



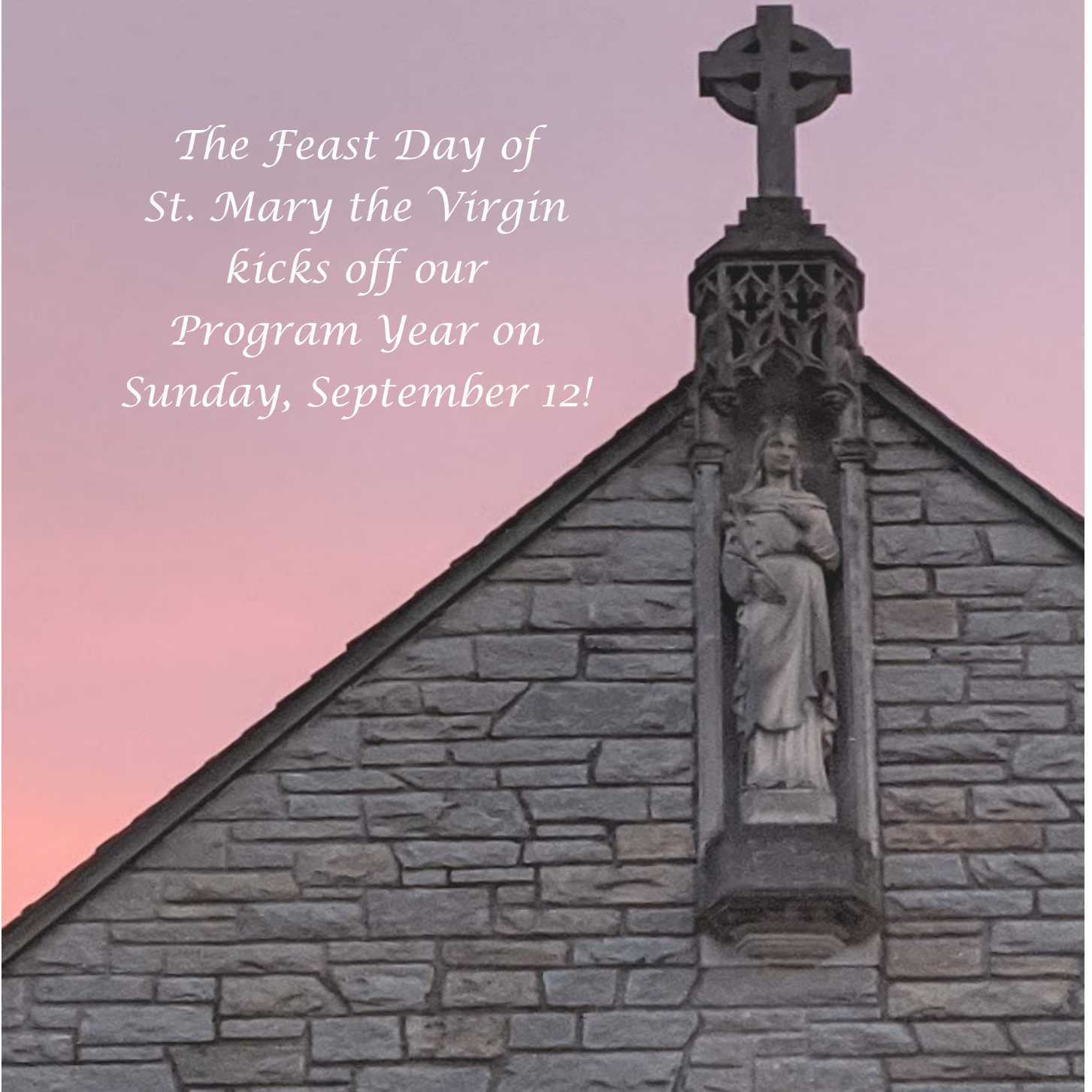
September 2021

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

# The Bell Ringer

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

*The Feast Day of  
St. Mary the Virgin  
kicks off our  
Program Year on  
Sunday, September 12!*



