



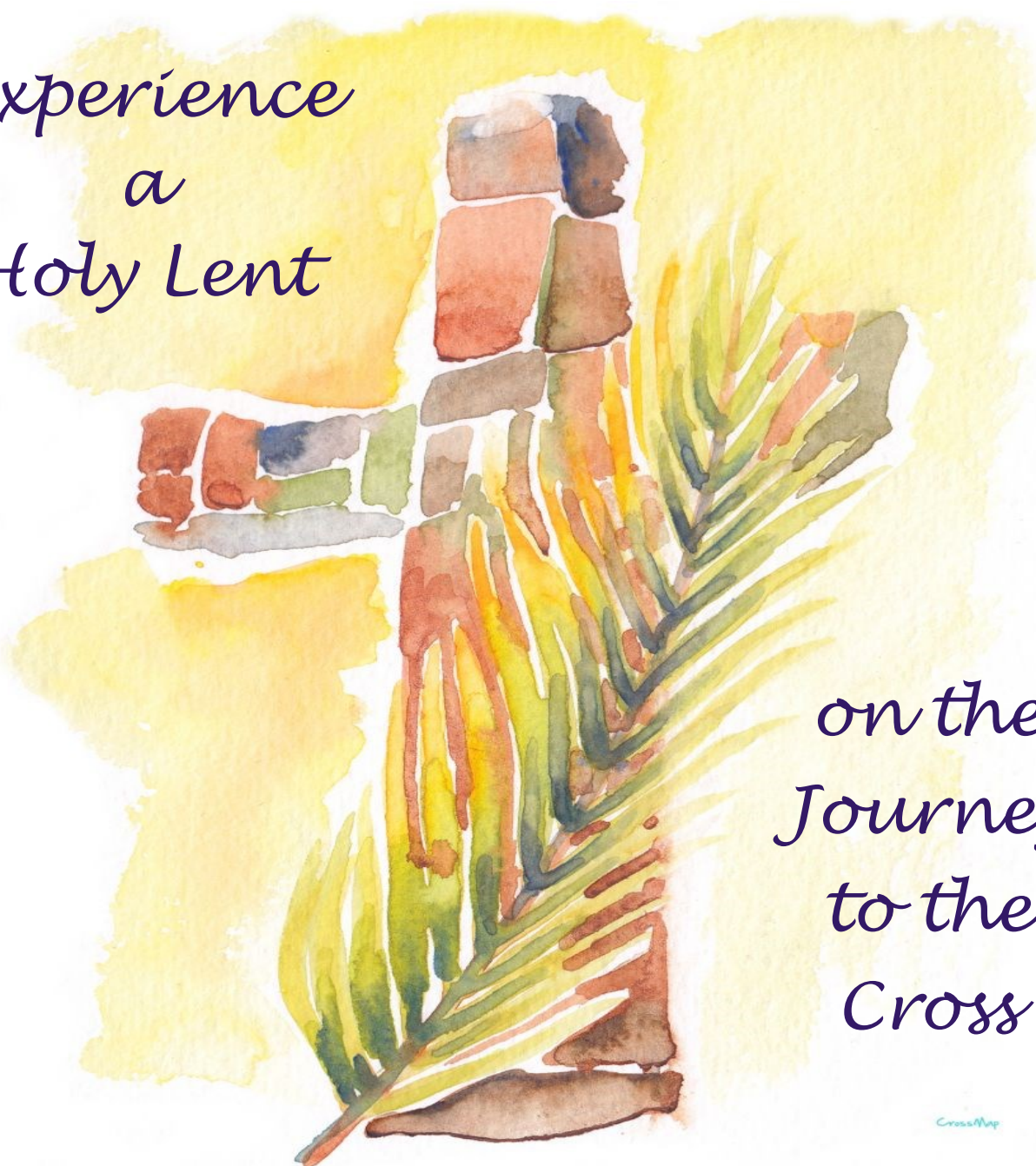
March 2021

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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

*Experience
a
Holy Lent*



*on the
Journey
to the
Cross*

Holy Week Worship Schedule ~ Page 5

I want to tell you, dear reader, that I really like the season of Lent. There's a part of my nature & personality that thrives on being challenged... it's good to press intentionally towards good and holy endeavors. I love how the season urges us to *try on* new practices for a specific amount of time. Forty days or so is long enough to let a pattern of faithful living begin to shape you: to learn a few guitar chords to sing God's praises, to sense the benefits of a Biblically-based diet, to physically exercise enough to see if you might also be able to say something like "When I run [*or your exercise of choice*], I feel God's pleasure."¹ But there is an unfortunate thing that might also happen in Lent to which we should be sensitive: a Lenten discipline might turn into another form of the Law, rather than an opportunity to experience God's blessings of grace. Friends, I pray that you are taking the season and its purpose of drawing you closer to our Lord seriously... and that you are being mindful that, as the story below beautifully illustrates, the "Commandment of God" are infinitely more

This “word-cloud” cross is made up of many of the key words contained in our organizational statements.

