



October 2021

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

The Bell Ringer

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See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. — 1 John 3:1a

From the Rector

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...”

These words begin one of the most widely known and beloved prayers: the prayer attributed to St. Francis, whose feast day in October coincides with animal blessings and other thanksgivings for the gifts of Creation. You can find his prayer in the Book of Common Prayer (pg. 833), or nowadays by a quick Google search or asking “Alexa,” who will probably read it to you if you ask nicely. I commend it to you the next time you prepare for Sunday worship in a quiet moment in a pew at St. Mary’s, or on the West Lawn, or in the sacred space you choose for an online liturgy.

“*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...*” Thanks be to God, worship does change us. That’s part of why Christians have always believed that corporate worship, together, is such an important part of the life of faith. And it is important *how* we worship. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Christians everywhere have grappled with how to maintain the integrity of their worship, while also living into the most faithful ways of safeguarding the health of others in their community. I have been so proud of how the people of St. Mary’s have, and continue to do this work of discernment and practice well.

I am pleased, also, that as I write these words, we are discerning the most fitting way to bring back to our liturgies the practice of sharing communion wine as part of our Eucharistic celebrations! New guidelines from the Diocese of East Carolina have just been published that offer a framework for consecrating wine from a single vessel, sharing it with individuals/families in separate containers, and ensuring that all containers that have held consecrated bread & wine may be properly cleaned and cared for. You may expect to hear an update from me about this in a pastoral letter soon.

In the meantime, may we continue to pray that we would be changed into God’s instruments of peace and any other kind, in accordance with God’s will. May we fully expect such a change to truly happen in our lives. And, may we look forward to even greater joy in the ways that we share life together!

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Consecration Sunday Is Coming!



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. 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. 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?” Each Sunday of October, we will have a guest speaker during the announcements period of our service. Then, on **Consecration Sunday, October 24th**, we will have a guest preacher who 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. Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday, either online or in-person. 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. Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday!

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Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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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

Baptism:

Heidi Cecile Kelly
(September 26, 2021)

Burial:

Ed Cooper
(September 18, 2021)

Committal:

Glenn Potter
(September 19, 2021)



We are thrilled to have four baptisms planned in the coming weeks! On **All Saints Sunday, October 31st**, we welcome **Colin Whitfield** (son of Michael & Rachel Whitfield, brother of Bennett, and grandson of Fr. Michael & Teresa Singer), and **Rick Reinerth** and his son, **Cooper Reinerth**, into the household of God! That morning, **Jen Reinerth** will also be reaffirming her baptismal vows. Then, on **Sunday, November 7th**, we will celebrate the baptism of **Luke Miles** (son of Charlton & Claire Miles, grandson of Holly Hill and Stephen Hill, nephew of Caroline & Trent Mooring and Abby & Trey Means, and cousin of Eva, Britt, Amelia, Charles, & Audrey)! Renewal of Baptismal vows will be a part of all of the liturgies offered on those Sundays. Please keep the baptismal candidates and their families in your prayers!



Change of Address

Chris & Joe Saracino
1501 Sutton Dr.
Kinston, NC 28501

Barbara & George LaRoque
140 Marsh Harbour Dr.
Newport, NC 28570

Nelda Potter
908 Scottish Rite Dr. Apt 421
Greensboro, NC 27407

Blood Drive



St. Mary's will host a Fall Blood Drive on **Monday, October 25th, from 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.

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

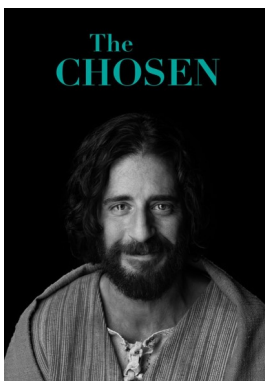
Life with St. Mary's

A Newcomer Gathering

St. Mary's has been blessed to welcome many to the parish family in the last year! If you consider yourself new, or would otherwise appreciate a conversation about the life of faith at St. Mary's, we hope you joined us in September for our first Newcomer Gathering. **This 3-session series that meets at Noon (after Sunday School) continues on October 3 and concludes on October 10.** Weather permitting, an outdoor lunch will be provided. Because we are not currently sharing food indoors due to pandemic-related precautions, in the event of inclement weather, the gathering will begin at 2pm to allow folks to get some lunch beforehand. Because lunch is involved, please RSVP the Friday before to Fr. Tom at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com.