## From the Rector

**“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.  
Do what it says.” (James 1:22, NIV)**

In the Episcopal Church, we are guided in the Scriptures that we read together on Sundays by a schedule of sorts, called a lectionary. Sometimes the lectionary readings are familiar and comfortable. Other times, they are convicting and searing, such that I might have preferred to choose different passages to read and preach if it were up to me. But inevitably, God's Spirit is at work in the scriptures and we should be listening for His Word to us, in whatever it is that our lives are holding. In September, the lectionary gives us a rare 5-week journey through a full book: the Letter of James, which is often referred to as one of the most practical books because it exhorts us to truly **live out** the Christian faith. I hope you'll join us for this sermon series! As you read this edition of the BellRinger, I also hope that you'll be encouraged by the opportunities to **live out** the faith that you've been given with and from this community. The **Ministry Fair on St. Mary's Day (Sep 12)** will be rich with such opportunities. I also pray that you'll be inspired by God to discern new opportunities of **living out** the faith articulated in our baptismal covenant that don't yet exist. In every case, may we, as a church family, persevere in bearing the Good News of Jesus, adapting to current realities and **living out** that faith that we've been given.

May God bless you and your ministries in service to Him,

*Tom +*

### NEW GATHERING GUIDELINES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID DELTA VARIANT:

In consultation with the vestry and community medical professionals, Fr. Tom has offered updated guidance for the ways that the St. Mary's family gathers. Copies of his letter dated August 25 are in the Narthex and [may also be found online at the St. Mary's website](#). These guidelines will be re-assessed at the September Vestry meeting. Highlights of the updated guidelines include:

- Affirmation and recommendation that all follow CDC guidance regarding face coverings.
- Social distancing encouraged by opening every other pew for seating and re-introduction of the blue "Love your Neighbor" pew sticks in some pews.
- Communion will be brought to parishioners in the pews.
- Outdoor worship returns for the 9:30am liturgy on the 2nd & 4th Sunday, weather permitting.
- Christian Formation for all ages will be held after the 9:30am liturgy beginning Sep. 19.
- Suspension of planned return of indoor meals at St. Mary's.

We pray God's healing to be with all who are ill, God's protections over medical professionals in these times, and may God bless and guide us all in our efforts of loving our neighbors.

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

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## News at St. Mary's



### From the Parish Register

#### Baptism:

MacKenzie Grace Keel

(August 22, 2021)



### We Offer Thanksgivings for These Children:



Colin Michael Whitfield, born on Tuesday, August 10th to Rachel and Michael Whitfield and big brother Bennett. The joyful grandparents are Fr. Michael and Teresa Singer!

Lucas "Luke" Charlton Miles, Jr., born to Claire & Charlton Miles on Friday morning, August 20. The joyful grandparents are Holly Hill and Stephen Hill along with aunts, uncles, and cousins from the households of Caroline & Trent Mooring (Eva, Britt, & Amelia) and Abby & Trey Means (Charles & Audrey)!

**We pray for these families, that their joy is shielded and nurtured during this sacred time!**

### Pastoral Announcement

We also extend our sympathies to Kathy Hyler on the death of her husband, Maynard.

Let us pray:

*Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding; Deal graciously with the Hyler family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 6, 2021** in observance of Labor Day. We would like to wish you a safe, happy holiday and may the Lord's presence refresh and restore you!



### F3 Kinston

F3 stands for **Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith (F3)** and offers various workouts every day right here in Kinston. This group is peer-led, outdoors (rain/shine, hot/cold), free of charge, and open to men of all ages. Visit [www.f3kinston.com](http://www.f3kinston.com) and find F3 on

Twitter @F3Kinston or on [Facebook](#), or contact Fr. Tom or Stuart Stroud for more information.

*"Leave no man behind, but leave no man where we found him."*



## Other News

### "Taste and See"

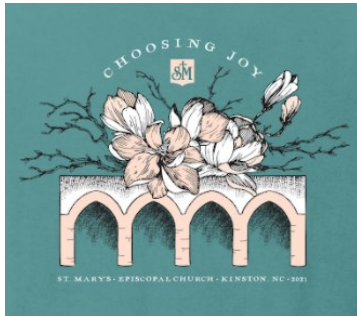
#### Ministry Fair Offers a Banquet of Opportunities!

