



November 2016

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

Mary's Market

Sunday, November 20, 2-5pm



20th Annual Thanksgiving

Homemade

Frozen Food & Bake Sale

~ Bake Sale ~ Specialty Foods ~

Frozen Foods~

Join us for samples of appetizers from Vivian Howard's new cookbook Deep Run Roots while you shop!

\$500 Cash RAFFLE!

*Pre-order casseroles & delicious other foods now
for easy Holiday entertaining!*

Aunt Ruby's Country Style & Honey Roasted Peanuts for sale \$8- \$14

Questions concerning the market? Call Anne Lindley 521-6404 or church office 523-6146

Questions concerning pre-sale orders? Call Susan Grady 521-5796

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

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A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 70 churches.

Founded in 1883.

Bishop

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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Assistant Rector	The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren
Parish Administrator	Mrs. LaTonya Smith
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Linda Johnson
Director of Children's Ministries	Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough

Consecration Sunday

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

St. Mary's Vestry has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

There will be ONE liturgy on Consecration Sunday November 13, 2016 - at 10am - and during that time, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to this church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend, even if they feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship, our liturgy will include a brief period of instruction and inspiration, concluding with an opportunity for members to make their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Immediately following the liturgy, we will gather for a Celebration Banquet in Moseley Hall as an act of thanksgiving for God's blessings and looking forward to God's work in, among, and through us as a church family. **Because this is a catered meal, please respond in a timely manner to the invitations you will have received.**

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Senior Warden,

P.C. Barwick, Jr.

From the Interim Rector

Dear Friends,

Isn't it wonderful that in Christ Jesus strangers become friends? Even as we begin our mutual ministry, I feel a real sense of that holy friendship. So, I can hardly wait to get to know all of my new friends and re-connect with old friends as we journey together through this very special interim time at St. Mary's.

Interim times often are approached with dread; the old is gone but the new has not yet arrived. We're betwixt and between and may feel a little off-kilter. We've entered what is known as a *liminal space*. Priest and spiritual master, Richard Rohr, explains that liminal space is a unique position where human beings hate to be, but where God is always leading them. The children of Israel were led into liminality when they were led out of Egypt and into the wilderness. The Apostle Paul was led into liminality on the Road to Damascus. God's people are always being led into liminal spaces for it is in liminal spaces that transformation happens. Think of the butterfly and the metamorphosis that happens during its cocoon time. Think of that rock-hewn tomb and the three days that changed the world. Transformation happens in liminal spaces.

The Latin word *limen* means "threshold" or "doorway"—that place where one is neither in nor out. And, we know those liminal places. Adolescence is the liminal space between childhood and adulthood. They're not children anymore, but, they're not yet adults either, not ready to take on adult responsibilities. Engaged

couples find themselves in liminality when they're not really dating anymore but they're not yet married. Yes, we know liminal places and the angst and anxiety they can bring.

Sometimes people ask me why in the world I persist in interim ministry; why live constantly in liminal spaces? My answer is that God meets us in those liminal spaces in new and extraordinary ways. It is in those times that we are a little off-kilter that God can more easily get at us to heal and help us, to teach and transform us. My life in liminality has taught me that interim times are full of discovery and delight!

God in Christ Jesus has brought you and me together for divine purposes. It is God's own self leading us into this special time in the life of St. Mary's. I am very thankful that we do not enter this time alone; we enter it in

the comforting presence of Father Tom and one another. And I just cannot wait to see how God will meet us in this sacred space. I am confident that gifts await us of which we could never even dream or imagine!

As we begin our time together, may God bless us with the power of divine love, may Christ bless us with his peace that passes understanding and may the Spirit ever sustain us in our work of mission and ministry.

In Christian love,

Judith +

lim·i·nal

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adjective:

1. of or relating to a transitional or initial stage of a process.
2. occupying a position at, or on both sides of, a boundary or threshold.

Worship

It is a delight to be serving as Organist/Choirmaster at St. Mary's. The warm reception my family and I received at the "Welcome Breakfast" made us feel right at home. Many thanks to those who spent time putting the breakfast together and to all those who came for a time of introduction, enjoyment and fellowship. Also, thank you for the many kind words of welcome after the service.

Service and preparation in music at this time of the year becomes quite focused not only with the regular Sunday services, but also All Saints' Evensong, weeks of Advent, Christmas Eve services and the Boar's Head Festival. The choir and I are looking forward to preparing for this wonderful time of service.

Did you know that you could come to St. Mary's for the parish supper at 6:15 PM and then stay for choir practice at 7:00 PM? There is room for you and we would love to have you join us.

