

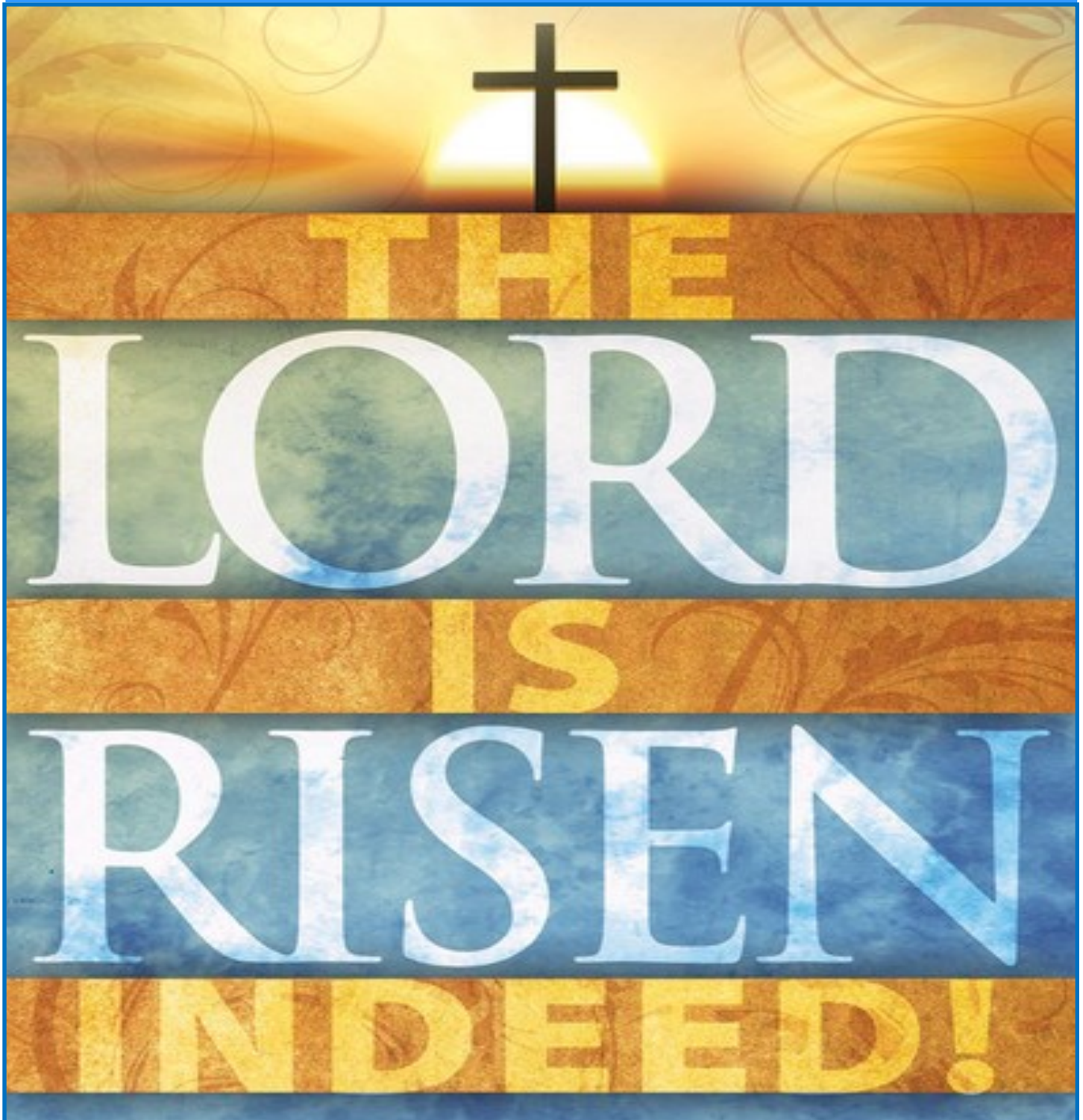


April 2021

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

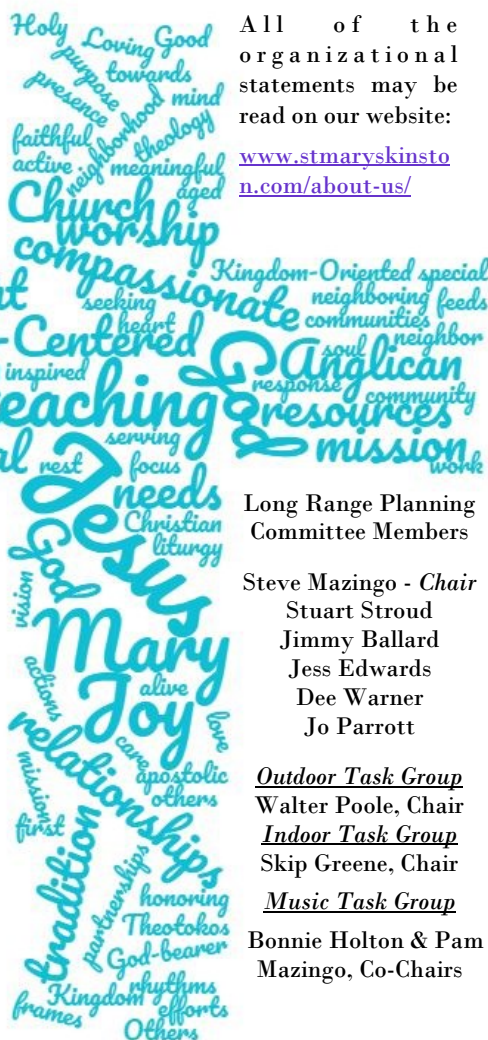
The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



From the Rector

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



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!

