



August 2021

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

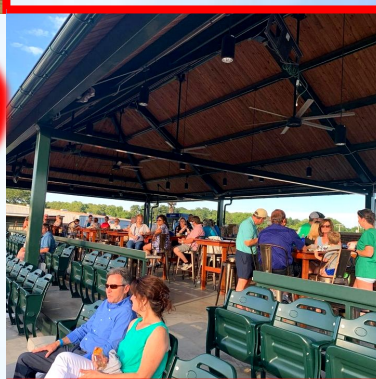
The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

St. Mary's
Summer Ministries



Taking Jesus
Along the Way



From the Rector

Dear St. Mary's Church Family,

It has been a wonderful summer here at St. Mary's! I love the two-fold purpose of the BellRinger: sharing the Good News of Jesus through what **has happened** in the recent past and what **is anticipated** in the near future from St. Mary's. In these pages, you'll see the good news of how this community has been privileged to welcome new members with whom to share in the journey in faith, celebrate new life born in our church family, and offer thanksgiving for God's work in our faithful departed. You'll see creative, joyful, and inspiring outreach to our neighbors (near and far) in Jesus' name. I'll tell you now, also, that much progress has been made over the summer months in our Long Range Planning efforts for outdoor property development and indoor accessibility improvements (stay tuned!). You'll also see news of great opportunities for life and ministry together as plans for the new Program Year begin to come together. Friends, as you prepare for the new beginnings in your life this Fall, know that you are in my prayers, and I count it a privilege to share in the Gospel with you!

Tom +

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12 - "St. Mary's Day"

This year's annual observance of the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin will be September 12 - this will be the beginning of the Program Year and a big day to celebrate!

While we will continue to closely monitor the conditions of the coronavirus pandemic, we are making plans for our Program Year Sunday morning schedule to include the following:

- 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel
- 9am - Breakfast served for all in Moseley Hall
- 9:30-10:15am - Christian Formation for all ages
- 10:30am - Holy Eucharist Rite 2 in the sanctuary

The nurseries will be open from 9am until noon each Sunday.

Stay tuned for more information about St. Mary's Day, including news about this year's Ministry Fair that is scheduled to take place in Moseley Hall in between the two liturgies on September 12.

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Jesus First,

Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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Rector	The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren
Sr. Warden	Mr. Stuart Stroud
Jr. Warden	Mr. Jimmy Ballard
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

Baptisms:

Constance "Coco" McRae
& William "Billy" McRae

(June 13, 2021)

Transfers In:

Frances & Fernando Escabi, Javier & Fernando

(July 13, 2021)

Russell Rhodes

(July 27, 2021)

Burials:

Glenn Potter

(June 26, 2021)

John Hoyt

(July 24, 2021)

Alice & Bill Vandivere

(July 31, 2021)



We Offer Thanksgivings for These Children

Virginia Mae Barker, born on June 14th, to Kathryn and Drew Barker! Jay and Vicky Barker are the joyful grandparents, Erin & Ryan Whaley and Kaitlin & Nathan Finnin are joyful aunts & uncles, and Tyson, Nash, Beckett, & Oliver are joyful cousins!



John Shimer IV ("Jack"), born on July 6th, to Kristen and John Shimer III and big sister Claire! Jessica and Sandy Shimer are the joyful grandparents, and Justin and Jesse are joyful uncles!

We pray for these families, that their joy is shielded and nurtured during this sacred time!



Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, August 24, noon-4pm** in **Moseley Hall**. Walk-ins are always welcome but

reservations are preferred - make yours at www.redcrossblood.org or phone 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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

WHEN THE BREAD SHELVES ARE EMPTY NEAR KINSTON,
THERE'S EITHER A SNOWSTORM, HURRICANE, OR...



QUARTERLY BREAD DRIVE FOR MARY'S KITCHEN!

The St. Mary's Quarterly Bread Drive did not go stale this summer!!! Thanks to the resounding response from individuals as well as members of various ministry groups at St. Mary's, **247 loaves of bread and \$300 were donated, along with a matching \$547 contribution from Fr. Tom!** This bread drive was a little different than in the past as well....this one came with a little friendly competition and a "trophy" (The Golden Jelly Jar Award). Join us **Sunday, August 1st at the 9:30am liturgy** as we present this "award" to the St. Mary's Music Ministry/Choir for the largest donation! Thank you to the entire parish for helping Mary's Kitchen be the BIGGEST WINNER of this church-wide effort! Be on the lookout for the next quarterly bread drive in October (who will be the next Golden Jelly Jar winner?), and let's continue to keep this ministry in our prayers!

Fr. Tom's Time Away

Fr. Tom will be away for vacation from **Monday, August 2nd through Monday, August 16th**. He will return to his Church Study on Tuesday, August 17th. In the event of a pastoral care emergency during this time, please reach out to our Sr. Warden, Stuart Stroud (252-468-8771; sls@wmblawers.com) who will reach our on-call clergy.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

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219 Rochelle Dr.
Morehead City, NC 28557

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Kinston, NC



Sue Schaffer
104 NE 17th St.
Oak Island, NC 28465



Back-to-School Supply Drive

Throughout the month of August, we will be collecting school supply items to benefit our Hand-In-Hand partnership with Northwest Elementary School. Our supply list includes: **backpacks, black and white composition books, WIDE-rule loose leaf paper packs, 1-subject spiral notebooks, wooden No. 2 pencils, 16 or 24 count Crayola crayons (regular and large sizes), glue sticks, folders with pockets, blunt-tipped student scissors, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray.** No donation is too small!!! Drop off your donated items in the bin in the Narthex on Sundays, the Vestry Room during weekday business hours, or on the front porch of Laury Sargeant's home (1105 Margaret Lane, Kinston) at other times. Thank you!

