

May 2019



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

# The Bell Ringer

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

## St. Mary's Spring Mass on the Grass

Sunday,  
May 19  
at  
10:30am

Please join us for a "Mass on the Grass" worship service outside on the West Lawn. Bring a lawn chair (we will have a few here available for use) or a blanket and enjoy this beautiful service. An ensemble of our own musicians will lead us in music that morning! We'll also be recognizing our graduating High School seniors this day. Please dress casually and relaxed. Invite a neighbor or friend to come and sit with you. There is room for everyone! Following the service we'll have a parish picnic: food off the grill, drinks, and paper products will be provided. We ask you to please bring a LARGE dish to share! In the event of rain, our liturgy will be in the 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.

The Rt. Rev. Robert S. Skirving

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### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A church of 362 baptized members 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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Rector The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren

Parish Administrator Mrs. Lori Kelly

Minister of Music Mrs. Sharon Veitch

Mary's Kitchen Executive Director Mr. Jim Godfrey

Sr. Warden Mr. Jon Sargeant

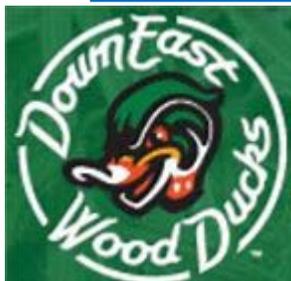
Jr. Warden Mr. Walter R. Poole

## News at St. Mary's

Class of  
2019

### ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you are graduating from high school or an institution of higher learning this spring, please contact Sherry Tanner at [stanner@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:stanner@stmaryskinston.com) by May 8 to let us know. Please give us your school's name, the degree you'll receive, and any plans following graduation. We will celebrate our graduates at the Mass on the Grass 10:30am liturgy on May 19th. God bless you in your studies!!



### Night At The Ballpark



What could be better than peanuts and popcorn and crackerjacks? OUR church family enjoying these things TOGETHER with the Down East Wood Ducks during a **Night at the Ballpark!** Join us for fun, fellowship, and BASEBALL on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. A social will begin at 5pm at the MEB Pavilion at the Stadium with the game starting at 7pm. Thanks to the generosity of anonymous donors, we are not requesting the full cost of \$20 per adult/\$17 per child ages 4-11. This covers your admission and the picnic social. However, any donation is welcome to ensure the full amount we are charged will be covered. All members on our email list will receive an evite requesting your RSVP. Please be sure to let us know if you plan to attend -- this will help us plan accordingly. For any questions, please call Kevin Zoltek at 252-521-3302.