On Sunday, September 12th, our Ministry Fair returns. Whether you are a newcomer or a longtime member of St. Mary's Church, you'll enjoy learning about the many opportunities for service and fellowship that bind us together as a faith community. A display of tables will be set up at the back of the West Lawn with friendly greeters to share information on how you can get involved in these wonderful ministries. Please plan to stay after the 9:30am outdoor service and find out more about "Serving with JOY" with the St. Mary's Parish Family!



### LIFE TOGETHER WITH ST. MARY'S: A NEWCOMER WELCOMING!

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, please plan to come to the 3-session series on September 26, October 3, & October 10. We'll meet after Sunday School and, weather permitting, an outdoor lunch will be provided. Please RSVP with Fr. Tom at [tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com). Welcome!!



### Hand-in-Hand with Northwest Elementary School

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped provide food and host a Back to School breakfast for the staff of Northwest Elementary School on August 10th.

Thank you, also, for all the generous support of our Hand in Hand School Supply Drive in the month of August!



*We pray for Northwest Elementary School, our neighborhood Hand-in-Hand partnered school. We ask your blessings over the children, teachers, faculty, staff, and families of this school, and especially for Dr. Heather Walston, the school principal. May we all grow daily in knowledge, wisdom, and love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.*

### Mary's Kitchen Bread Drive & Service Date



Our next bread drive for Mary's Kitchen will be Sunday, September 26th and the **CHALLENGE IS BACK ON!** Every ministry group is encouraged to **drop off bread to the church during business hours during the week of September 20-24 or bring it on Sunday the 26th to the morning liturgy.** The bread will be taken to the kitchen that week to coincide with our next quarterly service date on **Sat. October 2nd**, and the group that donates the most will win the "Golden Jelly Jar!" Will the Music Ministries repeat, or will a new champion emerge? Either way, Mary's Kitchen will be the big winner and we will all have been able to play a part in sustaining this faithful ministry. The ECW is scheduled to serve. If you would like to volunteer for this date, please contact [Audra Haddad](#) or [Jessica Shimer](#).

# Worship

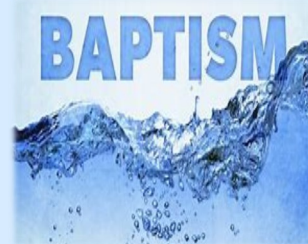
**On Sunday, September 12,** we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Mary the Virgin - our parish's Matron saint day. It is one of the highlights of our calendar every year and this year it will take place at our next outdoor worship service. Please invite a friend to worship and celebrate the beginning of our new program year with the Ministry Fair after the liturgy!



A Choral Scholar is a student who receives funding in exchange for singing in the parish liturgies. In recent years, we have been

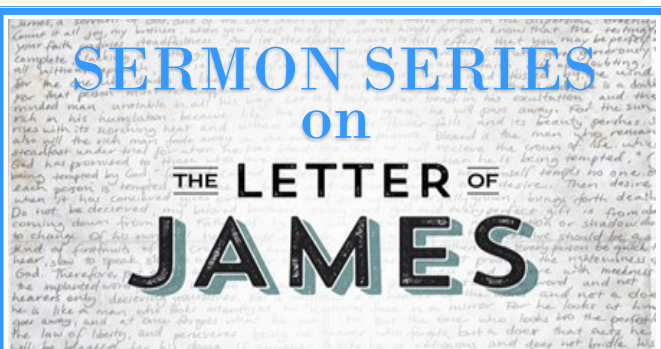
able to begin this program thanks to the Sitterson Music Fund. Michael Adams & Marcus Jones have been great blessings! An official Choral Scholar Fund has also been established so that anyone can contribute in order to build up the ability to sustain **multiple** Choral Scholars each year. If you would like more information on this fund and learn how to contribute, please contact [Sharon Veitch](#), [Sam Gilmore](#), or our Treasurer [Jon Sargeant](#).

