

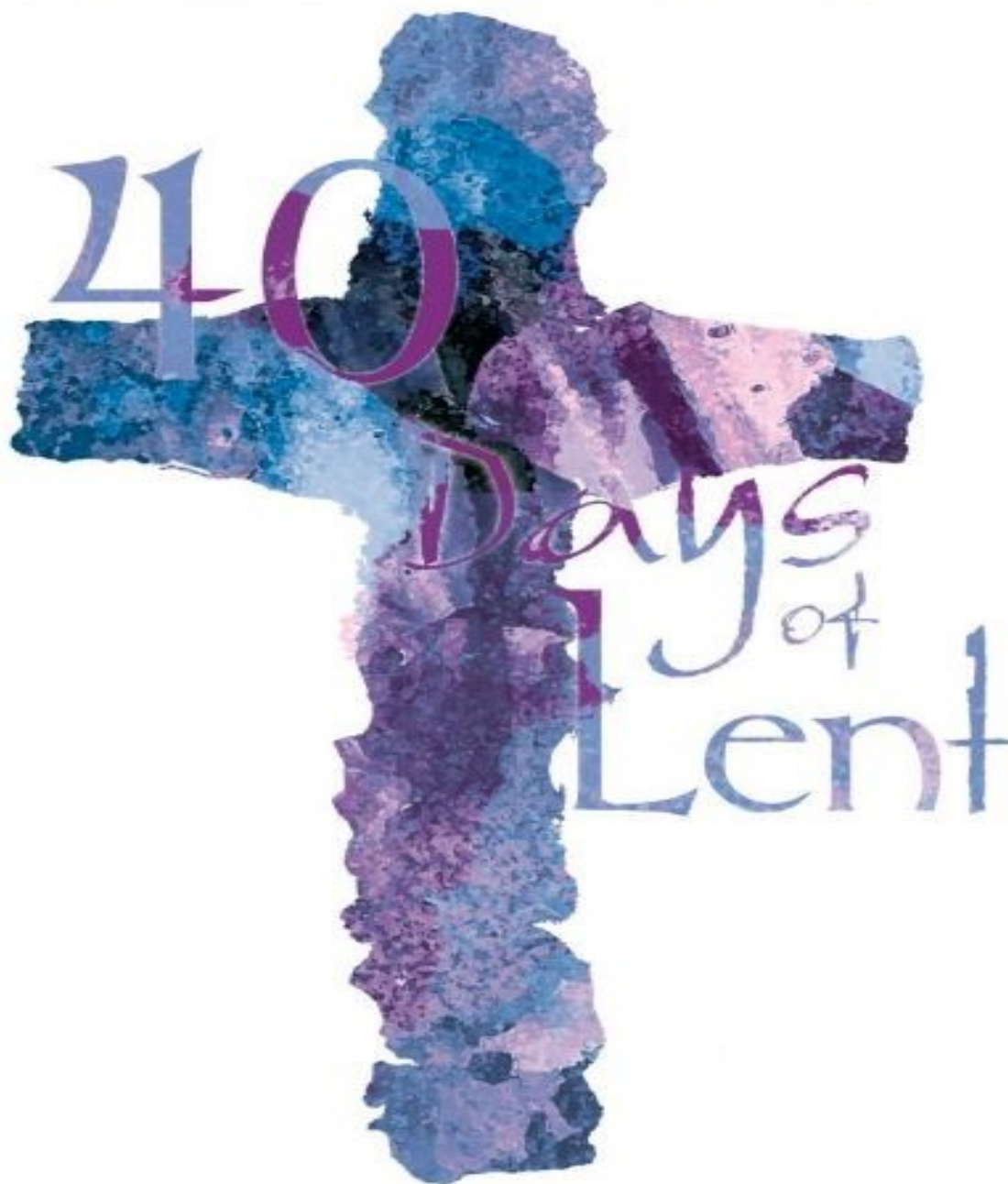


March 2022

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

# The Bell Ringer

Online at [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com)



Begins Wednesday, March 2, 2022

## From the Rector

### A New Season



Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. For Christians around the world, and throughout millennia, this time of preparation for Holy Week & Easter brings opportunity for renewal and deepening of life whenever the season's practices are approached as offerings and gifts of devotion to God.



There are many areas of devotion to which the Church invites our renewed attention in Lent: self-examination & repentance; prayer, fasting, & self-denial; reading & meditating on God's holy Word. It is, of course, a matter of each individual's personal piety and sense of call that drives that person's approach to the observance of a "Holy Lent." I pray that each of us will embrace this season's opportunities and, in so doing, be blessed by God.