### From the Parish Register

Burial of

Ronald "Ronnie" Rheuben Holton

April 17, 2019



### Pastoral Announcements

**Birth of Mary Helen Edwards**

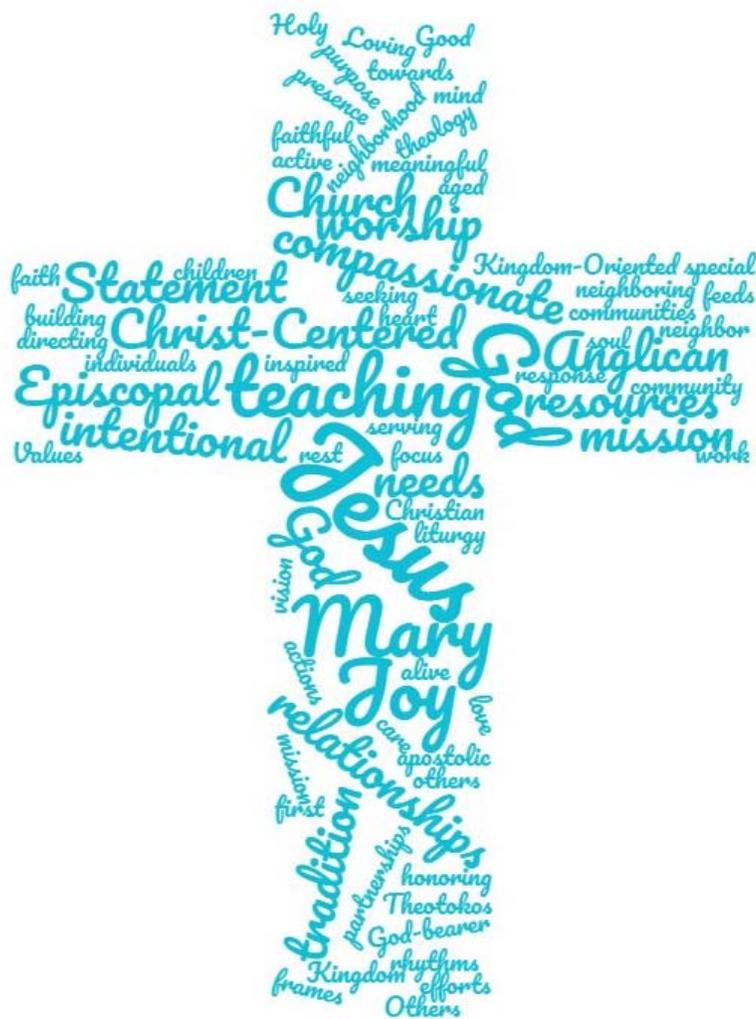
Born to Dacie and Jess Edwards

and big sister Leah

on April 4th, 2019

## 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. This month, we look at the 4th Core Value...



### What's at our Core?

#### Alive in the Holy Spirit!

In St. John's Gospel (ch. 14), Jesus promises that after He departs from this world, His disciples will not be abandoned. Jesus will send the "Advocate," the Spirit of truth, to guide followers of His Way. When Jesus was born, God showed that humanity is not alone and separated from God. We are now living in the era of history in which we remain in God's presence through His in-dwelling Spirit and must consciously seek the truths taught by the Holy Spirit and affirmed in Scripture.

At St. Mary's, we hold this belief of the Holy Spirit to be essential to our understanding of how God calls us to minister with one another, in our neighborhood and communities, and beyond. There is no place for the "frozen chosen" among disciples of Jesus! In every season, but especially now in Easter, we have at the forefront of our minds the historical event of the bodily resurrection of Jesus. This miraculous victory of God over sin and literal death propels all believers to be witnesses, not only to that historical moment, but also to the truth of God's constant calling to show in our lives the yearning for this world to more fully reflect God's Kingdom.

The Catechism ("Outline of the Faith" on pg 845 of the Prayer Book) teaches clearly that the Holy Spirit does not lead people into discovering categorically new concepts about God, but rather that it reveals faithful responses to contemporary situations in light of the eternal truths embodied in Jesus and articulated in the Bible. And so, we ask boldly for the Holy Spirit to be active in our work as individuals and as a church, praying that we will have the wisdom to align our efforts with what God is doing.

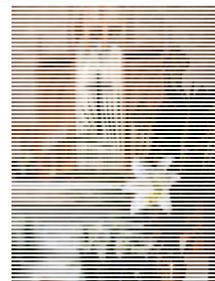
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The CORE VALUES of St. Mary's Episcopal Church are:

- **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.

## Worship

THANK YOU to ALL whose ministries made our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter liturgies and programs possible. A special thank you to the Altar Guild, Choirs, Musicians, Acolytes, Ushers & Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ECW, EYC, Fellowship Committee, Breakfast Teams, Teachers, and Children's Ministers for sharing their gifts, love, and talents at St. Mary's! Alleluia!! Christ is Risen!!!



### Blessing of Prayer Shawls

On Sunday, May 5, at the 10:30am liturgy, we will pray God's blessings over many new prayer shawls that have been prayerfully crafted before they are given to others as a reminder of God's love and embrace. The prayer shawl knitting group meets most Tuesday afternoons at 2pm at the Queen Street Deli - all are welcome to join this joyful group!



### ROGATION SERVICE: Sunday, May 26 @ 3pm ASKING GOD FOR PROTECTION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Rogation days are special occasions to honor God for all creation and to pray for the land, the gifts of labor, and for the needs of all. Our sisters and brothers in faith at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church invite us to join them and the people of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church for this liturgy. You're welcome to bring your seeds or garden tools to be blessed at this service that joins our Episcopal communities together. A reception will follow the service.

Mark your calendars, join the planning events, and pray for good weather. . . The Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2020!



## Episcopal Church Women



St. Mary's ECW will host the 131st Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of East Carolina, on May 1st, 2019. The Rev. Jay Sidebotham will be our keynote speaker for the program. The day will also include a liturgy of the Holy Eucharist and installation of the executive board members with Bishop Skirving serving as celebrant and the Rev. Sidebotham serving as preacher.

