



June/July 2021

St. Mary's Episcopal Church:
Serving with JOY!
The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



And the One sitting
on the throne said,

*Look! I am
making
everything new!*

Revelation 21:5

WELCOME

WE ARE GLAD YOU JOINED US!

From the Rector

Dear friends,

There is much to celebrate as we begin the summer months of 2021! The pages of this BellRinger reflect much more flexibility that results from the CDC's report of vaccine efficacy and subsequent state and diocesan lifting of many pandemic-related restrictions. As I continue to try to avoid using the phrase "new normal" during the pandemic, I rejoice in the "current faithful" ways of living and worshipping together that we have discerned are fitting!

Yours in Christ,

Highlights of our current guidelines for public worship at St. Mary's:

1. All social distancing requirements are lifted at St. Mary's Church.
2. Regarding face coverings:

All may wear a face covering. Each of us will have a different comfort level about being with others in public. Those gathering for public worship should feel welcome to wear a face covering if they prefer to do so. Some may choose to wear a face covering when they cannot maintain a certain physical distance from others.

Some should wear a face covering. The CDC recommends that all persons over age two who are not vaccinated should wear a face covering indoors when other people are present. This applies to children who are too young to be vaccinated, those who cannot be vaccinated, and those who have not chosen to be vaccinated.

None must wear a face covering. In this sense, we are following our Governor's most recent Executive Order. But we certainly hope that all who should wear a face covering will do so.
3. Singing is once again to be a joyful part of congregational worship at St. Mary's! I invite you all to wholeheartedly lift a joyful noise the next time you have the opportunity!! Musicians are afforded the same choices as others with regards to distancing and face coverings. **If there is a favorite hymn that you've especially missed singing**, please tell our Organist, Sharon Veitch, or the co-chairs of the Music Task Group: Pam Mazingo & Bonnie Holton.
4. The Eucharist has returned to being offered at the altar rail, while it will continue to be brought to anyone who desires it in the pews (just tell an usher). At this time, we will continue to offer only bread at communion, per diocesan guidance. Before too much more time passes, the diocese will develop and distribute recommendations for how to most safely share wine during communion.
5. There are other elements of worship at St. Mary's that have historically been part of local practice and preference which will continue to be discerned with respect to if, when, and how to be reintroduced to our corporate worship.
6. We will continue to offer weekly online liturgies, posting them to our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).
7. Beginning June 13, two fully-staffed nurseries will resume operation: one for infants and one for older children. The nurseries will be open every Sunday from 9-11am until further notice. The church's Nursery Guidelines will continue to reflect current COVID protocols, guided by the NC Department of Health & Human Services. All adults and volunteers involved in the nurseries and other children's ministries in which the children are too young to be vaccinated are expected to wear a face covering when indoors with the children.
8. We are now able to return to hosting gatherings & receptions with food after worship and at other times. As the Fellowship Committee works through the details of what to offer and when, we will be mindful of considering how to make these activities safer, such as including the provision of individual servings rather than the offering of a potluck meal, per diocesan guidance.

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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

Transfers In:

Georgia & Michael Vick ~ May 4, 2021
(St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Wilson)



Pastoral Announcements

We extend sympathies to the family of Jack Lineback, father of Victoria Brown; the family of Glenn Potter, husband of Nelda Potter; and the family of Mary French Evans, wife of Dick Evans. We hold all of these families in prayer during this time.

Let us pray:

Deliver your servants, Jack, Glenn, and Mary French, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set them free from every bond; that they may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

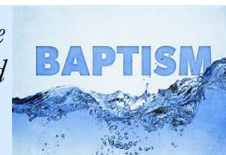
On June 26th (11am) at St. Mary's Church, there will be a service to celebrate God's blessings through Glenn Potter's life.

Also, on July 31st (11am) at St. Mary's, there will be a service to celebrate God's blessings through the lives of Alice & Bill Vandivere. The Vandiveres had moved to Virginia to live with their children years ago. Alice died in June 2019 and Bill died in November 2020. They were 94 and 95 years old, respectively.

"We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood."

