



April, 2019

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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

HOLY WEEK *THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD*

PALMSUNDAY

Palm Sunday is Sunday, April 14, beginning with the Holy Eucharist at 8am. Breakfast will be served in Moseley Hall at 9am, and throughout the morning, palm crosses will be made and freshly-baked hot cross buns will be enjoyed. We'll even have a donkey outside to greet the children and lead us into 10:30am worship this morning. The procession recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem before his Passion. We will gather on the lawn near the playground. In the event of inclement weather, we will begin our procession in Moseley Hall.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

There will be liturgies offered on Monday & Tuesday, April 15 & 16, at 5:45pm. On Monday, our worship will be a Teaching Eucharist during which we will enjoy some time discussing the each part of our usual Eucharistic liturgies. Tuesday's liturgy will be a special gift of space set aside for contemplative prayer. Both services will begin in the Nave.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

On Wednesday, April 17, we will begin with our Parish Family Night supper & program in Moseley Hall at 6:15pm. This program will conclude the Way of Love Lenten series and will focus on the practice of Rest as a way of following Jesus. After the program, at 7:15pm, there will be a service of Tenebrae (Latin for "Darkness" or "Shadows"). Tenebrae includes music from Taize and spoken word from the Psalms and other passages that foretell Jesus' Passion. This beautiful service, located in the Nave, offers a meditation upon, and a prelude to, the events of our Lord's life between the Last Supper and His Resurrection.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

(Thursday—Sunday)
MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Thursday, April 18, at 7pm, our Maundy Thursday liturgy will recall the institution of the Last Supper and Jesus' humble act of washing His disciples' feet. It ends with the stripping of the altar and the beginning of a vigil throughout the night. Join us for a special time of prayer and meditation, inspired by the question asked of all of us by Jesus - "Could you not watch with me one hour?" The Chapel prayer vigil follows the Maundy Thursday liturgy and ends with communion the following day at the Good Friday liturgy. All are invited to sign up for the vigil on the door to the Chapel.

GOOD FRIDAY

This service, on Friday, April 19 at noon, includes a homily, Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The Way of the Cross (Stations) will be offered in the Nave at 5:45pm, ending the Good Friday observance.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Taking place in the back yard of the Rectory (1102 Rhem St), the Lenten observance officially ends on Saturday evening with this liturgy, one of the most ancient and exciting of the Christian Church - the celebration of the transition from the darkness of Holy Saturday into the light of Christ's Easter Victory. The liturgy begins at 7:30pm, will last about an hour, includes the lighting of the New Fire, hymns & spiritual songs, renewal of baptismal vows, and will be followed by delicious cinnamon rolls!

EASTER DAY

On Sunday, April 21, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord will begin with the Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 8am. The 10:30am service is a Festal Holy Eucharist with full choir, flowering of the cross, and all the glory of Easter Morning! There is also an Easter Egg Hunt for children following the service. Children are asked to bring their Easter baskets for the hunt.

CHILDCARE PROVIDED AT ALL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK!!!

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News at St. Mary's

MARY'S KITCHEN BREAD DRIVE



The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a bread drive for Mary's Kitchen! White loaf bread will be collected in the Narthex on Palm Sunday, April 14th, and delivered to the Kitchen that week. This will coincide with our parish's quarterly service date, Saturday, April 20th, at the Kitchen. If you would like to serve this day or have any other questions about the bread drive, please contact Jessica Shimer, Outreach Committee Chair, at jshimer4300@gmail.com.



Flowers at Easter

Included with this newsletter and in the Narthex you will find flower offering envelopes for Easter flowers. These donations will be used by the altar guild to decorate the church for Easter. Your gift can be used to honor someone or in memory of a departed loved one. **Please return your envelope by April 12, 2019,** so names will appear in the Easter bulletin. Your generosity is appreciated.

SING FOR JOY!
All Welcome

St. Cecilia Choir
Sunday
9:15-9:30
3-5 yr olds

<p>Training Choristers Sun. 9:30-9:45 1st-5th Grade</p>	<p>Choristers Sun. 9:45-10:30 6th Grade & Up</p>
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Both Chorister Choirs-Wed. 6:30-7:00pm

LOCAL MISSION TRIP TO COMMON GROUND OF ENC



On **Sunday, March 31** after church, join others for a couple hours of service & fun at Lenoir County's Community Garden and Food Park. All are welcome to gather at the garden (807 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd) from **Noon until 2pm**. If you let Fr. Tom know that you're coming by Friday, we'll have pizza for you too (email tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com)! Close-toed shoes and a water bottle are a must. Also recommended: long pants, hat, work gloves, and any of your favorite garden tools. Let's "Make Work Worship!"