Mary's Kitchen Service Date

Our parish's next quarterly service date is **Saturday, October 2nd**, at Mary's Kitchen. The ECW is scheduled to serve on this date. If you have any other questions about this or other outreach opportunities, please contact [Jessica Shimer](mailto:jshimer4300@gmail.com), Outreach Committee Chair, at jshimer4300@gmail.com.



Christian Formation Series: The Chosen

Join us each **Sunday morning at 10:45am in Moseley Hall and via Zoom** as we watch and discuss "The Chosen," the critically acclaimed, fascinating film series about Jesus and his disciples. In person sessions will view the video in the Parlor or Vestry Room from 10:45-11:25am then gather in Moseley Hall for group discussion from 11:25-11:45am. For those joining from home, watch episodes any time at <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>, then join us via Zoom from 11:25-11:45am for group discussion. Contact Fr. Tom if you would like the Zoom link shared with you.

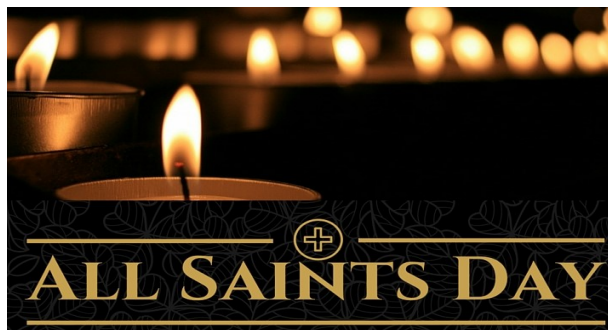
Worship



Blessing of the Animals

ALL ANIMALS are welcome on the West Lawn of St. Mary's Church for the annual Blessing of the Animals liturgy on Sunday, October 3rd at 4pm!! All animals are to be restrained either by

leash or carrier/cage and accompanied by their human friends. A special offering of monetary donations and pet food will be collected for the Lenoir County SPCA.



All Saints' Sunday, October 31st

"For all the saints, who from their labors rest"

All Saints' Sunday is a Principle Feast Day that we will observe on **Sunday, October 31st**. We have the added blessing this year to celebrate the baptisms of Colin Whitfield as well as Cooper & Rick Reinert during our **9:30am liturgy**. Please keep them, their families, and their baptismal sponsors in your prayers as we look forward to welcoming these members of the church into the family of God on this special day!

Vestry



The Vestry of St. Mary's has a vital role in the leadership of this parish. Broadly defined by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and our diocese, the responsibilities of the vestry encompass areas of leadership and management in partnership with the Rector. Serving on the Vestry of St. Mary's is service to Christ Himself and is an honor and privilege. Vestry members usually meet on the third Monday of every month and occasionally in other called meetings. Attendance is extremely important. Each Vestry member is responsible for overseeing at least one area of parish ministry. Twelve Vestry members serve for rotating

terms of three years each. **Four Vestry members are elected each year at the Annual Parish Meeting that occurs on the second Sunday of Advent. This year, it will be Sunday, December 5, 2021.**

The qualifications for Vestry eligibility:

“Adult” member (sixteen years or older) who has been confirmed and is faithful in corporate worship as evidenced by the receiving of Communion in this church three (3) times during the previous year, unless for good cause prevented; and, has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

- **Please note: on October 10,** a list of parishioners eligible for Vestry service will be shared with the church membership. Please check this list for accuracy immediately and notify the church office if any corrections need to be made. More details about this year's Vestry discernment process will be shared in November.

