



October, 2020

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:*

*Serving with JOY!*

# The Bell Ringer

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St. Francis  
of Assisi  
Celebrate the Feast Day with a Pet Blessing

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4th, at 4pm

ALL ANIMALS are welcome on the West Lawn of St. Mary's Church for the annual Blessing of the Animals liturgy!! All animals are to be restrained either by leash or carrier/cage and accompanied by their human friends (*please be sure to wear your face covering and maintain social distance*). A special offering of monetary donations and pet food will be collected for the **Lenoir County SPCA**.



# From the Rector

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



In late 2018, the Vestry 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/](http://www.stmaryskinston.com/about-us/)

Long Range Planning Committee Members

Steve Mazingo - Chair  
Jo Parrott  
Jimmy Ballard  
Jon Sargeant  
Walter Poole  
Jess Edwards

## Outdoor Task Group

Walter Poole, Chair

## Indoor Task Group

Skip Greene, Chair

## Music Task Group

Bonnie Holton & Pam Mazingo, Co-Chairs

## Wisdom from St. Francis

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

-Prayer attributed to St. Francis (BCP, pg. 833)

St. Francis is certainly one of the most spoken-of (and even frequently seen!) people from the history of the Christian church. I see him nearly every day as I look out of the window of my church study. There, in the garden that bears his name, is a statue of St. Francis. Perhaps you have one like it in your yard. St. Francis is well-known as being the patron saint for animals and ecology. Our church is among many that observe his feast day (Oct. 4) by giving thanks to God for the gifts of creation, asking God's blessing in particular over the animals with whom we share life.

Statues in gardens and liturgies alongside our animal companions are beautiful invitations for us to consider the rich Christian witness that St. Francis offers. He wrote a powerful hymn, one of my favorites, called “All creatures of our God and king” (#400 in the Hymnal, 1982) that hints at these riches. The hymn, of course, describes all parts of creation taking their proper places in God's grand masterpiece: planets & stars, skies & winds, waters & fire, flowering & fruit-bearing plants, all glorifying our Creator simply by *being*. And then, Francis invites us even deeper, into the power of God that can do the unimaginable. The sixth stanza places death itself into its proper place in light of the resurrection of Jesus - “you lead back home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod: O praise him, Alleluia!” Some of you have begun humming the tune as you read this... I hope it stays with you all day!

Without the Gospel, it is impossible to see the fullness of God's redeeming work in this world and in every facet of our lives. But with it, even death itself is known to ultimately yield to God. Friends, the Good News is that God is also at work in this same life-giving way in our everyday living - even in situations that look as hopeless as death, the Gospel tells us that God has the last word, and following Him in our lives is transformative for individuals, families, communities, nations, and this world in ways that are beyond what we could ask for or imagine. I hope you carry this truth with you like a song in your heart! Pray St. Francis' prayer again - for yourself and for us as a family. I am praying it for you and us all. God bless you!

*Tom +*



# 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 25th**, 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!

## 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 meet on the third Monday of every month and occasionally in

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 6, 2020.**

### **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.*

Here are some important dates to keep in mind for this year's Vestry election process:

- **October 11:** A list of eligible parishioners for Vestry will be shared with the church membership. Please check this list for accuracy and notify the church office if any corrections need to be made.
- **October 26:** Nomination forms will be shared with the church membership.

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A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 38 member provinces/churches.

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Yourself Last"

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Parish Administrator	<a href="#">Mrs. Lori Kelly</a>
Ministry Coordinator (Youth/Families)	<a href="#">Mrs. Liz Hengst</a>
Organist & Choirmaster	<a href="#">Mrs. Sharon Veitch</a>
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:

**Chansley Aspen Poole**

Daughter of Diane & Carson Poole

September 13, 2020

### Pastoral Announcements

#### Change of Address:

**Ed Cooper**

203-A Hickory Street

Greenville, NC 27858

**Pat Patrick**

836 Westminster Lane

Kinston, NC 28501



St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Monday, October 26th, Noon-4pm in Moseley Hall**. Donors will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred - make yours at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or phone 1-800-RED-CROSS.

### Exciting News from Trinity Center!

We are thrilled to share the news that [Trinity Center](#) has reopened on a limited basis to individuals and families. Please contact the Trinity Center Group Coordinator, Chris Grenier, for availability and information. As Trinity Center continues to traverse the challenges that have arisen in the time of COVID-19, Mary Beth Bradberry and Stephanie Rudolph are functioning as Co-Executive Directors on an interim basis.



