here](#). Another very famous organ is the Grand Organ of Saint Eustache and can be heard [here](#). We hope you enjoy these selections!

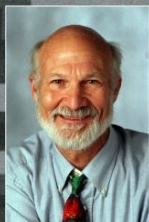
Christian Formation

Reading Barth Together

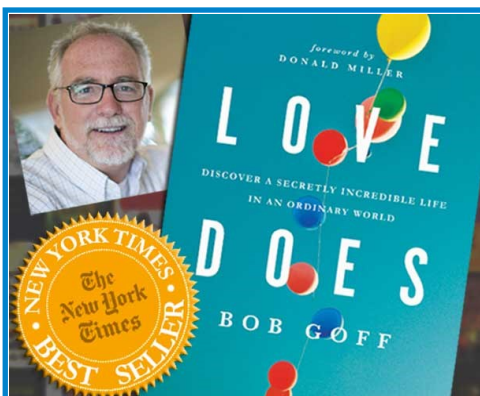
Every Tuesday in May at 10am

with

Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon



When Stanley Hauerwas (who preached at St. Mary's years ago at Fr. Rob MacSwain's ordination) was asked to nominate the most influential theological book of the century, he chose Karl Barth's *Dogmatics in Outline*; Will Willimon, former Dean of Duke Chapel, has written extensively on Barth and his theological relevance for today's church. Join Hauerwas and Willimon for a weekly discussion of one of Barth's most important and accessible works. All are invited to participate in what's sure to be a lively discussion by [clicking here to log in](#) on Tuesdays in May at 10am. The first conversation will cover the first four chapters of *Dogmatics in Outline* on Tuesday, May 5. [Read more by clicking here.](#)



LOVE DOES BOOK STUDY

We hope you have joined the Wednesday evening book club study of **Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible**

Life In An Ordinary World by Bob Goff. It's not too late to join in and this group is open to ALL - men, women, young, and more experienced in living! Hosted by Pam Mazingo, this groups meets through Zoom on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm through May 27th**. The schedule for this study is as follows:

- April 22: Forward, Introduction, chapters 1-4
- April 29: read chapters 5-9
- May 6: read chapters 10-14
- May 13: read chapters 15-20
- May 20: read chapters 21-26
- May 27: read chapters 27-31, the Epilogue

If you haven't already done so, please contact [Pam Mazingo](#) or [Laury Sargeant](#) for access to the link to the Zoom meetings. *Love Does* is light and fun, yet unique and profound with lessons on how to live an incredible Jesus-centered life. Join us!

WELCOME

REV. MOLLIE ROBERTS!

On May 1st, the Rev. Mollie Roberts joins the staff of the Diocesan House to serve in the role of Canon for Diocesan Life and Leadership.

Rev. Roberts grew up in central Florida and is a 2013 graduate of the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. In addition, she holds a BA in Accounting and an MBA in Finance and Management from the University of Central Florida. She has served in ministry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany, Georgia and St. Simon Peter Episcopal church in Pell City, Alabama. Before seminary, Mollie lived in Savannah, Georgia for 15 years and had a career in business that included owning and operating several small businesses including an accounting firm. Additionally she was a professor of business studies at Savannah State University from 1995 to 2005.

Rev. Mollie has moved to Kinston this week and we hope you will join us wishing her a warm welcome to our community & diocese!



ECW

ECW Cookie Drive for Mary's Kitchen: Help bring a little sweetness into someone's day!

Mary's Kitchen needs COOKIES! As the kitchen is now serving meals TO GO, they need cookies for desserts. Cookies should be ready to serve, so please purchase single-serve cookie packages or bigger cookie packages dispersed into ziplock bags—2 cookies/bag. What a great (and delicious) outreach experience that can happen right at your own kitchen table!

Please deliver cookies anytime during May to the plastic bin on Laury Sargeant's front porch (1105 Margaret Lane) or directly to Mary's Kitchen (110 N. Independence St.) any morning before noon. Just ring the bell at the back door and a volunteer will be happy to greet you and gather your gift.



THE ECW BIBLE STUDY will meet by Zoom **each Tuesday at 4pm through May 26th**. We have been reading the book of the Acts of the Apostles and hope you will consider joining us for wonderful fellowship while discussing God's word. For the link to the Zoom meeting, please email [Pam Mazingo](mailto:Pam.Mazingo@stmaryskinston.org).

In Other News

ST. MARY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Be sure to check out our [St. Mary's YouTube Channel](#) for all current and archived videos! While you are there, please press the "subscribe" button. That will help us out and bring any new videos that we publish towards the top of your list of suggested videos. The more subscribers we have means the more Good News we can deliver! Look for our logo:



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Have you checked out RightNow Media yet? Why wait! As a St. Mary's member, you are invited to free access to RightNow Media's huge library (over 10,000 videos!!!) of discipleship content for adults, students, children, and small groups. From movies to workshops to Bible studies to family/marriage/parenting/financial programs, there's something for everyone! There is no time better than now, especially during quarantine when it is important to take care of your mental and spiritual health. ([Peruse the RightNow Media library index of mental wellness here.](#)) Signing up is simple - [click on this link to accept your invitation and create your account!](#)

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Access all the updates about the church's response to the COVID-19 pandemic on our website's coronavirus page [by clicking here.](#)

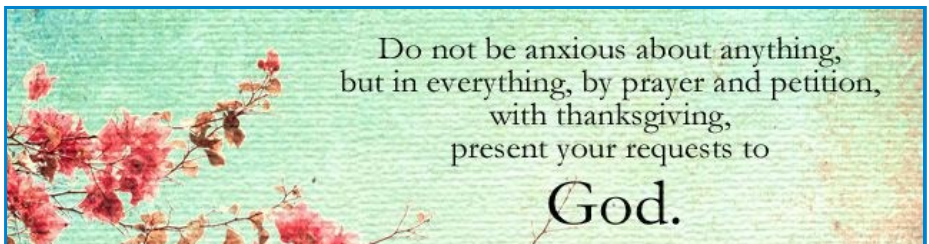
You can also see all of our videos of services, classes, and musical offerings at the following places:

[St. Mary's Facebook Page](#)

[St. Mary's YouTube Channel](#)

[St. Mary's website](#)

By the way, if you haven't already, please subscribe to our YouTube channel - it will help us out... thanks!



The Suspension of Public Worship and in-person organized gatherings of the church continues until further notice.

DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE
 FIND US ONLINE (see links at left)
 FOR SERVICES:

Wednesday morning children's chapel
 Sunday morning worship

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2020	2021	2022
Jess Edwards	Jimmy Ballard	Bill Connolly
Gerry Fox	Sam Gilmore	John John
Whitney Grady	Jessica Shimer	Scott Turik
Jo	Stuart Stroud	Dee Warner

Senior Warden – Jo Parrott
 Junior Warden – Jimmy Ballard
 Clerk – Whitney Grady
 Treasurer – Billy Page



RECTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

(held in the Nave)

Tuesdays: 9am-Noon
 Wednesdays: 9am-Noon
 Thursdays: 2pm-4:30pm
 Fridays: 9am-Noon
 *other times by appointment