All of the organizational statements may be read on our website:

www.stmaryskinston.com/about-us/

The Vestry has commissioned a Long Range Planning Committee to recommend future priorities as a church and neighborhood parish based on these organizational statements and in consultation with the Rector. Please keep this group's faithful ministry in your prayers!

Long Range Planning Committee Members

Steve Mazingo - *Chair*
Stuart Stroud
Jimmy Ballard
Jess Edwards
Dee Warner
Jo Parrott

Outdoor Task Group

Walter Poole, Chair

Indoor Task Group
Skip Greene, Chair

Music Task Group

**Bonnie Holton & Pam
Mazingo, Co-Chairs**

¹Olympian Eric Liddell from the movie *Chariots of Fire*

In Scetis there once went out an order that [the monks] should fast for a week, and then celebrate Easter. During the week some brothers happened to come into Egypt to visit Moses (a monk), and he cooked a little vegetable stew for them. The nearby hermits saw the smoke, and said to the clergy of the church, "What is that smoke? Moses must be disobeying the order, and cooking in his cell." The clergy said, "We will talk to him when he comes."

On Saturday the clergy, who knew the greatness of his way of life, said to Moses in front of the congregation, "Moses, you have broken a commandment of men: but you have kept the commandment of God valiantly."

-From *The Desert Fathers:
Sayings of the Early Christian Monks*

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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A community of 1.9 million members in 118 dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

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

Founded in 1883.

The Rt. Rev. Robert S. Skirving

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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

Transfer In:

Laura Johnson

(from St. Peter's in Phoenix, Arizona)

Baptism:

Leighton Mitchell ~ February 7, 2021

Burial:

Anne Poole ~ February 18, 2021



Congratulations to the Rafferty family on their new addition, Natalia Rose Rafferty. Proud grandparents are Cyndi & Bruce Rafferty. Natalia Rose was born to Nicole & Ben Rafferty and joins her brothers Kellen and Teddy. All are healthy and well, praise God!



Easter Lilies on the Altar

Contributions in honorarium or memoriam of someone will be used by the Altar Guild to decorate the church for Easter before the flowers are shared with members of our community as a sign of God's love. You may make a [contribution online \(indicating the special purpose in the memo section\)](#) or send a check by mail. Any questions? Please email Sherry Tanner at stanner@stmaryskinston.com. To ensure your honorarium or memoriam is included in the Easter Sunday message, please submit your information **by 4:30pm on Tuesday, March 30th.**



African Team Ministries Virtual Crafts Display

St. Mary's continues its partnership with African Team Ministries, a Christian ministry that works to provide funding for various needs in East Africa. Through the sale of handmade crafts and jewelry, drip irrigation kits are provided to families in Kenya impacted by drought and famine. The virtual display may be found at <https://africanteamstore.square.site/> **during March.** Your support provides much-needed support to the Church in East Africa and its effort to spread HOPE.



SUNDAY
MARCH 14, 2021

News at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Lenten Almsgiving



Live Lent with **LOVE & GIVE** to Trinity Center

A traditional Lenten practice is to give to others. As a church in the past, we have responded to particular needs near and far during this season. This year, the Outreach Committee has designated Trinity Center as the focus of our

Lenten Almsgiving. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, Trinity Center has been greatly impacted and unable to operate normally. Many of us will be able to reflect positively on times spent there over the years and this is an occasion to participate in helping Trinity Center survive and thrive so that others will be able to have life-giving experiences of their own. Donations may be given to St. Mary's Church earmarked for "Lenten Almsgiving." Cash, check, and bank drafts are all accepted. We hope you will prayerfully remember Trinity Center as you lean into a Holy Lent.



St. Mary's Walking Groups

We hope you will join one (or ALL) of the St. Mary's walking groups for safe, healthy fellowship. We hope you will check out any (or all!!)

of these walking times...ALL are welcome! *(Please note, the previous walking time on Wednesday is no longer meeting.)*

- **Sundays at 2pm** - join others for a 30 minute walk at a slower pace; this group will meet at St. Mary's and possibly other locations as announced.
- **Tuesdays at 9:15am** - meet at St. Mary's for a walk hosted by our ECW;
- **Fridays at 6:45am** - meet at St. Mary's and join others for 45 minute walk;



Liturgy Servers

Please be attentive to emails & messages from Ministry Scheduler Pro! If you have any questions about the schedule, please contact Gerry Fox at gfoxjr@gmail.com. Access the "live" schedule: www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmaryskinston/schedules/565452.