**As a community, I invite you to make an intentional commitment to worshipping & learning with your St. Mary's family this Lent.** What joy it is to be together in worship, and now even more opportunities are available, including community meals (see below) and Wednesday evening programs (see page 6). This year's Lenten program will focus on the practice of fasting in its many forms. We have some wonderful speakers who will join us from near & far. Also, we will be fasting from extra paper consumption in our Sunday bulletins. Accordingly, we'll open the Prayer Books - you're welcome to bring your own (maybe from your baptism or confirmation), or use the books in the pews. This will reduce our bulletin length by a third and remind us all of the riches that this prayer resource is!



Truly, this community and church family is a gift! I am grateful for you and look forward to God's blessings through our Lenten journey together!

*Tom +*

### Community Meals Return

With much consideration of the updates on the state of the pandemic situation locally, at its February meeting, the Vestry approved the return to offering community meals at St. Mary's Church. The first such offering was the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. Then, beginning Sunday, March 6th, St. Mary's will resume the Sunday morning breakfasts provided by the men of the church. In addition, we will include an evening meal as part of the upcoming Lenten Wednesday Night Programs beginning March 9th. While we recognize that not everyone will be comfortable participating in these indoor eating events and certainly do not wish for anyone to feel pressured to do so, we are glad to be able to extend these opportunities once again.

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Communications Director	<a href="#">Mrs. Sherry Tanner</a>
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	<a href="#">Mr. Jim Godfrey</a>

## News at St. Mary's



### From the Parish Register

#### Baptism:

Matthew Sermons ~ *February 13, 2022*

#### Burial:

Alban Barrus ~ *February 7, 2022*

Pat Sargeant ~ *February 15, 2022*

LeRoy Batts ~ *February 19, 2022*

**Transfer In:** Craig Rouse (St. Paul's - Greenville, NC)

The Fader Family - Corey, Megan, Lucy Abbott, & Emma

(Westminster UMC - Kinston, NC)

**Transfer Out:** Louis Peak (Memorial Baptist - Greenville, NC)



Congratulations to Abby and Trey Means, big brother Charles, and big sister Audrey, on the birth of their son (and little brother) Wells Theodore Means! Wells was born on **Friday, February 18th**. Please hold this family in your prayers as they begin this new season of life together.



**Habitat for Humanity**  
of Goldsboro-Wayne, Inc.

### Habitat for Humanity Lenoir County Build

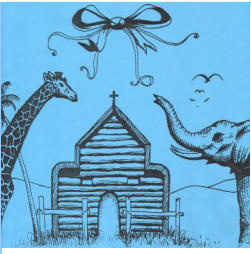
[The Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne](#) is continuing to make progress on its special project, Lenoir

County Build 2022, to benefit a Hurricane Florence-impacted family. Be sure to join your St. Mary's family for our upcoming scheduled workdays on **Saturday, March 19th & Wednesday April 6th**. Workday shifts are 8-11:30am and noon-3:30pm. Volunteers can serve at either or both shifts. Please contact [Fr. Tom](#) if you're interested in being a part of the workdays or supporting this project life-changing in other ways.





## News at St. Mary's



### African Team Ministries

After two years, we are excited for the return of African Team Ministries to St. Mary's! This Christian ministry works to provide funding for various needs in East Africa through the sale of handmade crafts and jewelry. The proceeds from this year's sale will provide drip irrigation kits to families in draught and famine stricken parts of Africa. Mark your calendars for **March 6th-27th** when these beautiful crafts will be on display and available for purchase in Moseley Hall. Read more about African Team Ministries at their website: <http://www.africanteamministries.org/>.



### ADDRESS CHANGE

**Mrs. Marilyn Bowen**

2131 Brer Rabbit Pl  
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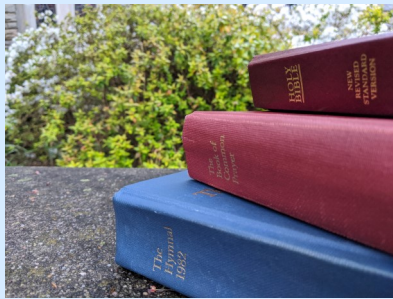
**Mrs. Veryl Trader**

64 Hillcrest Ave. SE  
Concord, NC 28025

### Mary's Kitchen Volunteers

Mary's Kitchen has been able to continue serving a warm, nutritious meal every day for years, even through the pandemic. But, it has been difficult to schedule the minimum number of servers recently.

If you would be willing to offer your time for about three and half hours (8:30-11:45am) on any weekday, please contact Jim Godfrey ([maryskitchen@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:maryskitchen@stmaryskinston.com)). You would make such a wonderful difference! Thank you!!!