Pre-filled plastic eggs are needed for the Easter Day Egg Hunt! Please bring them Easter morning and the EYC will place them for the children of the parish to "hunt" following the 10:30 liturgy.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BURIAL: Joe Stark (March 8, 2019)

TRANSFER IN: John McRae

From St. Francis (Goldsboro)



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 3rd Core Value...

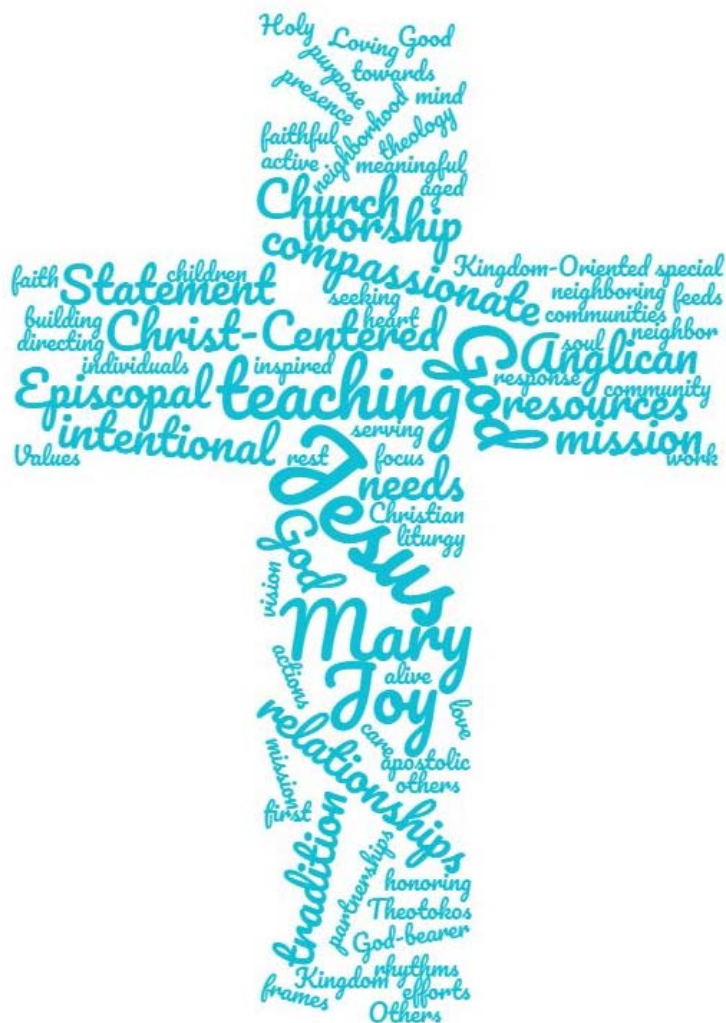
What's at our Core?

Loving God and Loving Neighbor

One time, some of Jesus' critics tried to trap Him by publicly asking Him to state which, of all the components of the law, was the most important. His response: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt 22:34-40) His accusers aren't recorded as having a rebuttal, and ever since, followers of the Way of Jesus have known that loving God and loving our neighbors is central to living a life in obedience to how God made us to live well with Him and with the rest of creation.

The history of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is marked by various milestones of ambitious acts of love to neighbor, because loving others is central to the Christian believer's way of loving God. Establishing Mary's Kitchen, forging relationships with students, staff, and families at Northwest Elementary School, and serving joyfully in Madison County (Glory Ridge) and Mosovi, Dominican Republic are clear highlights among *many* other examples. As we look ahead to the future of what God is calling us to be and do, there is no doubt at all that our actions must be rooted in a loving response to the self-less and amazing love of God and all that God loves.

Lent and Holy Week are such rich times for us to be reminded of this love that is at the core of the Christian faith. We need not look anywhere other than the Cross of Christ to witness the ultimate event of true self-giving love: the Love that God has for all of us which inspires and enables us to love God and each other in return. I pray that you will choose nothing over being fully present for the liturgies of the Paschal Triduum this year, for worship is a central way that we show our love for God, and in so doing, we and this community will surely be blessed!