Kinston's Trash Bashers

Join a grass roots effort with one goal: Cleaning and Caring for our Community! All you need is a trash picker pole and trash bags. View [Kinston's Trash Bashers Facebook group](#) and join one of our 2 groups - **Mondays at 8:30am and Saturdays at 10:00am**. Contact Amy Albritton at aalbritt@gmail.com for more information.



PRAYERREQUEST

Prayer Requests

We want to share life with you and join you in prayer. We have

recently created [a confidential form under the "Contact Us" section at \[www.stmaryskinston.com/about-us/contact-us/\]\(http://www.stmaryskinston.com/about-us/contact-us/\)](#) for your convenience that will notify Father Tom directly of any prayer requests or pastoral needs you may have. You are not required to leave your name, phone number, or email address. However, if you would like follow-up pastoral care, please indicate the best method by which to reach you.



Glory Ridge Summer Opportunities

If you want to be involved in a profoundly wonderful experience of summer ministry, please share your interest with Glory Ridge at this site: <https://gloryridge.typeform.com/to/xrW4zc>. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have completed one or more years of college or equivalent life experience, and have a sincere desire to work with teens, deepen their own spiritual journey, and help others grow in Christ. Experience as a Glory Ridge camper is preferred but not required. **Application deadline is March 15, 2021.**

Worship



The Way of the Cross is offered in the on **Friday evenings at 5:45pm throughout Lent**. As we move to each of the fourteen markers throughout the church, a different event of Jesus' Passion is remembered. This is an especially powerful 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. **St. Mary's also offers a drive-thru, outdoor Way of the Cross near the West Lawn** during this season. Please consider travelling the Way of the Cross at least once this Lent.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

A HOLY WEEK AT HOME LITURGY BOOKLET will be provided again this year for all who would like to observe this sacred time in that way.

PALM SUNDAY LITURGY ~ March 28, at 9:30 am; Online & Outdoors, weather permitting

This Liturgy begins with the Blessing of the Palms and the outdoor liturgy includes a procession of the congregation from the front lawn, near the stone sign, to the West Lawn. In the event of inclement weather, this service will move indoors with livestream for overflow seating in Moseley Hall as needed.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK: YOUTH-LED LITURGY ~ March 29 at 5:30pm; Details to follow

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK: HOLY EUCHARIST ~ March 30 at 5:30pm; Church Nave

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK: TENEBRAE ~ March 31 at 7:30 pm; Church Nave

Tenebrae (Latin for "Darkness" or "Shadows") has been a name for night and early morning services of the last three days of Holy Week that will offer a meditation upon, and a prelude to, the events of our Lord's life between the Last Supper and His Resurrection.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ April 1 at 7:00 pm; Online & Church Nave

This service recalls 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. Following the Maundy Thursday liturgy, a prayer vigil with the Reserved Sacrament begins in the Chapel and ends with communion at the Good Friday liturgy. Parishioners will be invited to sign up for the vigil.

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 2 at Noon; Online & Church Nave

This service begins with silent prayer and includes a homily, the Solemn Collects, the Veneration of the Cross, and the Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament. The Way of the Cross will also be offered in the church at **5:45 pm**, ending the Good Friday observance.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL ~ April 3 at 7pm; Outdoors

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 4 at 9:30am; Online & Outdoors, weather permitting

We will celebrate Easter morning with one service of Holy Eucharist on the West Lawn at 9:30am. In the event of inclement weather, this service will move indoors with livestream for overflow seating in Moseley Hall as needed. Children are welcome to bring Easter baskets for a special egg hunt immediately following the service.

PRIVATE CONFESSION ~ Anytime by appointment (in person, Zoom, or phone) with Father Tom

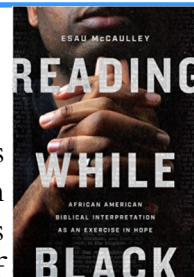
Adult Christian Formation



During Lent through March 21, St. Mary's Adult Christian Formation continues its series: "Sunday Morning Stories" During this time together, members, leaders, and friends of the St. Mary's church family will share their personal spiritual journeys of living out their call from God and the path that has taken them to where they are today. Canon Mollie Roberts, Father Tom, Terah Archie, Jon Sargeant, Liz Hengst, and Greg Smith are members of our community who will share their faith journey with us. As we listen to their, all participants are encouraged throughout the season of Lent to prayerfully examine their daily lives and consider their own "Spiritual Autobiography" as a way to help discern God's call for them. **Adult Christian Formation gathers on Sunday mornings from 10:45 - 11:45am using a hybrid method of in-person in Moseley Hall or online via Zoom.** All are invited to attend this special time of fellowship and formation on the Sunday mornings.