*"We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood."*

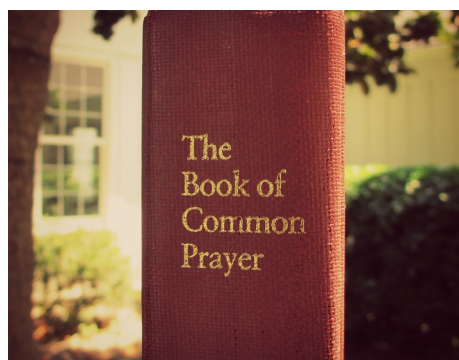


- The Peoples' Response at the Baptismal Liturgy (BCP, Pg. 308)

We are thrilled to have a baptism planned for **Heidi Kelley**, daughter of Ryan & Mary Kelley (and sister to Gordon and Dottie!), on **Sunday, September 26 during our 9:30am outdoor liturgy**. Please keep Heidi, her family, and baptismal sponsors in your prayers, and plan to be present as we welcome the newest member into the household of God!



Join us during the month of September, as we spend time reading through the Letter of James in our worship services. The beginning of the series is August 29 and will run through September 26.



## FREE USED PRAYER BOOKS

Please remember that if you would like to give one of our well-used prayer books a new home (for yourself or someone you know), swing by the church office during office hours and feel free to pick one up.



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



## Sunday, September 5

10:45-11:45am Care Packages in Moseley Hall

## Thursday, September 9

3:45-5:15pm Coffee with Liz (high school)  
@ Middle Grounds

## Sunday, September 12

10:45-11:45am Kids & EYC Kick Off

## Saturday, September 18

10am-3pm yOUThREACH (New Bern)

## Sunday, September 19

10:45-11:45am Sunday School for pre-K - 5th  
3-4:30pm EYC for Middle/High School

## Thursday, September 23

3:45-5:15pm Coffee with Liz (high school)  
@ Middle Grounds

## Sunday, September 26

10:45-11:45am Sunday School for pre-K - 5th  
3-4:30pm EYC for Middle/High School

## From the Desk of Liz:

As we journey into this new season of life, the school season, we will continue to journey together. As we are trying to create a safe environment for everyone we are continuing last program year's rhythm of Sunday School for younger children in the morning immediately following church and EYC Sunday Gathering for older youth in the afternoon on Sundays. We will continue to re-assess this schedule next month to see what is the best and safest fit for our church family. Full schedule is to the left and below are some highlighted for September!

**Liz**

Sunday, 9.5.21 - 10:45-11:45 - ALL students are invited to help us **pack care packages** in Moseley Hall for our EYC students who are now off on new journeys.

Sunday, 9.12.21 - 10:45-11:45 - ALL kids and EYC students are invited for our kick off to the new curriculum year at the Ministry Fair!

Saturday 9.18.21 - 10-3 - yOUThREACH - All 6th-12th graders are invited to join other students from across our diocese for fun, fellowship, and service projects. \*Masks are required.\* Please contact Liz Hengst to sign-up and coordinate travel.

**Diocesan  
Events!**

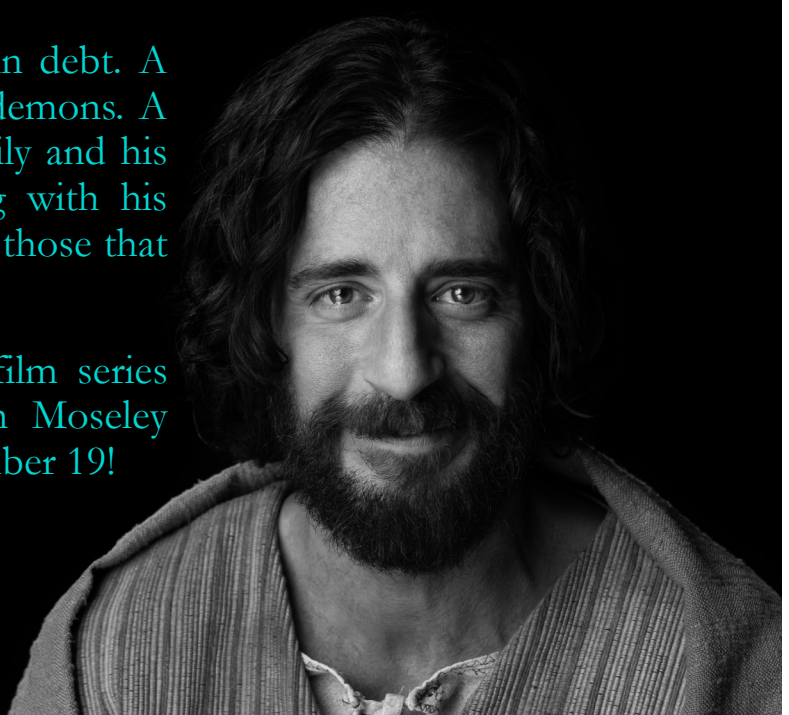
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER
<b>yOUThREACH</b> Saturday • 18th 10 AM - 3:30 PM 6th - 12th grades Project & Location: TBA	<b>Happening</b> 15th - 17th 9th - 12th grades Trinity Center	<b>Sr. High Fall Break</b> 5th - 7th 9th - 12th grades Project & Location: TBA	<b>Fall Conf. for Middle Schoolers</b> 19th - 21st 6th - 8th grades Trinity Center
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	JULY
<b>Youth @ Convention</b> 10th - 12th 9th - 12th grades Wilmington	<b>Happening</b> 4th - 6th 9th - 12th grades Trinity Center	<b>New Beginnings</b> 1st - 3rd 6th - 8th grades Trinity Center	<b>General Convention Youth Event</b> 8th - 12th 9th - 12th grades Diocese of Maryland