Finding Light in a Pandemic ...

an Advent retreat with Julian of Norwich

December 3-5, 2021 at Pelican House, Trinity Center,
Pine Knoll Shores, NC.

Contact Nancy Reynolds, for more information.

(252) 247-5600

trinityctrregistrar@gmail.com



ECW



Pumpkin Painting and Fall Gathering

The ECW Board invites you to join us on **October 10th at 3pm in Moseley Hall** for a Pumpkin Painting and Fall Gathering event, "Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice." You have the option to purchase a 9-inch faux Jack-O-Lantern from us for \$10, a 17-inch faux Jack-O-Lantern from us for \$17, or to bring your own to paint. We will provide the supplies and guidance while we enjoy this time of fun and fellowship. You don't have to paint to join us...all are welcome! We will follow current COVID-19 guidelines, include mask wearing and social distancing. If weather permits, we will consider hosting this event outdoors and will communicate that closer to the event date. Please RSVP at ecw@stmaryskinston.com by October 3rd with the following information:

- If you will be painting
- If you will be joining us but not painting
- If you will be painting and wish to purchase a pumpkin (please indicate which size)
- If you will be painting but supplying your own pumpkin



ECW Fall Bible Study

You are invited to a fall Bible study that began September 14th and continues **each Tuesday at 4pm via Zoom**. Join us as we read, learn, and discuss the Book of Esther. In a world that sometimes feels like it is falling apart around us, Esther is a wonderful

example of how God is working quietly in our lives and in the world all the time. We will not have homework but you are encouraged to read the designated chapters and to take notes for discussion with the group. We read each chapter verse by verse and share our thoughts and reflections. A good method for note taking is the ABCD method borrowed from EFM:

A-what amazed you or gave you an "aha" moment
 B-what bothered you
 C-what confused you
 D-what delighted you

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. Questions? Contact Pam Mazingo at pmazingo@mac.com



ECW Bulb Sale

In the FALL when the air turns cool, our thoughts turn to pumpkins, warm sweaters, falling leaves, and the planting of BULBS for a beautiful SPRINGing back to new life in April and May. The Annual ECW Bulb Sale is back, and bulb brochures and order forms are available now! Brochures were emailed to ECW members and are also available from our Wednesday church wide email. Please be sure to print out and turn in your bulb orders with payment included to the church office **by Monday, October 11th**. If you prefer, physical brochures and order forms are available Sundays mornings on the tables in the Narthex (indoor worship) or on the West Lawn (outdoor worship). For questions or more information, contact Juliet Barrus by phone at 252-523-3299 or by email at julietbarrus@mac.com.

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

Sunday, October, 3

10:45am Sunday School

3-4pm EYC gathering/service activity

4-5pm Blessing of the Animal Service

Wednesday, October 6

4:00pm Youth Room Clean Up/Decorating

Sunday, October 10

10:45am Sunday School

3-4:30pm EYC gathering

Wednesday, October 13

3:45pm Coffee with Liz (High Schoolers)

Friday, Oct. 15—Sunday, Oct. 17

Happening #76!

Sunday, October 17

10:45am Sunday School

3-4:30pm EYC gathering

Friday, October 22

6-8pm Parents Night Out

Saturday, October 23

TBA EYC Fall Fun Day

Sunday, October 24

10:45am Sunday School

3-4:30pm EYC gathering

4:30-6pm Pumpkin Carving & Painting

Wednesday, October 27

3:45pm Coffee with Liz (High Schoolers)

Friday, October 29

6-9pm EYC Movie Night

Saturday, October 30

10am-1pm Fall Hike @ Cliffs of the Neuse

7-8:30pm Campfire & Compline

Sunday, October 31

10:45am Sunday School

3-4:30pm EYC gathering/party

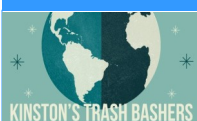
4:30-6pm Trunk-OR-Treat

Hello fall



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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 the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays and outside on the West Lawn the 2nd & 4th Sundays

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	