### A "Teaching" Morning Prayer Service

Morning Prayer is prayed together every Tuesday & Thursday morning at 8:30am in the Chapel throughout the year. On Tuesday, March 8 at 8:30am, Fr. Tom will lead a "teaching" Morning Prayer service that will guide worshippers in how to enjoy this beautiful liturgy in their prayer lives, on their own or in community with others.

## ECW



### SUPPERS AND MEALS

Lenten suppers are back! We are so excited to be able to fellowship around the dining table again this season of Lent! We hope you will join us for a fabulous line-up of speakers as we explore FASTING. The ECW has the pleasure of helping provide hospitality for the Wednesday Night Suppers during the 5 week Lent program, and we invite you to join us in serving up some hospitality. Be sure to read your email sent with meals and needs and let us know if you feel sharing your gift of hospitality for the glory of our Lord during this season.

# Lenten Worship and Education



Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022.** The opening words of the Ash Wednesday liturgy are helpful in conveying the

purpose and significance of the season of Lent, leading up to Easter. The officiant says:

*"Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer." (Book of Common Prayer, 264-265)*

St. Mary's will offer online and in-person Ash Wednesday liturgies at the following times:

- 7am pre-recorded liturgy posted to Facebook & YouTube
- 7am in the All Saints' Chapel at St. Mary's
- 7pm in the Nave at St. Mary's

Please note that the imposition of ashes is an optional part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. At our in-person liturgies, the Officiant will offer ashes. For those worshipping online, all are welcome to pick up a small container of ashes to be used within the context of the online liturgy. Containers may be picked up from the church office during office hours.

## Lenten Wisdom from Thomas Merton

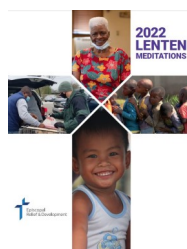
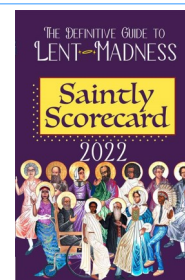
...a weekend retreat at Trinity Center  
March 4-6, 2022

In our time together, we'll reflect on the words of Merton, holy scripture, enjoy contemplative conversation, stillness, prayer, playfulness, wondering, and wandering. God will be the leader, but you and Lisa Richey will help.

For more information and to register, contact Nancy Reynolds at [trinityctrregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:trinityctrregistrar@gmail.com) or 252.247.5600 ext 17.

## Lent Madness

During the season of Lent, the St. Mary's Office Staff, EYC, and other groups enjoy time together with Lent Madness, an offering of Forward Movement, widely known as the publishers of *Forward Day by Day* and other resources to support spiritual growth and vitality. Lent Madness is a fun, engaging Lenten devotion that teaches about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints. Check out the **2022** brackets by taking home a Saintly Scorecard from the church. Then go to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) every day of Lent to keep up with your favorite saint. [Click here for your printable scorecard](#). Get your family in on the action or start a group! May this devotion be a blessing to you this Lent.

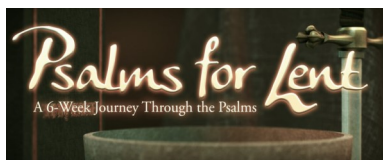


This year, the [Episcopal Relief & Development](#)'s Lenten Meditations will focus on transformation. It is organized into priorities: Women, Children and Climate with a focus on Disaster Resilience & Response work. We invite you to read Lenten

Meditations and share with those close to you. Lenten Meditations are now delivered only via email and as downloadable PDFs from this link: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>. We hope that the 2022 Lenten Meditations will give you a glimpse into the meaningful work happening across the globe.



# Lenten Worship and Education



## Christian Formation During Lent: The Psalms

Beginning March 6th and continuing for six weeks through Palm Sunday, Adult Christian Formation will focus on the Book of Psalms, taught by our own Randy Spaugh. Since six weeks is a short time to study such an awesome and large book, Randy will spend the time speaking of why and how he fell in love with the book. We will look at why he did not like the book for years and the changes that brought him where he is today. We will see the Psalms as the prayer book of Jesus and His hymnal as well. During the first session, we will share some of the background of Psalms and why our Jewish brethren call it by another name. Please plan to join us during Lent for this wonderful Christian Formation in Moseley Hall beginning March 6.



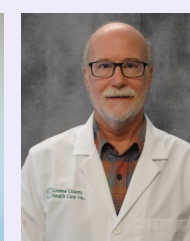
**The Way of the Cross** is offered on **Friday evenings at 5:45pm throughout Lent.** As we move to each of the fourteen markers throughout the church, a different event of Jesus' Passion is remembered. This is an especially powerful way "that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby [God] has given us life and immortality," to quote the Prayer Book's collect for Palm Sunday. Please consider travelling the Way of the Cross at least once this Lent.