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.

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Christian Formation



THE WAY OF LOVE study continues each Wednesday evening during Lent. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry describes the Way of Love like this: In the first century, Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement – a community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God’s unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called “church” or “Christian,” this Jesus Movement was simply called “the way.” Today we are called to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we grow together more deeply with Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to His way of love in and for the world? The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. Join us as we learn about The Way of Love and apply it as our framework for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. As we move through the series, we will be joined by guest speakers, including Bishop Rob Skirving and the Reverend Andrew Cannan.



On Wednesday, April 3rd, we are pleased to be joined by Bishop Rob Skirving. Bishop Skirving will address how Christians are called to participate in God’s action of “Blessing” as we follow Jesus in the Way of Love.



On Wednesday, April 10th, we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Andrew Cannan, Associate Rector at St. Paul’s in Greenville, during our Wednesday Night Supper and Lenten series. Fr. Andrew will address how Christians are called to “Go!” with purpose as we follow Jesus in the Way of Love.

THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

TURN Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus

LEARN Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus’ life and teachings

PRAY Dwell intentionally with God each day

WORSHIP Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and draw near God

BLESS Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

GO Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus

REST Receive the gift of God’s grace, peace, and restoration

The Way of Love: PRAYER

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

During the season of Lent, the Adult Christian Formation class will focus on one of the areas in The Way of Love series: PRAYER. This portion of the Way of Love series began by exploring contemplative prayer with Fr. Winston Charles and continues by studying other elements of prayer through the Max Lucado series called *Before Amen*. We are grateful for John John for coordinating this season of our Adult Christian Formation year!



The Way of the Cross

St. Mary’s offers the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings in Lent at 5:45 p.m. This short devotional experience is both tactile and meditative. As we move to each of the fourteen markers throughout the church, a different event of Jesus’ Passion is remembered. This is an especially poignant way “that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby God has given us life and immortality,” to quote the Prayer Book’s collect for Palm Sunday. Please consider making a commitment to travel the Way of the Cross at least once this Lent.



will be offered throughout Lent each Wednesday from 5:45-6:15pm as part of our Wednesday Family Night program. Make plans to join us for this moving choral offering!

Worship

JESUS SAID,

“WALK WHILE YOU HAVE THE LIGHT, SO THAT THE DARKNESS MAY NOT OVERTAKE YOU.”

(John 12:35)



On Good Friday, offerings are invited from across The Episcopal Church to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Funds are used to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care, and educational programs throughout the region. To learn more about the Church's work in the Middle East,

please visit www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering.



Flowering of the Cross



THE CHOIR OF CLARE COLLEGE, from CAMBRIDGE, UK will perform a Lenten choir offering at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh on Monday, April 1st, from 7:30-9:30pm. The program, titled "The full, final Sacrifice," will feature some of the most extraordinary choral music for the season of Lent. Tickets will be on sale at the door, however advance purchase is recommended and may be found on www.eventbrite.com.



Please bring greenery and flowers from your yard, garden, or even from the store to adorn the Cross on Easter Sunday. All are welcome to participate!

**Easter Morning
10:30am Liturgy**

St. Mary's ECW will host the 131st Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of East Carolina, on May 2nd, 2019. The Rev. Jay Sidebotham will be our keynote speaker for the program. The day will also include 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 Episcopal
Church Women**

The ECW of St. Mary's will provide light breakfast food during registration and lunch after the liturgy. You will receive an email with more specific details. There are many ways to be involved! Please be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend. This will be a very special day at St. Mary's!

Children & Youth Community News

Christian Formation for CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING:

- 9:15-9:30am Christian Formation
Preschool Age
(St. Cecelia's choir in the Music Office then to the Nursery for more fun!)
- 9:30-10:15am Christian Formation
Elementary Age
(Music and lessons in the Music Office!)
- 9:30-10:15am Christian Formation
Middle/High School Age
(Upstairs in Youth Room with Audra & Terah)

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING DURING LENT:

- 3:30-5:45pm Homework Hangout in the Youth Room with Kelli Stroud
- 5:45-6:15pm Evensong in the Nave
- 6:15pm-7:30pm EYC - Supper and Program in the Youth Room with Holly, Kelli, & Justin
- Preschool and Elementary Age - Supper and "Armor of God" in the Nursery Wing with Kirby Ballard and Heather Wentz

(Nurseries open from 5:30pm-7:30pm)



Please keep our youth from St. Mary's and others from throughout the Diocese in prayer as they embark on the New Beginning weekend event, April 5-7 at Trinity Center. This event will engage them in activities that focus on self, friends, parents, siblings, school, God's love, prayer, and the church.