The ECW of St. Mary's will provide light breakfast food during registration and lunch after the liturgy. Please make plans to attend. This will be a very special day at St. Mary's!

## Parish News



*The Episcopal Church Women of St. Mary's*

invites our ENTIRE Church Family  
to

### Come Lend a Hand

of support for  
St. Mary's Outreach Ministries of

Glory Ridge Mission Trip  
Cherished Members  
Dominican Republic Mission Trip  
Hand in Hand

as we

## MAKE WORK WORSHIP

Wednesday, May 8th  
following the 6:15pm Wednesday Night Supper

## Christian Formation

### A Summer Invitation for Digital Ministry Resources at St. Mary's

As the school year winds down and vacation plans heat up, this is a great time to ensure that you have access to all the available online spiritual tools offered by St. Mary's. Whether you are at home during the week or at the beach on the weekends, our digital ministry resources can help you stay in touch with your parish, its activities, and other parish members.

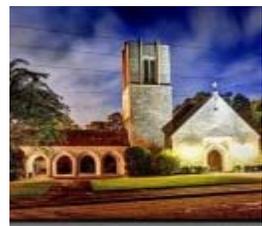
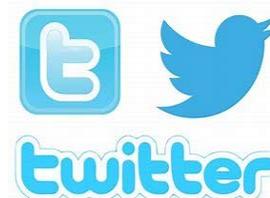


**REALM** is our online church directory that you can safely access anytime, anywhere. Easily pull up phone numbers, email, and addresses of other members to stay in touch. [www.onrealm.org](http://www.onrealm.org)

**SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE, & WEEKLY EMAILS** will stay updated throughout the year. Be sure to access St. Mary's webpage at [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com) or our Facebook and Twitter accounts for activities and updates. Call the church office to sign up for our weekly emails.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO (MSP)** is our online serving schedule, offering a calendar that highlights your serving dates, the ability to request or be a substitute, and email/text reminders of your serving days. Contact Gerry Fox ([gfoxjr@gmail.com](mailto:gfoxjr@gmail.com)) with any questions.

**RIGHT NOW MEDIA** is often called the "Netflix" of Christian media. With thousands of Christian Bible study & entertainment videos for all ages, we are sure you will find something for every member of your family! Call the church office if you have any questions about creating an account. [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org)



# Youth Community News

## HAPPY EASTER FROM YOUR EYC!!!!

Pictured in this joyful moment on Easter Sunday are (L-R) Eagan Ballard, Chloe Albritton, Jane Herring, Stella Posey, Aidan Robertson, Dori Ballard, Rebecca Brown, Ava Haddad, Brandon Zoltek, & Anna Haddad.



An Amazingly Awesome Assembly of the 2019 St. Mary's Mission Team to Glory Ridge will be **Wednesday, May 22, 5:30pm** in the Youth Room. This gathering is for

### ALL YOUTH AND CHAPERONES

heading to the beautiful mountains this July 28-August 3! We will **MAKE WORK (and this meeting) WORSHIP!!**

**Erasing the Lines** - June 16-20; \$250. ETL will be held at The Refuge this year, so space is limited! Registration will be done as a group this year, so please be in touch with Fr. Tom by May 5 if you'd like to go!

Next Year Will Be Here Before You Know It! ... Save the Dates for:

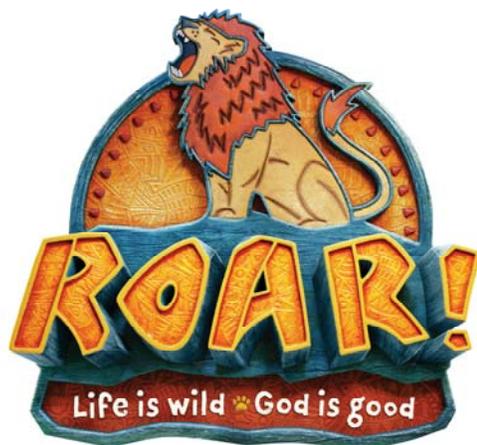
yOUTHREACH 2019  
Saturday, September 21  
Location TBA

FALL CONFERENCE for Middle Schoolers  
November 15-17, 2018 @ Trinity Center  
Team & Candidate Forms will be available later this summer

HAPPENING #74  
9-12th Graders  
October 18-20, 2019 @ Trinity Center  
Team & Candidate Forms can already be found [at the Diocesan Website!](#)



## Other news



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be here soon!