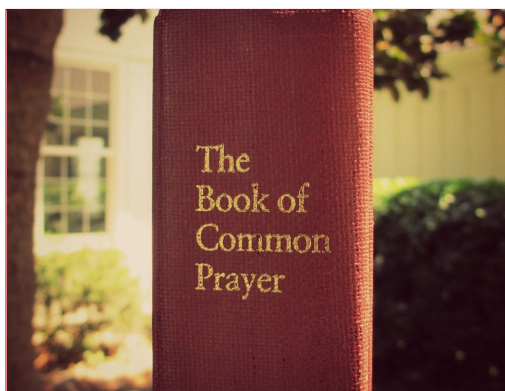
~The Peoples' Response at the Baptismal Liturgy (BCP, Pg. 308)

We are thrilled to be preparing for the baptisms of Constance "Coco" and William "Billy" McRae, children of Sully and Scott McRae on **Sunday, June 13th**. Please keep Coco and Billy, their baptismal sponsors, and family in your prayers as we prepare to welcome the newest members into the household of God!



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, July 5, 2021** in observance of Independence Day. The staff of St. Mary's join you in celebrating the birth of our nation as well as in prayer for its future. We wish you a safe holiday.

News at St. Mary's (cont'd)



New Prayer Books for the Nave & Chapel

As we celebrated the return of Prayer Books, Hymnals, and Bibles to our pews on Trinity Sunday, it was noticed that many of our Books of Common Prayer had reached a well-earned state of retirement! 60 of them will not return to the nave and 50 more are looking rather tired. As we order new books in the coming weeks and months, **please consider making a contribution towards the purchase of a new Prayer Book for our church in honor or memory of a loved one for \$20 per book.** Each book will be commemorated accordingly with an inscription just inside the front

cover. Also, if you would like to give one of our well-used prayer books a new home (for yourself or someone you know), swing by the church office during office hours and feel free to pick one up.



Lenoir County Build 2022

Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne is excited to announce a special new home construction project coming to Kinston in early 2022.

Find out how YOU can get involved.
Call 919-736-9592 x5 or email executive@habitatgoldsboro.org.

www.habitatgoldsboro.org

Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne is a nonprofit with a mission to share God's love by working with its neighbors to build homes, community, and hope through affordable housing. It has served Wayne County since 2001 by building 85 new homes and providing

more than 25 home repairs. Recently Habitat announced a special new home construction project in Kinston for a disaster-impacted family of four displaced by Hurricane Florence. The new home will be at 925 McCaskill Drive, with a foundation being laid in late 2021 and construction beginning in early 2022.

***But it takes community
to make those dreams a reality.***

For the rest of 2021 and into 2022, Habitat will be recruiting interested volunteers and seeking to raise \$50,000 to match a grant for this project. To learn more about Habitat and how you can get involved, please contact Executive Director Matthew Whittle at 919-736-9592 x5 or executive@habitatgoldsboro.org. You may find Habitat online at www.habitatgoldsboro.org. In addition, Jess Edwards from our parish family is involved and would be happy to answer any questions.

St. Mary's
at the
Ballpark

Down East Wood Ducks



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 **Wednesday, June 23rd!** Stay tuned for more information...



St. Mary's Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Monday, June 28th, Noon-4pm in Moseley Hall.** Donors will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred. Make your reservation at www.redcrossblood.org and type in STMARYS or phone 1-800-RED-CROSS. Give something that means something....give the gift of life with Red Cross.

Worship



Pentecost was celebrated at St. Mary's with an outdoor liturgy on **Sunday, May 23rd**. We enjoyed the festive altar, flowers, streamers, and liturgy!

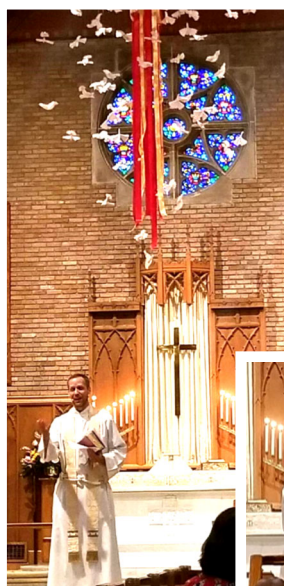


In addition, we honored Cyndi Rafferty (*pictured left*) for serving three years as Altar Guild Chair, and we recognized Susan Fox as the incoming chair.