Rector's Forum Book Study

The Rector's Forum continues its discussion of the book ["Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope"](#) by the [Rev. Canon Dr. Esau McCaulley](#), an Anglican priest and New Testament scholar at Wheaton College. The Rector's Forum meets **via Zoom on Tuesdays at noon**. Email [Fr. Tom at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:Tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com) if you would like to receive the Zoom link.



ECW

ECW Bible Study

As part of your Lenten discipline, we invite you to join us for our next 4-week study of the book of Ruth **beginning next Tuesday, March 2 at 4pm via Zoom**. Ruth is one of only two books in the Bible named for a woman and is a story about how God moves even when we don't see Him working. It begins when two women lose their husbands, but goes on to show God working behind the scenes to bring about their redemption. join us for the adventure of learning, sharing, and fellowship



Looking Ahead: Make plans to join us during Easter for a 4-week study on the Book of James, beginning Tuesday, April 13th at 4 pm via Zoom.



Did you attend the November ECW Paint Party and are ready to do it again? Or maybe you missed the first one but heard about the fun and fellowship? Then don't miss this opportunity! This spring, the ECW Paint Party returns **on Sunday, April 18th at 3pm in Moseley Hall**. This is a COVID safe event with face coverings and social distancing. The cost is \$20, and there are a maximum of 15 slots available, depending on State gathering-restrictions at that time. Contact Laury Sargeant at jsarg4@suddenlink.net or by text to reserve your spot. Hope to see you there!

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



**please remember face coverings for all in-person gatherings*

Sunday, March 7

10:45am Sunday School
(pre-k – 5th grade)

3-4:30pm EYC

Thursday, March 11

3:45pm Coffee with Liz
@ Middle Grounds

Sunday, March 14

10:45am Sunday School
(pre-k – 5th grade)

3-4:30pm EYC

Sunday, March 21

10:45am Sunday School
(pre-k – 5th grade)

3-4:30pm EYC

Thursday, March 25

3:45pm Coffee with Liz
@ Middle Grounds

Sunday, March 28

10:45am Sunday School
(pre-k – 5th grade)

3-4:30pm EYC

Monday, March 29

5:30pm Youth-Led Liturgy

Coffee with Liz RETURNS!

Be sure to join Liz at Middle Grounds the 2nd & 4th Thursday of March and April from 3:45-5:15pm for fellowship and conversation! EYC High School Students ONLY.



From Lent to Holy Week.

We Wonder as We Wander on Our Journey to the Cross

St. Mary's kids, youth, and families continue to enjoy stories by Kobi Yamada (*pictured right*) each Sunday during Lent (read more about him at www.thestoriesweweread.com). These stories, along with scripture, help us to explore how to prepare for all the big things and small things we encounter on our daily journeys. Preparing can be a difficult task, especially when we don't know what God has in store for us, but together we can learn how to face those challenges.



Blessings, Liz


WE THANK YOU!



The EYC of St. Mary's offers prayers of thanksgiving for everyone who participated in our recent events, the Annual Chili Cook Off and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! We have been thankful for your support to these ministries as we found new ways to keep our traditions alive during the challenging times of a pandemic.

St. Mary's T-Shirts Are In! Orders may be picked up at the church on Sunday mornings. If you are unable to pick up your order in person, please contact Liz to make arrangements to have your order delivered.

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The Parish Office
 will be closed
 Easter Monday,
 April 5, 2021

WORSHIP WITH ST. MARY'S

8:00 am

Online Liturgy of Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Spiritual Communion)

posted to [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)

8:00 am

Indoor Liturgy of Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel

9:30 am

Indoor Liturgy of Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church

Face coverings required. Social distancing will be practiced - overflow seating available in Moseley Hall. The indoor services are offered following the guidelines described in Fr. Tom's [Pastoral Letter to the Church](#) from Oct 21.

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 by
 email at jsarg4@suddenlink.net or Audra
 Haddad by email
 at 5haddad@suddenlink.net to be
 paired with your friend today!

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2021

Jimmy Ballard
 Sam Gilmore
 Jessica Shimer
 Stuart Stroud

2022

John John
 Scott Turik
 Dee Warner
 Harry Wooten

2023

Skip Greene
 Audra Haddad
 Vicki Kennedy
 Pam Mazingo

Senior Warden – Stuart Stroud

Junior Warden – Jimmy Ballard

Clerk – Audra Haddad

Treasurer – Jon Sargeant