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

www.stmaryskinston.com/about-us/

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

Alleluia, the Lord is risen! THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!!

Happy Easter to you, dear friends! Even though I am writing these words (and you may be reading them) before our Lenten fasts have completely ended, I have found that in this age of pre-recording liturgies, it is not as much of a stretch for me to place myself “spiritually” into a time yet to come. In fact, I am learning that this practice is itself a helpful one for the Christian life.

In our weekly rhythms of keeping time, many Christians have found it helpful to view every Friday as a mini-Good Friday, taking on special devotions of fasting (“fish Friday” is an example of this for many Christians who fast from red meat on the day). Likewise, every time we gather for worship on Sundays, we are certainly viewing each one as a mini-Easter, as a feast to be celebrated - that’s why Sundays are called the Lord’s Day.

But, of course, our moods don’t always line up willingly with this rhythm of fasting and feasting. Our emotions don’t operate robotically. This world certainly ebbs and flows constantly, and sometimes surprisingly. Which, I think, is the point. As believers - as recipients of the Good News of Jesus’ redeeming work on the cross, and His victory over the grave - we are always exercising the skill of looking through whatever current struggle or challenge we face, and trusting that God is at work for good... not necessarily causing it, but seeking to redeem it. This Easter season, no matter what we face, may we all celebrate this sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, the Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! ALLELUIA!!

Tom +



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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

Transfer In:

Kendall Mitchell

*(from Williamsburg Presbyterian Church;
Williamsburg, VA)*

Transfer Out:

Diane Bowen

(to All Saints' Anglican Parish; Wilmington, NC)

John McRae

(to Christ Episcopal Church; Valdosta, Georgia)



THANK YOU to all who have served with love and care throughout the season of Lent and Holy Week to prepare for this beautiful Easter celebration! What a joy it is to share the life of faith in the St. Mary's family! Your gifts have been a blessing!



Pastoral Announcements

We extend sympathies to the families of Virginia Mary Rafferty (Bruce Rafferty's mother) as well as Bertie Laura Aycock (Linda Hines' mother).

*May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

The Parish Office will be closed on **Easter Monday, April 5, 2021**. The staff of St. Mary's join you in rejoicing our risen Lord! We pray you have a blessed, Holy Easter Monday.



St. Mary's Walking Groups

Join one (*or ALL*) of the St. Mary's walking groups for safe, healthy fellowship.

Sundays at 2pm - meet at St. Mary's for a 30 minute slower walk;

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 for a 45 minute walk.



Liturgy Servers

You can now access a link to the Sunday Lector Document in your weekly "This Sunday With St. Mary's" email! Please be attentive to emails from Ministry Scheduler Pro as well to remind you of your service dates. 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.

News at St. Mary's



Thank you so much to everyone who supported our youth with the purchase of a St. Mary's 2021 shirt. This has been an incredible fundraiser for the EYC. We are excited to see those shirts around town, especially when we are serving the community together!

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.



Worship

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

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. It is important to affirm especially this year that we are all able to join spiritually, wherever we may be, in this vigil with our Lord who asked His disciples "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40). 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 final 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

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. This liturgy will take place at the Rectory's back yard (1102 Rhem St.) and will last about an hour. Join us as we light the New Fire, renew our baptismal vows, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. Worshipers will want to bring their face covering, a lawn chair, flashlight, and something to ring (bells, even shaking car keys works)!

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

We will celebrate Easter morning with an online Spiritual Communion service as well as one in-person 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



The resurrection is the most important moment in history, but it is more than an event we remember on Easter Sunday. Join Pastor J.D. Greear as he takes a deeper look at Jesus' life, death,

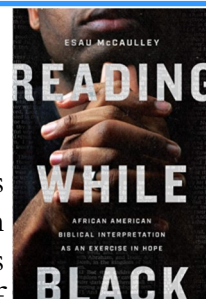
and resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew, revealing the ways we should see ourselves in Jesus' story.

This new 5-week series will begin **Sunday, April 11th at 10:45 am** in person and virtually from Moseley Hall.

Would you consider facilitating one of these five sessions? Facilitators will be responsible for previewing the video and study guide for the week's session and on Sunday, the facilitator will introduce the video and lead the discussion after the video. A thorough study guide is offered for each week. All sessions and study guides can be previewed at the RightNow Media website. St. Mary's parishioners have free access and can sign up at this link: <https://accounts.rightnow.org/Account/Invite/StMarysEpiscopalchurch?returnUrl=https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Media/InviteReturn>.