NEW BEGINNINGS 54

APRIL 5-7, 2019

We are so grateful for the gift of children at St. Mary's! Here are some special things for kids during Holy Week and Easter that the kiddos will enjoy:

Palm Sunday April 14th at 9:am in Moseley Hall for breakfast and help making palm crosses. Then, **FOLLOW THE DONKEY** into church for the 10:30 service! (That's right - a REAL donkey will lead us in!)



Easter Sunday April 21st have fun at the **HUGE EASTER EGG HUNT** in the church yard! It'll come right after the 10:30 service!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

St. Mary's will host Vacation Bible School along with partners from First Presbyterian Church and Gordon Street Christian Church on **June 10-14, 2019!** Registration is open NOW! vbspro.events/p/8755a2



Other News

St. Mary's
Lenten
Almsgiving



Live
Lent
with Love



Live Lent with Love & Give Generously
Each Lent, our parish Outreach Committee selects an almsgiving effort for us to support as a church family. This year, we hope to come alongside Mike Hildebrandt (pictured left) in a helpful way. Mike has worked for Ronnie Taylor Construction at St. Mary's for over two years now and has routinely gone above and beyond expectations, truly caring for how this church's buildings and grounds are maintained. Mike had double bypass open heart surgery on February 14, Valentine's Day (a fitting day for a healing heart!!!). While insurance is covering the medical costs, he and his wife, Linda, are facing the financial strain of him being unable to work during his recovery. Mike and Linda are very grateful for any assistance that could be offered. Throughout Lent, we will be collecting your offerings in the basket in Moseley Hall on Wednesday nights or at the church office during regular hours. Cash is fine; checks may also be made out to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, memo line: Lenten Almsgiving. God bless you!!!



You are Invited
Eagle Scout Project
Fundraiser Dinner

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THOMAS GRADY would like to invite you to his Eagle Project Spaghetti Dinner to help raise the funds needed to build a retaining wall at the Highway 70 boat ramp.

Date: April 7, 2019
Time: 5:30-7:00 pm
Location: St. Mary's Church (Moseley Hall)

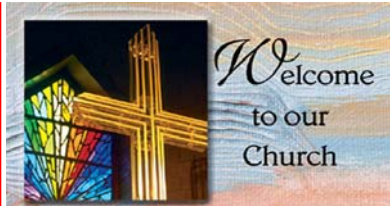


Caring Callers

Are you feeling called to help others and minister in a new way to those in need? Please consider joining our ministry team of "Caring Callers" to assist those in our parish who may require assistance with errands, transportation, or would simply love a phone call or friendly visit. Please contact the church office or Juliet Barrus (julietbarrus@mac.com) for more details on how you can make a difference in the life of another!

Thank you!

A special thank you to the many people who contribute so much to make the liturgies of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter so meaningful: a special thank you to members of the Altar Guild, the Adult Choir, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Acolytes. We appreciate your ministry at St. Mary's!



Easter is the most likely time for visitors without a church home to attend our services. Please extend a warm welcome to all! This also is a wonderful time to invite someone to come worship with you!!



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Easter Monday, April 22nd

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Cherished Members
 & Friends
 are invited to attend a
 Cherished Members
 Luncheon!

Thursday, April 4th
 at 11:30 am
 Moseley Hall

Please RSVP by
 Tuesday, April 2nd
 by notifying the church
 office or using the sign-up
 sheet in the Narthex.



St. Mary's Blood Drive
Monday, April 29th
12pm-4pm
Moseley Hall

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist: Rite I
 9:00 am. – Parish Breakfast
 9:30 am Christian Formation for All Ages
 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite II
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
 Wednesdays in Lent 5:45 p.m. – Choral Evensong
 Fridays in Lent 5:45 p.m. – The Way of the Cross (Stations)

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

	2020	2021
2019	Jess Edwards	Jimmy Ballard
Juliet Barrus	Gerry Fox	Sam Gilmore
Walter Poole	Whitney Grady	Jessica Shimer
Jim Purnell	Jo Parrott	Stuart Stroud

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