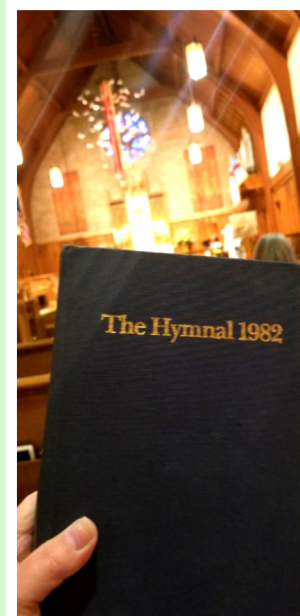
Adult Christian Formation returns in September.

"May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance."

Jude 1:2



Trinity Sunday, May 30th, saw the return of indoor worship with hymnals and singing!!! St. Mary's is upholding the mask recommendation of "All May, Some Should, None Must." It was wonderful to greet the Peace of the Lord to smiling faces!



In addition, St. Mary's thanked our choral scholar, Marcus Jones, for his year of ministry with us and presented him with a Bible. Marcus, we are grateful for leading us in this year and pray God's blessings in your life!

ECW

Shower of HOPE Event



Let's shower the House of Hope with LOVE and supplies! The ECW is hosting this event to benefit the Women's House of Hope **from Sunday, May 23 - Sunday, June 13th**. The House of Hope is expecting its very first residents soon. Let's help them stock their shelves!

Items can be dropped off at St. Mary's Church Vestry Room or at the House of Hope (611 Mitchell Street). Here is a list of items still needed: *storage containers, Tupperware; cleaning supplies; dish towels; sink sponges; dishwashing liquid; laundry detergent; toilet paper; paper towels; aluminum foil; Saran Wrap; Solo cups; shampoo/conditioner; hair brush; hair comb; deodorant; toothbrush; toothpaste; dental floss; body wash; feminine products; lotion; cotton balls; q-tips; nail clippers; Vaseline; Neosporin; alcohol; gauze; medical tape; Tylenol; Ibuprofen; Benadryl; Pepto Bismol, & Tums.*

**STARRY
NIGHT
MOVIE
NIGHT**

Coming in July....stay tuned for more details!

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



Thursday, June 3

4:30-6pm Family Park Meet-Up
@ *Bill Fay Park*
(snacks & drinks provided)

Tuesday, June 15

Time TBD EYC Movie Day at the Theater
Contact Liz Hengst to sign up!

Wednesday, June 16

10-11:30am Morning Coffee with Liz
@ *Middle Grounds*

Friday, June 18

6:30-8:30pm All Ages Game Night
Moseley Hall
Share your favorite game and snack

Saturday, June 19

9:30-11:30am Family Hike
@ *Cliffs of the Neuse State Park*
Let Liz Hengst know your are joining
(Bring your water)
Time TBD EYC Lasagnas of Love
(6th-12th graders)

Sunday, June 20

11:30am-2pm EYC Lunch and Scavenger Hunt
West Lawn
(6th-12th graders)

Tuesday, June 22

6:30am EYC Woods Ducks Game
@ *Grainger Stadium*
(6th-12th graders)
Contact Liz Hengst to sign up!

Sunday, June 27

Noon-4pm Family Kayak Day
@ *Neuseway Nature Park*
Bring your lunch
SPACES ARE LIMITED
Contact Liz Hengst to sign up!

From the Desk of Liz:

There are so many opportunities this summer to enjoy life with our church family, and I hope you will join us for some of these events! Keep watching our Instagram pages for stores, updates, surprises, and other ways to connect.