Included in the singing this month at St. Mary's is one of my favorite hymns, "Be Thou My Vision." This prayer from the Irish monastic tradition, "Rop tú mo bhoile, a Comdi cride," may be as ancient as the year 700. It is one of two examples in our hymnal of the Celtic lorica or breastplate, almost a sort of incantation to be recited for protection, arming oneself for physical or spiritual battle. (The Hymnal 1982 Companion, 1994, p.488)



If you have a favorite hymn that you would like to hear in the 10:00 AM service, please let me know at sveitch@stmaryskinston.com.

~Sharon Veitch, Organist & Choirmaster

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival 2017

On January 8th we will hold our 28th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log festival with our traditional 3p.m. and 5p.m. times. A banquet will follow the 5p.m. performance. Tickets for the banquet are \$30 per person and may be [purchased online](#) or at the church office.

Costume Fittings

Kings, noblemen, serfs, men, women, and children! It is that time of year again when we prepare for The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival. Please visit the Boar's Head Room at the following Fitting Date times:

Wednesday, November 16th - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20th - 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30th - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4th - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

"Compline Under the Stars"

For Christians who order their day with moments of prayer, Compline is the final liturgy. The English word Compline is derived from the Latin *completorium*, as Compline is to be said at the completion of the day's work.

"Compline Under the Stars" at 6:15 pm on Sunday, November 13. The service will be held outside, on the West Lawn. You may stand, bring a lawn chair or sit on a blanket. The service itself only lasts a few minutes.



Following Compline, everyone will have an opportunity to roast marshmallows and make s'mores. We'll provide the marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars.

If you want to bring something, bring a long stick on which to roast marshmallows . . . also, bring your family and friends, and a heart for worship!

Christian Formation

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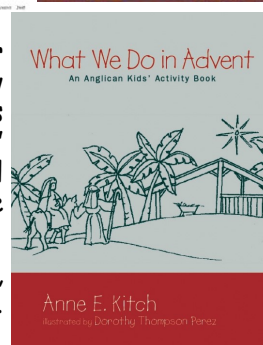
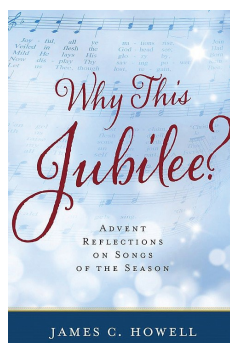
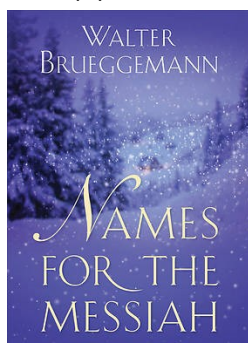
A New Season - A New Year

Happy New Year, Church!!! On the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, the church calendar turns over and we begin as a community of faith to look ahead in hopeful anticipation of God's Good News being made known and real to us. The church calendar reminds of the life-changing ways God has already done this through Jesus Christ, especially at Christmas and Easter, and the ways that the Holy Spirit continues to do this today and will do this in 2017.

We will celebrate these things as a community when we gather together throughout the year. It is our hope that you will also follow and celebrate these things at your homes. Free copies of this year's version of the seasonal favorite "Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent!" calendar by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham, as well as the new Liturgical Calendar "Year of Grace" (shown above) will be available in the Narthex for you.

Also, be sure to check out the other Advent calendars, new resources, and gifts for sale in the parish Book Store (shown at right & below). Every purchase helps the outreach ministries of St. Mary's Church.

Slow down. Quiet. It's Advent!
TWENTY-FIVE DAYS TO MAKE ROOM IN YOUR LIFE FOR JESUS



Advent wreath making



Plan to join us for an intergenerational Advent wreath making session on Sunday, November 30, at 11:15 am in Moseley Hall.

No prior experience is necessary! An Advent devotional booklet will be made available for you and your family to use during this season of preparation.

What's Going On In Moseley Hall After Church on Sundays in November?

November 6th - Baptismal Celebration!!

November 13th - Consecration Sunday Banquet
(have you sent your RSVP to the church office?!)

November 20th - Mary's Market

November 27th - Advent wreath making

The Story returns in December as we begin the New Testament... a fitting place to start in Advent!

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

The Outreach Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 7pm in the Bookstore. ALL are welcome to attend, learn about the many outreach ministries of St. Mary's, and help discern how St. Mary's will support various efforts in our community and beyond.



The Bible Challenge
A daily guide to reading the Bible in a year



Coming soon: an invitation to join your parish family in reading the whole Bible in 2017.

