



May 2022

St. Mary's Episcopal Church:
Serving with JOY!
The Bell Ringer
Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



HE
makes all things
NEW

From the Rector

"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired. How does a lamp burn? Through the continuous input of small drops of oil. If the drops of oil run out, the light of the lamp will cease, and the bridegroom will say, 'I do not know you' (Matt. 25:12). What are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things of daily life: faithfulness, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being silent, of looking, of speaking, and of acting. These are the true drops of love that keep your religious life burning like a living flame."

~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Here at St. Mary's, we frequently speak of our common life together as the Life of Faith. This is not to be understood as our "Sunday morning" life or our "Bible study" life or our "Prayer group" life. The Life of Faith is the whole, entire life of the person of faith. This, of course, entails those times when we gather together on the Lord's Day for common prayer & worship, and the other times when we do "church-y" things! But, understood more fully, the Life of Faith is meant to encompass everything that our lives hold - to the most ordinary or mundane details. God is there as well!

I love how Mother Teresa put it in the quotation above. Truthfully, the ordinary and usual aspects of our everyday living must become those drops of oil in our lamps such that our lives burn brightly, not only for God, but indeed with God's spiritual light for this world.

In the month of May, as we continue the season of Easter, consider afresh the practices or habits that are life-giving drops of oil for you. Maybe they are things that you learned from a Lenten season in the past that you sense God calling you to continue. Maybe they will be something completely new, and you aren't sure how they'll work out. Maybe there are things in this Bell Ringer to which you are called to engage or support. Maybe there is a practice for you that is as simple (but as challenging) as slowing down from a quite busy pace and more intentionally appreciating the people and God-given life around you. May you be delighted by joy and life all around you in this Easter season!

In Peace,

Tom +



St. Mary's Hosted Ordination Liturgy

On Saturday, April 23rd, St. Mary's hosted an amazing Ordination Liturgy where 4 individuals were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Roughly 250 people attended and enjoyed the lovely liturgy, sacred music, beautifully prepared worship spaces, and thoughtful hospitality. We are grateful for ALL who helped in so many ways to welcome the many members of the Diocese of East Carolina who came to worship in this special ordination liturgy. God bless you for sharing the welcome of Christ to all!

We are glad to celebrate The Reverend Deacon Greg Smith! Plans are being made for him to remain serving at St. Mary's as he continues in this season of formation towards ordination to the priesthood. Greg will begin leading portions of the liturgy that are reserved for deacons: reading the Gospel lesson, inviting the congregation to a time of confession (this is omitted at St. Mary's during the Easter season), serving at the altar, and offering the dismissal. We look forward to continuing to share life and ministry with Greg in this season!

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Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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Parish Administrator	Mrs. Lori Kelly
Ministry Coordinator (Youth/Families)	Mrs. Liz Hengst
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 Register

Baptism:

John "Jack" Shimer
April 24, 2022

Burial:

Joanne Chapman
April 22, 2022



Pastoral Announcements

We extend sympathies to the Enders family (Bob Enders' brother, David) for the loss of their loved one.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



We are thrilled to have a baptism planned for Henry McNairy, son of Allie and Jack McNairy (and brother of JJ) on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5th**, during the 10:30am liturgy. We will renew our Baptismal vows at both in-person and online services that day as well. Please keep Henry, his baptismal sponsors, and his family in your prayers as we welcome the newest member of the household of God!

Save the Dates!



- St. Mary's will enjoy a night at the ballpark this summer! Be on the lookout for information on a wonderful night of baseball and fellowship with your parish family at a Down East Wood Ducks game on **Thursday, July 14th!** Stay tuned for more information...



- We are excited to announce the return of the Annual St. Mary's Block Party, planned for **Wednesday, August 3rd!** Join us for an evening of fellowship with the members and neighbors of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. St. Mary's members will deliver invitations around the neighborhood beginning July 10th.



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 30, 2022** in observance of Memorial Day. The staff of St. Mary's join you in honoring those who lost their lives in service of our nation.

News at St. Mary's



Soles 4 Souls Shoe Drive

We offer thanksgivings for the recent Soles4Souls Shoe Drive at St. Mary's. The overwhelming support from our parish family resulted in collecting 796 pairs of shoes to be given to communities in need throughout the world !!! We give thanks for all who donated and helped pack the shoes, Liz Hengst for assisting, Richard Crumbaker who delivered them to UPS the next day, and Rachel Whitfield for coordinating the drive! God bless you all!



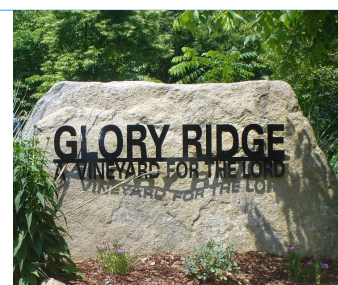
**Episcopal
Relief & Development**
Working Together for Lasting Change

Lenten Almsgiving

We offer thanksgiving for all who participated in our church-wide Lenten Almsgiving outreach focus this year. Our parish family raised \$3195.00 towards the Episcopal Relief & Development efforts in support of Ukrainian refugees.