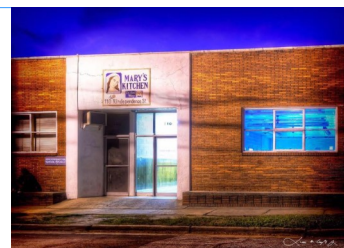
### Pantry Needs at ICOR

ICOR has been a blessing to many in our community over the years. Currently, ICOR has a great need for the following items: Vienna sausages, potted meat, canned meats (salmon, corned beef, etc.), 16 oz. canned tomatoes, 16 oz. canned fruit, sugar, cereal, grits, oatmeal, elbow noodles, jelly, 1 lbs. rice, teabags. God bless you for any assistance you may offer to this meaningful ministry!

## News at St. Mary's

### Mary's Kitchen Service Date

Our parish's next quarterly service date is **Saturday, October 3rd**, at Mary's Kitchen. The ECW is scheduled to serve on this date. If you would like to volunteer for this date, please contact [Audra Haddad](mailto:Audra_Haddad@5haddad@suddenlink.net) at [5haddad@suddenlink.net](mailto:5haddad@suddenlink.net). 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](mailto:jshimer4300@gmail.com).



### Belk Charity Sale to Benefit Mary's Kitchen



Mary's Kitchen is participating with our local Belk Department Store for their Charity Sale Event, **October 9th-11th**. Please consider purchasing these \$5 tickets that are valid for your local Belk purchase while 100% of the proceeds will go to supporting our ministry! With the loss of our Bingo Night due to the Coronavirus, this event will help us reach our revenue goals for this year. Purchase your \$5 ticket(s) at the church office during business hours, or mail a check made payable to Mary's Kitchen stating "charity sale" on the memo line (800 Rountree St., Kinston, NC 28501) and we will mail your tickets back to you. We thank you for your support and our friends at Belk for this opportunity!

## Worship



**All Saints Sunday, November 1st**

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

All Saints Day is a Principle Feast Day, and it is an added blessing to be able to celebrate a Confirmation Sunday as well with Bishop Skirving's visit to St. Mary's. Confirmations will take place at the **9:30am** outdoor liturgy, but the online liturgy will also reflect this special occasion as well! Please keep all our confirmands and their families in your prayers!

We are thrilled to have two baptisms planned for the month of October! At the **9:30am** liturgy on **Sunday, October 11th**, we welcome **Katie Elizabeth Hamm**, daughter of Elizabeth and Gary Hamm, into the household of God! Then, as part of the pre-recorded online liturgy on **Sunday, October 25th**, we will do the same for **John Harvey McNairy, Jr. ("JJ")**, son of Allie and Jack McNairy. Renewal of Baptismal vows will be a part of all of the liturgies offered on those Sundays. Please keep Katie, JJ, and their families in your prayers! Let us pray:



*Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



# Christian Education

## THE FOUR GOSPELS



### ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Adult Christian Formation Class meets on **Sunday mornings at 10:45-11:45am in Moseley Hall** after our online service has been published and the outdoor service ends. At the time of publishing, up to 25 people may be in Moseley Hall, socially distanced and wearing face coverings. Participants should enter Moseley Hall through the door closest to the West Lawn worship area, and an usher will be present to help offer directions. If maximum capacity is reached for the in-person class, we also offer an online class through Zoom. Please contact the church office if you need the Zoom link sent to you again. This month we continue the eight-week "Study of the Gospels" led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Spaugh. Through the vast archaeological evidence that supports the gospels, we can study and learn about the Good News of Jesus through the unique perspective of each Gospel. We hope you will join us!

## ECW



*And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was GOOD.*

*Genesis 1:11-12*

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. Let's make spring of 2021 one to remember! Bulb brochures and order forms are available now and have been emailed to ECW members. Please be sure to print out and turn in your bulb orders with payment included to the church office, Laury Sargeant's front porch (1105 Margaret Lane), or to Juliet Barrus **by Monday, October 11th**. If you prefer, physical brochures and order forms are available for pick up on Laury's front porch any time day or night. Let's share the Flower Power by planting the beauty of God's creation and by supporting the ECW in its continued outreach efforts.



Join us for more from Genesis at the ECW Women's Bible Study **every Tuesday at 4pm**. The Zoom link was emailed to

ECW members on Sept. 9th. Contact Pam Mazingo for questions or assistance with the Zoom link.