*Jesus died for us
so that He could be alive in us today.
Easter changes everything.*

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 McCauley](#), 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:Fr.Tom@stmaryskinston.com) if you would like to receive the Zoom link.



Do you have questions about your faith? Most people do, and most find it challenging to get answers. Education for Ministry (EfM) was developed by the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee, to provide a mechanism for people to work through those questions. This four-year course of study provides the framework for the group to connect faith to their daily lives through reading and discussion.

Meeting once a week in small groups with others, led by mentors trained to facilitate the experience, you will begin to think theologically, reflect faithfully, and speak civilly when confronted by beliefs and principles in opposition to your own. And that's something we can all appreciate in today's world.

By being an EfM participant, you will learn how to articulate your faith. You will learn how to shape your faith into action. You will become involved in ministries in your community, and you will make a difference.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? Please join us on **Wednesday, April 28th** for a "Get to know about EfM" gathering. We will be safely meeting at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kinston at **6:30pm**. For those who wish to meet remotely, a Zoom link will be provided.

Please contact Jon Sargeant at Jonathon.L.Sargeant@nccourts.org for more information.

ECW

WOMEN supporting WOMEN

Frances Herring and Kim Hazelgrove recently shared their time and talents to create a beautiful and welcoming room at Kinston's House of Hope which is preparing itself to be a transition home for women.



SAVE THE DATE to learn more about this new initiative for women in our community. Join the ECW for our spring gathering on the West Lawn on **Sunday, May 23rd at 3pm** as we welcome a special guest speaker, The Honorable Beth Heath. Beth will share with us her passion to serve women and this new transitional home.



ECW Bible Study



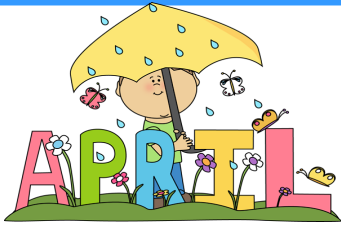
Make plans to join us during Easter for a 4-week study on the Book of James, **beginning Tuesday, April 13th at 4 pm**. We are excited to be together during this time as we **meet in person Moseley Hall** with masks and space (YEAH!). If you feel more comfortable with Zoom, contact Pam Mazingo for a link. The Book of James was written by James to encourage believers to endure and live bold Christian lives. It is a book about practical Christian living that reflects a genuine faith that transforms lives. We look forward to this study, especially during Easter, and we hope you will invite a friend and join us!

BACK for an ENCORE ... the ECW Paint Party!

Everyone loved the Holiday Paint Party so much that a Spring Paint Party was requested. We hope you have made your reservation to join us **Sunday, April 18th at 3pm in Moseley Hall** to paint your own seasonal wooden décor! No artistic talent is required. Our guide, Sarah, will provide all the support you need to make a beautiful creation. This is a COVID-safe event with face coverings and social distancing, and the class size is limited to 15 participants. The cost is \$20 (scholarship is available - ask Laury). Please contact Laury Sargeant at jsarg4@suddenlink.net or by text by Sunday, April 4th to reserve your spot. Hope to see you there!



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



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

Easter Sunday, April 4

9:30am Outdoor Worship
10:30am Egg Hunt
3-4:30pm EYC

Thursday, April 8

3:45pm Coffee with Liz
@ Middle Grounds

Saturday, April 10

10:00am - Noon
Family Day
@Common Ground Garden

Sunday, April 11

10:45am Sunday School
(pre-k - 5th grade)
3-4:30pm EYC

Saturday, April 17

New Beginnings &
Happening Reunion @
Trinity Center

Sunday, April 18

10:45am Sunday School
(pre-k - 5th grade)
3-4:30pm EYC

Thursday, April 22

3:45pm Coffee with Liz
@ Middle Grounds

Saturday, April 24

Common Ground Garden
10:00am - Noon
Downtown Kinston
Afternoon time TBD

Sunday, April 25

10:45am Sunday School
(pre-k - 5th grade)
3-4:30pm EYC
Compline on the West Lawn

From the Desk of Liz:

April brings us Easter, spring, flowers, and many opportunities to enjoy God's many wonderful creations in nature. This April, Children's Ministries and EYC will focus on enjoying and caring for the beauty that is in nature.

Join us Saturday, April 10th from 10am-noon for a Family Day at Common Ground Community Garden. We will have a fun day of digging in the dirt while we make the garden beautiful and learn about all that grows there.

Then on Saturday, April 24th, we will participate in Earth Day Celebrations! The morning will begin at Common Ground Community Garden (10am) followed by an afternoon on the West Lawn (time TBD).

We will close out the month of April with our monthly outdoor worship on Sunday, April 25th for Compline around the fire on the West Lawn.

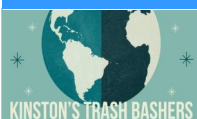
Liz



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

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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 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

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

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.

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2021

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 Sam Gilmore
 Jessica Shimer
 Stuart Stroud

2022

John John
 Scott Turik
 Dee Warner
 Harry Wooten

2023

Skip Greene
 Audra Haddad
 Vicki Kennedy
 Pam Mazingo

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 Junior Warden – Jimmy Ballard

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 Treasurer – Jon Sargeant