## Wednesday Nights During Lent

Make plans to join us **each Wednesday in Moseley Hall beginning March 9 through April 13** for our Lenten Wednesday Night Programming. Beginning at 6:00pm with hymns and prayers, we will continue the evening with a shared meal followed by a Lenten program that concludes at 7:15pm. (Nursery opens at 5:45.) Each week, members of our community will explore and share topics during this season of fasting, prayer, and preparation. All are invited to attend and share in this sacred time together during this Holy season. Our schedule topics and guests speakers include:

- **March 9th** Intro to Fasting with Fr. Tom
- **March 16th** Daily Meditational Prayer - Fasting from the World to Take the Right Spirit into the World with Greg Gridley
- **March 23rd** Digging Deep - Fasting and the Environment with Holly Warren & Jane Brothers
- **March 30th** Faithful Action within Healthcare with Brett McCarty
- **April 6th** Too Much Stuff - Simplifying our Homes and Minds with Peggy Barnes
- **April 13th** Worship and Fellowship through the Passover Seder with Jay Barker



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



## Kids' Sunday School

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 9:30am  
All kids pre-K to 5th grade

## EYC Sunday Formation

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 9:30am  
All 6th-12th graders

## EYC Coffee with Liz

Each Wednesday in March except March 9  
@ 4:00-5:30pm ~ Middle Grounds Coffee  
All EYC

## Kids Lenten Activities

Wednesdays: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
@ 6-7:15pm  
Dinner & Lenten activity

## EYC Lenten Activities

Wednesdays: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
@ 6-7:15pm  
Dinner & Lenten activity/speakers

## EYC Sunday Gatherings

March 13th @ 5-8pm ~ Dinner & Movie  
March 27th @ 5-8 pm ~ Dinner & Games

## EYC Service at Mary's Kitchen

March 21st @ 8:30-11:30am

## From the Desk of Liz ~

March means Lent is here, and we are preparing for Easter. Children and Youth are invited to join us as we take a deeper look at how we journey with God through all parts of our life.

- † *How is God calling us to live?*
- † *Where do we need more of something?*
- † *Where do we need less of something?*
- † *How does our everyday life reflect who God is calling us to be?*

We will be simplifying during Lent. Sundays and Wednesdays will be all we have on the schedule, but keep a lookout for pop-up prayer, reflection, and service opportunities. Follow us on social media to join in our daily Lent actions.

## ATTENTION ALL BASEBALL FANS!!!



The EYC is raising money to benefit our service projects

(including Glory Ridge) by asking for any donated amount in exchange for box seat tickets (6 seats) to Down East Wood Ducks games!!! Mark your donations "EYC" or "Wood Ducks tickets" and drop them off during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Then be sure to sign-up for your preferred date(s) through this link [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eacad23a6fec07-wood](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eacad23a6fec07-wood) or by accessing the QR code above.

*Help the EYC hit a HOMERUN this season with this FUNdraiser!*



## HAPPENING #77

Happening #77 for High Schoolers is March 4th-6th at Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores. Please keep our youth and adult participants in prayer as they attend this weekend of spiritual growth!



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### **Camp Trinity Summer 2022**

Registration for Summer 2022 is going on now! Download your brochure and application from [www.trinityctr.com](http://www.trinityctr.com). For registration questions, contact the Trinity Center Mary Beth Bradberry, Director, or Nancy Reynolds, Camp Registrar, at (888) 874-6287 or (252) 247-5600. Email applications to [trinityctrgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:trinityctrgeneral@gmail.com).

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### **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**

**9:00 am - Breakfast served in Moseley Hall**

**9:30-10:15 am - Christian Formation for all ages**

**10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church**

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

*We recognize that the pandemic situation is evolving. Regarding face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase (usually referring to private confession) applies: All may, some should, none must. While all are welcome to wear a face covering at any time, we affirm the CDC recommendation that all persons over age 2, especially all who are not vaccinated, should wear a face covering indoors when other people are present. No one is required to wear a face covering at St. Mary's.*

### **ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

2022	2023	2023
John John	Skip Greene	Clifton Carey
Scott Turik	Audra Haddad	Jess Edwards
Dee Warner	Vicki Kennedy	Jo Parrott
Harry Wooten	Pam Mazingo	Ginny Wade
Senior Warden – Vicki Kennedy	Clerk – Audra Haddad	
Junior Warden – Harry Wooten	Treasurer – Jon Sargeant	