## Tuesday Bible Study



### Hand in Hand Partnership News

1200 sheets of paper, 280 pencils, 104 glue sticks, 72 boxes of crayons, 70 composition books, 17 scissors, 12 highlighters, 6 backpacks, 6 erasers, 6 folders, 4 pencil boxes, 3 rulers, and 1 large dose of God's LOVE were delivered to Northwest school on Wednesday, September 23rd. Thank you St. Mary's for your continued support of the children of Northwest Elementary as they head back to the physical classroom! We offer prayers for all! If you are interested in being a part of the Hand in Hand prayer team for teachers and classrooms, please contact Laury Sargeant @ [jsarg4@suddenlink.net](mailto:jsarg4@suddenlink.net).

# Youth @ St. Mary's

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Oct. 1, 3:45-5:15pm**

### Coffee with Liz

EYC High Schoolers ONLY are invited to join Liz at Middle Grounds for coffee, discussion, and fellowship.

**Oct. 4, 4-5:15pm**

### Blessing of the Animals

Youth confirmands are invited to participate where they will make an eco-friendly bird feeder. You will receive confirmation homework for next week.

**Oct. 10, 6-9:30pm**

### EYC Movie on the Lawn

**Oct. 11, 4-5:15pm**

### Confirmation Class

**Oct. 15, 3:45-5:15pm**

### Coffee with Liz

EYC High Schoolers ONLY are invited to join Liz at Middle Grounds for coffee, discussion, and fellowship.

**Oct. 16, 6-8pm**

### EYC High School Only

Fun, food, discussion

**Oct. 18, 4-5:15pm**

### Confirmation Class

**Oct. 18, 6-7pm**

### Family Compline & Fire

West Lawn

**Oct. 25, 4-5:15pm**

### Family Pumpkin Carving

Join us for special pumpkin projects for all ages and pumpkin carving contest for EYC on the lawn.

**Oct. 25, 4-5:15pm**

### Confirmation Class

**Oct. 30, 5-7pm**

### Instructed Eucharist Meal

Join us for a very special meal together as our final preparation/celebration before confirmation.

**Oct. 31, 5-6pm**

### Trunk-or-Treat

**Nov. 1, 9:30am**

### CONFIRMATION!!!!



St. Mary's is hosting a "Trunk-or-Treat" in the church parking lot from **5-6pm on Halloween, Saturday, October 31**. Church members and friends are asked to reserve a parking space and decorate their vehicles to welcome children from the neighborhood on their Trick-Or-Treating rounds. This year, to help make this as safe an event as possible for all participants, candy will **NOT** be handed out **AT** your vehicle. Instead, Halloween treats will be distributed in a creative, fun way....a **GIANT candy slide!!!** This is an excellent way to offer a fun, safe, and joyful gift to our neighbors and community. Stay tuned for more information! Email Liz Hengst at [lhengst@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:lhengst@stmaryskinston.com) with any questions.



### EYC MOVIE NIGHT

Grab a chair or blanket and bring a friend!!! Let's enjoy a movie night on the west lawn, **Saturday, October 10th, 6:30-9pm!**



This year, the Happening community will gather in a new, modified way: Happening Emerge. This event will take place via Zoom on **Saturday, October 24th from 9:30am-12:30pm**. Open only to those who have attended at least one Happening. Registration is required by **Oct. 15th**.

[Youth registration form](#)  
[Adult registration form](#)

### COFFEE WITH LIZ

Be sure to join Liz at Middle

Grounds the **1st & 3rd Thursday**

of each month from **3:45-5:15pm** for fellowship and conversation! EYC High School Students ONLY.



**Family Compline & Campfire**  
**Sunday, Oct. 18**



**West Lawn**  
**6-7pm**

**Stay CONNECTED**

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### Quarterly Contribution Statements

Quarterly statements for contributions made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church will be mailed **no later than October 15, 2020**. God bless your stewardship to the work of spreading the Good News of Christ to a world in need!



### WORSHIP WITH ST. MARY'S

**8:00 am**

**Online Liturgy of Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Spiritual Communion)**  
 posted to [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)

**9:30 am**

**Outdoor Liturgy of Holy Eucharist: Rite 2**

West Lawn, Weather Permitting

*This service is offered following the guidelines described in Fr. Tom's [Pastoral Letter to the Church](#) from September 8. Please read it, especially if you plan to attend outdoor liturgy.*

### ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2020	2021	2022
Jess Edwards	Jimmy Ballard	John John
Gerry Fox	Sam Gilmore	Scott Turik
Whitney Grady	Jessica Shimer	Dee Warner
Jo Parrott	Stuart Stroud	Harry Wooten
	Senior Warden – Jo Parrott	
	Junior Warden – Jimmy Ballard	
	Clerk – Whitney Grady	
	Treasurer – Billy Page	