Mission Trip Prayer Partners

We are looking for prayer partners for our Glory Ridge participants. You would be paired with a Glory Ridge participant and would create a short, encouraging message for them with the help of Liz Hengst. You would then pray for this person every day of our Glory Ridge trip. If you are interested or would like more information please email Liz at lhengst@stmaryskinston.com.



BBQ Fest on the Neuse

May 6th & 7th

Mary's Kitchen
along with Servpro and
Piggly Wiggly on McLewean St.

ENCOURAGE YOU TO DONATE:
BOTTLED WATER, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP,
INDIVIDUAL PACKETS OF CHIPS, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED COOKIES,
NUMBER 10 CANS OF FRUIT (APPLES, PEACHES, PEARS,
PINEAPPLES, OR MIXED FRUIT)

BRING 3 OR MORE OF THE ITEMS LISTED
TO OUR BOOTH (IN FRONT OF LOVICK'S)
AND BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE FOR A
\$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM PIGGLY
WIGGLY ON McLEWEAN ST.



Lemonade on the Lawn

One of the joys of our summertime gatherings is sharing light refreshments after church. Lemonade on the Lawn provides a relaxed, refreshing, time to catch up and share life together. Beginning **Sunday, May 29th**, join us **each Sunday immediately following the 10:30am liturgy** to share this special time together before the rest of the week begins.

Individuals or families are encouraged to join together to host the refreshments. Hosts are asked to provide lemonade and something light to eat. Paper products will be provided. The sign up sheet will be located in the Narthex. **Sherry Tanner** will be coordinating this ministry, and you may email her at tanner@stmaryskinston.com with any questions.

Worship



CONGRATULATIONS to those who have been formed in the Christian faith at St. Mary's as they celebrate graduation milestones in their lives! The Class of 2022 has displayed resiliency, steadfastness, and courage in this third year of the pandemic. In similar fashion to the previous classes (2020 and 2021), these individuals have adapted and grown from the challenges and ever-changing COVID-19 regulations throughout this year. They have displayed courage and embraced hope in a world in desperate need of both. We celebrate all the ways God has blessed the Class of 2022 with their accomplishments as they graduate from high school and institutions of higher learning. Our community is strengthened by them, and we look forward to how God calls them in the days to come. Please join us on **Sunday, May 22nd**, when we will honor our graduates during the 10:30am service.

ARENDELL PARROTT ACADEMY

Anna Haddad (North Carolina State University - Raleigh, NC)

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Matthew Glen

BS in Computer & Electrical Engineering

May 5, 2022

George Haddad

BS in Marketing & Economics

May 7, 2022

Jacob John

BS in Chemical Engineering - May 7, 2022

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Emma Herlong

Cum Laude with a BFA in Theatre Arts with Concentration in Professional Acting/Minor in Psychology
May 6, 2022

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Raelynn Sheffield

BS in Elementary Education - May 6, 2022

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

Robert Veitch

EdD in Curriculum and Instruction in Special Education - May 6, 2022



Worship Committee MEETING

Wednesday, May 4th
at 5:15pm
in the Parlor



A Celebration of the Acolyte Ministry

St. Mary's is blessed by an active Acolyte Ministry, and we will celebrate with a luncheon on **Sunday, May 15th at noon**. All

Acolytes who have served this past year are invited to join us following the 10:30am liturgy. If you are interested in serving as an Acolyte, please email Father Tom at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com.

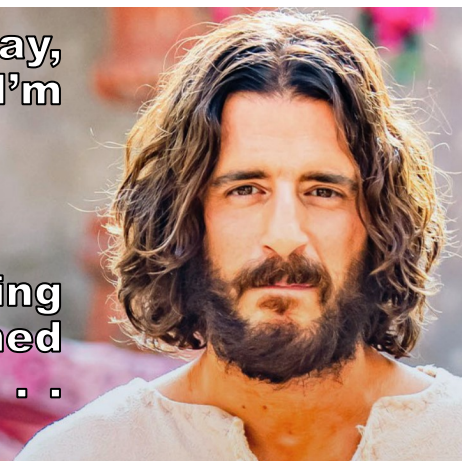
SAVE *the* DATE:

Bishop Skirving's next official visit to St. Mary's will be Easter Sunday, 2023. We will celebrate our next confirmation class at that time. Preparations for confirmation will begin this fall.

Christian Formation

I was one way,
and now I'm
completely
different.

And the thing
that happened
in between. . .
was Him.