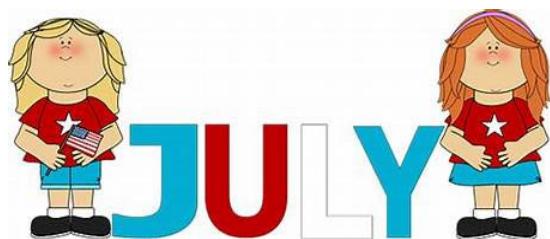
Please note that some of these events have limited spaces and require you to sign-up! Be sure to contact Liz Hengst if you plan to participate in the following events:

- EYC Movie Day at the Theater
- Family Hike at Cliffs of the Neuse
- EYC Wood Ducks Game
- Family Kayak Day
- Family Wood Ducks Game
- EYC Kayak Day

We look forward to sharing all these wonderful events with you this summer!

Liz

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



Sunday, July 4-9

Glory Ridge!!!

Tuesday, July 13

4:30-6:30pm Family Park Meet Up
@ TBD
(Drinks and snacks provided)

Wednesday, July 14

10-11:30am Morning Coffee with Liz
@ Middle Grounds

Friday, July 16

6-8pm Family Dinner & Movie Night
Moseley Hall
Pizza and drinks provided
Bring your favorite movie snack!

Sunday, July 18

12:30pm Family Wood Ducks Game
@ Gruinger Stadium
Contact Liz Hengst to sign up!

Thursday, July 22

4:30-6pm Family Park Meet Up
@ TBD
(Drinks and snacks provided)

Tuesday, July 20

3:45-5:15pm Coffee with Liz
@ Middle Grounds

Saturday, July 24

10am EYC Kayak Day
Bring your lunch, snacks, & water
SPACES ARE LIMITED
Contact Liz Hengst to sign up!

Sunday, July 25

11:30-2:30pm Family Cookout at St. Mary's
Bring a dish to share
Hot dogs, hamburgers provided
Vegan & vegetarian available

Monday, July 26

7-9:30pm EYC Game Night
Moseley Hall
Share your favorite game and snack



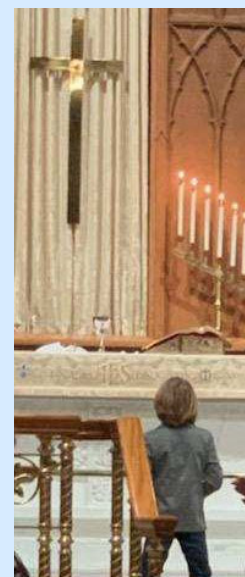
Some of the St. Mary's Youth at the Rogation Service hosted by Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Seven Springs



Kayaking with our youth



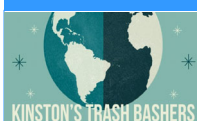
Acolyte Training



Return to Communion at the Altar Rail

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*Looking for meaningful fellowship
and a call to serve?*



View [Kinston's Trash Bashers Facebook group](#) and join one of our 2 groups - **Mondays**

at 8:30am, **Tuesdays** at 10am for **Northside Trash Bashers**, and **Saturdays** at 10:00am for a grass roots effort to clean and care for our community! Contact Amy Albritton at aalbritt@gmail.com for more information.

CONNECTING
faith
and
friends

Join a group of ECW women who are willing to make intentional personal connections by checking in on an assigned church member via short chats, doorstep visits, letters, and/or surprise gifts. Please contact Laury Sargeant at jsarg4@suddenlink.net or Audra Haddad at 5haddad@suddenlink.net today!

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

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Indoors on 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays, Outdoors on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)

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

Regarding wearing face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase applies: All may, some should, none must. All are welcome to wear a face covering at any time. We acknowledge the CDC recommendation for all persons over age 2 who are not vaccinated to wear a face covering indoors when other people are present. Following the Governor's most recent Executive Order and Bishop Skirving's guidance, no one is required to wear a face covering at St. Mary's. Recognizing that individuals will have varying comfort levels about gathering in public, please be mindful and respectful of one another.

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2021	2022	2023
Jimmy Ballard	John John	Skip Greene
Sam Gilmore	Scott Turik	Audra Haddad
Jessica Shimer	Dee Warner	Vicki Kennedy
Stuart Stroud	Harry Wooten	Pam Mazingo
Senior Warden – Stuart Stroud	Clerk – Audra Haddad	
Junior Warden – Jimmy Ballard	Treasurer – Jon Sargeant	