Worship

TRAINING & LUNCH

Ushers & Greeters MINISTRY

Helping You Make The Connection

Do you discern that hospitality is a spiritual gift of yours? Do you feel led to serve? Join us for Usher & Greeter Ministry training (and some of Clifton Carey's famous jambalaya!) **on Sunday, August 22nd following the 9:30am liturgy.** This training will be for all ushers and greeters. Anyone is welcome to serve in this ministry. Please contact Fr. Tom, with any questions about serving!

The Blessing of the Backpacks

Mark your calendars to join us **Sunday, August 22nd during the 9:30am liturgy** for a special time of prayer to mark the **beginning** of a new school year. All students, lifelong learners, and educators are invited to bring your bag of choice for a special blessing during this service!



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 have a baptism planned for MacKenzie Keel, whose special "Gigi" is Ginger Dixon, on **Sunday, August 22nd during the 9:30am liturgy.** Please make plans to join us that day and keep MacKenzie, her family, and her baptismal sponsors in your prayers as we prepare to welcome the newest member into the household of God!



Save the Date!!!

Our annual Feast of St. Mary is scheduled for **Sunday, September 12th**. As we return to our Fall Worship Schedule, we plan to enjoy a breakfast buffet and Ministry Fair. Be on the lookout for more details in the next Bell Ringer!

ECW

The Book of Esther



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Fall Bible Study

The ECW invites you to a fall Bible study beginning **Tuesday, September 14th at 4pm in Moseley Hall** as

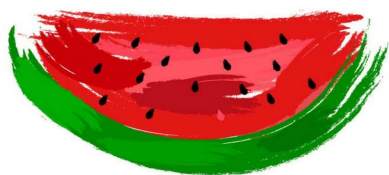
we read, learn, and discuss the Book of Esther. We hope you will bring your Bible, invite a friend, and join us as we are reminded by the Book of Esther that God's divine timing is always the best, even if we don't see it at the time.



Members of the ECW recently enjoyed a day of laughter, fellowship, and painting for our Summer ECW Paint Party. Be on the lookout for future ECW Paint Party event dates and times.

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

HELLO
AUGUST



Tuesday, August 3

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

Sunday, August 8

3-5pm EYC Tie Dye Party
@ West Lawn
Bring your item(s) to tie dye

Thursday, August 12

11:30am-1pm EYC Lunch with Liz
@ TBD in downtown Kinston

Sunday, August 15

11:30am-1:30pm Family Arts and Crafts Day
@ West Lawn
Join us for lunch and crafts
Main dish and drinks provided
Bring a side dish to share
All ages are welcome!!!

Friday, August 20

Time TBA EYC Movie Night at the Theater
@ Kinston Movie Theater
Movie TBD

Saturday, August 21

10am-2pm EYC Kayak Day
@ Neuseway Nature Park
Bring your lunch
SPACES ARE LIMITED
Contact Liz Hengst to sign up!

Sunday, August 22

9:30am Blessing of the Backpacks
@ St. Mary's Sanctuary
Bring your bag of choice

Saturday, August 28

2--approx. 4pm EYC Pool Party
@ The Haddad Home

From the Desk of Liz:

August is a time of shifting from our summer routine into our school year routine. Let's enjoy the last days of summer vacation together! In addition to all the events on our calendar (see column to the left), all EYC students are invited to join us Mondays and Fridays now through August 23 from 9am-11:30am to serve at Mary's Kitchen.

As we journey into this new school year, let's choose to meet our joys, challenges, celebrations, and hurdles with open hearts, open minds, and prayer. Together.

- ⇒ What are your dreams and goals for this school year?
- ⇒ How can we come together as a church family to make this school year amazing?
- ⇒ August 23-30, be sure to check our EYC on Instagram at www.instagram.com/stmaryskinstoneyc and www.instagram.com/stmaryskinstonkids for daily actions and prayers as we start our new school year journey.
- ⇒ Be sure to check out the calendar below for all Diocesan events during the school year.

I am excited to enjoy the rest of the summer together and am ready to adventure through the school year with you as well!

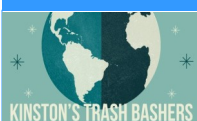
Liz

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FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	JULY
Youth @ Convention 10th - 12th 9th - 12th grades Wilmington	Happening 4th - 6th 9th - 12th grades Trinity Center	New Beginnings 1st - 3rd 6th - 8th grades Trinity Center	General Convention Youth Event 8th - 12th 9th - 12th grades Diocese of Maryland



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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 in the large sanctuary
(Occasional outdoor worship will be announced)

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

Regarding wearing face coverings at St. Mary's, we recognize that the pandemic situation is evolving. At the time of publishing, 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	