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Wednesday, Nov 2

*STUDY. PRAY. EAT.
Homework Hangout 3p
EYC/Compline 5:30p
Parish Supper 6:15p*

Sunday, Nov 6; 11am

*All Saints' Day - Baptism
Reception followed by
EYC lunch and visits to
parishioners at home*

Wednesday, Nov 9

*STUDY. PRAY. EAT.
See Nov 2 schedule*

Sunday, Nov 13

*Consecration Sunday
Luncheon & Compline*

Wednesday, Nov 16

*STUDY. PRAY. EAT.
See Nov 2 schedule*

Sunday, Nov 20; 11-12

*Local Mission to
Common Ground*

Wednesday, Nov 23

*Local Mission to Mary's
Kitchen - EYC Prepares
& serves meal - 8am to
Noon*

Sunday, Nov 27; 11am

*Advent Wreath Making
& College Friends
Exam Care Packets*

Bring a Friend!

Last month, George Haddad, Anne Grayson Lindley, and Lillian Warner joined Will Sargeant and me for Happening #68 at Trinity Center.

Happening is a Christian spiritual weekend retreat led by high schoolers for high schoolers filled with great fun, music, fellowship and RICH in the Gospel Good News. This weekend was beautiful and I hope you'll ask the participants about their experience. Go ahead and save the dates for Happening #69: March 3-5, 2017.

On this page, you'll find information about some other BIG events that are coming up in the life of our community of faith. Like Happening, these events will offer the youth of our church family great opportunities to be fed spiritually for their lives of faith and grow deeper connections with God and each other. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Hope to see you soon!

Fr. Tom+



We have been invited to join the youth groups from St. Paul's (Beaufort) and Christ Church (New Bern) on a **pilgrimage to Washington, DC** over Presidents' Day Weekend (February 17-20). Elements of this pilgrimage will include staying at [Church of the Epiphany](#) and participating in their ["Welcome Table" ministry](#), visiting the [National Cathedral](#) and other significant sites in the Capital area, and as good Pilgrims, of course, lots of walking & praying!

Given the joint nature of this trip, there will be a limited number of spots, so don't delay in submitting your registration and community covenant forms - they will be made available soon!



Our dates for Glory Ridge have been selected! St. Mary's will be enjoying its 5th summer of MAKING WORK WORSHIP this July 30-August 6. Please mark your calendars now and stand by for more information on registration for this "St. Mary's Parish Family Vacation!"

St. Mary's Adults! Can you provide a meal for the EYC on Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, or 14? Please let Fr. Tom know or sign up on the Narthex bulletin board. THANK YOU!!

Hurricane Matthew



In the wake of Hurricane Matthew's historical damage to our city and region, Christians and other neighbors from throughout Kinston came together to live into what our scriptures describe as the Kingdom of God - life together where divisions of all kinds are set aside and care for others is born out of experiences of worship and communion with God and each other. Here are but a few of the **COUNTLESS** instances of 'church' happening over the last month (clockwise from top): Mass in the Breezeway¹ the morning after the storm before being sent out² as witnesses of Christ's hands & feet to love our hurting world; phone calls being made³ to check in on parishioners after the storm; a few of the cooks & servers⁴ from St. Mary's, Greater Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, & neighbors preparing food for over 600 people who came to Moseley Hall for relief; clearing the fallen tree that damaged our playground⁵; responding to the needs of our neighbors at NW Elementary School⁶, their homes⁷, and the Neuseway Nature Park⁸; and lifting our voices in praise⁹ to the Living God at a hymn sing.



Hurricane Matthew forced the Ironclad ½ Marathon & 5k to be rescheduled. The new date is Saturday, Nov 12! In the spirit of Christian hospitality, St. Mary's will serve as an Aid Station near the home stretch for the race. Can you cheer on the runners (including our own **Stuart Lindley!**) and hand out water? Contact Audra Haddad at [Shaddad@suddenlink.net!](mailto:Shaddad@suddenlink.net)

Annual Turkey Bowl #252Unity

Saturday, November 12, 2016
12noon ~ 4pm
Southeast Park

Football, Food, Fun

After Hurricane Matthew, many Kinston/Lenoir County congregational leaders gathered to pray (see below) for this region and seek ways to engage our community as the Body of Christ, united. Out of this, an event has been planned for **Saturday, November 12 (noon-4pm)** at Southeast Park. St. Mary's is one of 10 churches putting on the event and is **sponsoring/manning a bounce house**. Volunteers are also welcome to monitor/play with the kids, serve food, referee/coach/cheerlead for a football game, face-painting, etc. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you're interested in being a part of this ecumenical outreach event.



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ONLINE GIVING

Fulfilling pledges or making other contributions to the ministries of St. Mary's Church is now possible through the ['online giving' section of our website](#).

Options for one-time donations, setting up recurring giving schedules, and making contributions toward designated funds (i.e., Mary's Kitchen or even purchasing tickets to the Boar's Head Banquet) are available. This option can accommodate bank drafts or credit/debit cards.

You may also access your giving statements online anytime through the ["Member Log-In" link on our website](#).

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

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

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 a.m. – Sunday School

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

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