Adult Christian Formation: **THE CHOSEN**

The Adult Christian Formation series on The Chosen returns each **Sunday morning at 9:30am in Moseley Hall.**

The Adult Forum will view the video in small viewing groups in the Parlor or Vestry Room and then gather in Moseley Hall for group discussion. We hope you will join us - all are welcome!



We hope you will join us as we share Wednesday suppers together each Wednesday in May. **Nurseries will be open from 5:45-7:15pm. Suppers will begin in Moseley Hall at 6pm.**

ECW

Dear ECW,

You all LOVE BIG! Thanks for your constant love and service over the past months. Heart and Soul was an incredible outpouring of joy and love. Your faithfulness and generosity during our Lenten Programming fed the hearts and souls of so many. And this weekend you helped family and friends celebrate the life of JoAnne Chapman as well as celebrate the ordination of Greg Smith. Thanks to you all for sharing yourselves and your gifts with others! Rest for a while, and we hope to see you at our BUNCO Bash on **June 26th at 3pm.**

In Christ's Love,
Audra

The ECW Board Meeting will be held **this Sunday, May 1st, in the parlor from 12-1pm.** We look forward to giving thanks for all the love and ministry we've shared this year and planning for our spring and summer activities.

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



Kids' Sunday School
May 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 9:30am
All kids pre-K to 5th grade
(in the Sunday School Room)

EYC Sunday Formation
May 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 9:30am
All 6th-12th graders
(in the Youth Room)

EYC Coffee with Liz
Each Wednesday in May @ 4:00-5:30pm
All EYC
(at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse)

Kids Only Night Out at the Ball Park
Saturday, May 14 @ 4:45 -8pm
All 5 year olds—5th graders
Join us at the Down East Wood Ducks game!!
We will meet at the Main Gate at 4:45 pm.
Kids can be picked up in the same spot at 8pm.
Parents, go have **FUN!**
Registration required.
Cost is \$10 (includes food)

Acolyte Ministry Celebration
Sunday, May 15 @ noon
All Acolytes (or those interested) are invited
to a lunch to celebrate your ministry in the life
of St. Mary's!

EYC Wood Ducks Game
Sunday, May 15 @ 1-4pm
EYC is invited to join us at a DEWD game!
Limited seats available.
Contact Liz to reserve your spot.

End of Curriculum Year Party
Sunday, May 22 after the 10:30am service
All kids and EYC are invited to join us as we
celebrate the wonderful year we've had!
More information to come. . .



**Vacation Bible
School**
will be here soon!

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is the host church for this year's VBS that is co-sponsored by St. Mary's & First Presbyterian Church. The theme this year is "Food Truck Party....On a Roll with God!"

The dates will be June 6-9 from 4-7pm.
Registration for participants is now live at:

<https://form.jotform.com/220764450005042>.

For more information or to volunteer, email Liz at lhengst@stmaryskinston.com.

MAY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- † **May 1st:**
Anna Haddad
Everette Haddad
Morgan Wade
- † **May 8th:**
Jude Tanner
Jude Warren
Ty Wentz
- † **May 15th**
Isabel Rosa-Irizarry
Becca McKinley
Madi Hengst
- † **May 22nd**
Eliza Grady
Lucy Abbot Fader
Thomas Grady
- † **May 29th**
Anna Haddad
Jude Warren
Chloe Albritton

We are going to utilize Sign-Up Genius for the summer acolyte schedule. All acolytes are asked to sign-up for a minimum of one Sunday per month in June, July, and August. If you would like to sign-up for more please do! You will receive this link in the next few days. Please sign-up as soon as possible.

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DownEast Wood Ducks



Wood Ducks Box Seats EYC Fundraiser

The EYC is raising money to benefit our service projects (including Glory Ridge) by asking for any donated amount in exchange for box seat tickets (6 seats) to DEWD games! Mark your donations "EYC" or "Wood Ducks tickets" & drop them off during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Be sure to sign-up for your preferred date(s) through this link www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eacad23a6fec07-wood.

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

9:00 am - Breakfast served in Moseley Hall

9:30-10:15 am - Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church

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

We recognize that the pandemic situation is evolving. Regarding face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase (usually referring to private confession) applies: All may, some should, none must. While all are welcome to wear a face covering at any time, we affirm the CDC recommendations regarding when it is advised that face coverings are to be worn indoors while other people are present. No one is required to wear a face covering at St. Mary's.

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2022	2023	2023
John John	Skip Greene	Clifton Carey
Scott Turik	Audra Haddad	Jess Edwards
Dee Warner	Vicki Kennedy	Jo Parrott
Harry Wooten	Pam Mazingo	Ginny Wade
Senior Warden – Vicki Kennedy	Clerk – Audra Haddad	
Junior Warden – Harry Wooten	Treasurer – Jon Sargeant	