St. Mary's is the host church for this VBS that is also sponsored by Gordon Street Christian Church and First Presbyterian Church.

The dates will be Monday June 10-Thursdays, June 14

9am until Noon

Registration for children participants and youth/adult volunteers is now live at

[vbspro.events/p/8755a2](http://vbspro.events/p/8755a2)

For more information, call 252-526-6146, or

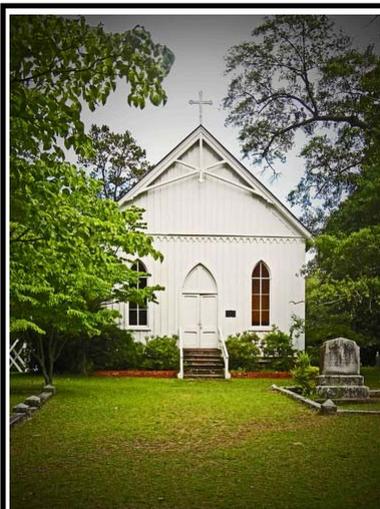
Contact Heather Wentz at [hawentz@msn.com](mailto:hawentz@msn.com) or

Whitney Grady at [whitneygrady@aol.com](mailto:whitneygrady@aol.com)



### Kairos Prayer Chain

The next Kairos Prison Ministry event will be May 2-5 at Maury Prison. Kairos is similar to Cursillo & Happening in that Christians share Christ's love and grace with others simply because Christ first loved us.... Kairos just happens to take place in a prison. Please commit to praying that hearts will be turned toward God over this weekend and sign your first name on the prayer chain slips of paper that are on the Narthex tables. If you would like to be present for the closing celebration of this weekend at the prison, please contact Fr. Tom as soon as possible.



### A New Relationship with St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Recently, the vestry of St. Mary's and the Trustees of the Diocese of East Carolina approved a letter of agreement that puts the use and care of St. Barnabas (Snow Hill) under the leadership of the vestry & clergy of St.

Mary's. St. Mary's clergy have long been leaders for the liturgies held there in June and October. Additionally, an endowment has been provided for the upkeep of the church & cemetery. This agreement puts St. Barnabas in a position of greater care and greater potential for use, while also providing St. Mary's the ability to return the oversight of St. Barnabas to the diocese at any time. See the vestry or Fr. Tom with any questions about this!

### "Lemonade on the Lawn" begins in June!

One of the joys of our summertime gatherings is sharing light refreshments after church. Lemonade on the Lawn provides a relaxed, refreshing, and delicious time to catch



up with each other after the 10:30am liturgy and share life together before the rest of the week begins. The first Lemonade on the Lawn will be Sunday, May 26.

Individuals or families are encouraged to join together to host the refreshments. Hosts are asked to provide lemonade and something light to eat. A host sign-up sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Paper products will be provided in the "Lemonade on the Lawn" bin in the Bookstore.

**Barbara Glen** will be coordinating this ministry. Should you have any questions, email her at [iugirl1@yahoo.com](mailto:iugirl1@yahoo.com).

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**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

Mark these special events in the life  
of our church in your calendars today!

**NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK -**

May 23

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -**

June 10-14

**ERASING THE LINES - June 16-20**

**MISSION TRIP TO THE DR -**

July 6-13

**MISSION TRIP TO GLORY RIDGE -**

July 28-August 3

**BLOCK PARTY - August 7**

## GOD BLESS YOUR GIVING!

Your year-round giving is important to the mission and ministry of St. Mary's Church and allows for the events included in this newsletter as well as things like air conditioned worship spaces, staff payment, and so much more. Giving statements for the 1st quarter have been emailed recently. Please contact the church office if you notice any corrections that need to be made. Thank you!

## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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

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	Jessica Shimer
Jon Sargeant	Grady	Stuart Stroud

Senior Warden – Jon Sargeant

Junior Warden – Walter R. Poole

Clerk – Whitney Grady

Treasurer – Billy Paige

## RECTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays: 9am-noon

Wednesdays: 9am-Noon; 2pm-4:30pm

Thursdays: 2pm-4:30pm

Fridays: 9am-Noon