## Christian Formation

“A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met Him.”

Watch and discuss this remarkable film series on Sunday mornings at 10:45am in Moseley Hall and via Zoom, beginning September 19!

### The CHOSEN

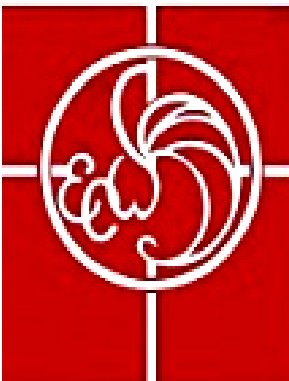


#### A NEW EfM CLASS BEGINS!



Education for Ministry is a rich and wonderful opportunity for diving deeper into your life of faith. You can be a part of a new class that joins with others who are continuing their EfM experience this Fall. Visit <http://efm.sewanee.edu/> to learn more about EfM, and feel free to email Jon Sargeant ([jsarg4@suddenlink.net](mailto:jsarg4@suddenlink.net)) to ask any questions. The new EfM season begins this fall.

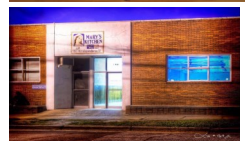
## Episcopal Church Women



The ECW has many opportunities for faith and fellowship in the upcoming season:

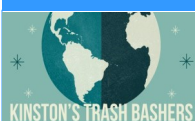
- **The ECW Bible Study returns each Tuesday at 4pm beginning September 14th.** Join us as we explore the book of Esther. We will be meeting via Zoom. Contact Pam Mazingo ([pmazingo@mac.com](mailto:pmazingo@mac.com)) for the Zoom link.
- **The ECW serves at Mary's Kitchen on Saturday, October 2nd.** Contact Laury Sargeant ([jsarg4@suddenlink.net](mailto:jsarg4@suddenlink.net)) or Audra Haddad ([5haddad@suddenlink.net](mailto:5haddad@suddenlink.net)) to join the team.
- **The ECW Bulb Sale Fundraiser is coming.** Look for order forms to be available soon.

#### The Book of Esther



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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](mailto:aalbritt@gmail.com) for more information.

## SERMON SERIES

on

THE LETTER OF

**JAMES**

**Aug. 29 - Sep. 26**

### 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 (Indoors on 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays, Outdoors on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)**

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

*Regarding wearing face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase applies: All may, some should, none must. All are welcome to wear a face covering at any time. We affirm and recommend that all follow the current CDC guidance regarding face coverings. At this time, that is that all persons 2 years old and older should wear a face covering indoors, vaccinated or not. That said, following the Governor's most recent Executive Order and Diocesan guidance, no one is required to wear a face covering. Recognizing that individuals will have varying comfort levels about gathering in public, please be mindful and respectful of social distancing. These practices are appreciated as signs of love for one another.*

### ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2021

Jimmy Ballard  
 Sam Gilmore  
 Jessica Shimer  
 Stuart Stroud

2022

John John  
 Scott Turik  
 Dee Warner  
 Harry Wooten

2023

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