

October 2023



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

# The Bell Ringer

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*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,  
to send out workers into his harvest field.  
~ Matthew 9:38*

Read about these ministries  
and more during this season  
of harvest at St. Mary's:

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## From the Rector



What a summer! I have tried so many times to put into words just what the time of sabbatical has meant to me, but I feel that each attempt falls short. I believe the reason why is because some things - like time and relationships - are simply priceless and beyond the possibility of full description. This sabbatical afforded our family (Holly, the boys, Papa, and my mother... who unfortunately could not be captured as a pirate this time around!) the opportunity to be present with one another in a way that we had never experienced before. I will always think of this summer, not only with appreciation for the adventures, the renewal, the prayer, the baking(!), and the sabbath rest that it entailed, but also with gratitude for all of you who served at and from St. Mary's in such a variety of ways as the Gospel of Jesus Christ continued to be proclaimed in word and deed! God bless you. As I return to life and ministry with you this Fall, I am also grateful for our priceless time and relationships together. This edition of the BellRinger highlights many examples of time & relationships. It also shares news of some leadership transitions in our common life & ministry. Please join me in prayers of thanksgiving, especially, for the ministries of Sharon Veitch, Clifton Carey, Rob Bizzell, & Mark Moore, as well as for the Holy Spirit's guidance for all of us in discerning and following God's call on our lives! Yours in Christ Jesus, 

## Consecration Sunday is Coming - October 29!



### Consecration Sunday

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 29th**, we will have a guest preacher, the Rev. Eric Mills, who serves as the Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Southport, NC. Father Eric 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!



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Organist & Choirmaster	<a href="#">Dr. 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

#### Burial:

**Roberta Langley Johnson**

*June 9, 2023*

**George Webb LaRoque**

*June 22, 2023*

**Mark John Hollar, Sr.**

*September 25, 2023*

**Phillip Andrew Kilpatrick**

*September 26, 2023*



### New Vestry Leadership

We are grateful for **Clifton Carey's** dedicated service to God at St. Mary's in many ways and appreciate his leadership on the Vestry. After his recent resignation, **Rob Bizzell** has accepted the Vestry's invitation to serve the remainder of the vacant vestry term, which concludes at the end of 2024. Welcome, Rob!



### Sunday Morning Parish Breakfast

Sundays at 9am

Moseley Hall

Provided by Men's Cook Teams

All are invited!!!

No charge - love offerings accepted



### Cherished Members' Luncheon!



This special ministry celebrates our Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends with a luncheon in **Moseley Hall** at **11:30am on the first Thursday of each month beginning October 5th**. It's a great time to get together with friends and enjoy a delicious meal lovingly prepared and served by members of St. Mary's. Sign up in the Narthex or call the parish office!

### Blood Drive



St. Mary's will host a Fall Blood Drive on **Monday, October 23rd, from noon-4pm** in Moseley Hall. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred. To make yours, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or phone 1-800- REDCROSS

## More News at St. Mary's (cont'd)

### Farewell from Organist & Choirmaster Sharon Veitch

After serving for over twelve years at St. Peter's by-the-sea Episcopal Church in Swansboro, NC, God called me to serve in Kinston, NC for seven years as St. Mary's Organist and Choirmaster. With over fifty years of service as an organist and choirmaster to multiple denominations, including military installations, I sense the call of God to begin the next chapter in His service. My last Sunday of service at St. Mary's will be October 22, 2023.

The privilege and honor of serving at St. Mary's is a treasure and memory that will be carried in my heart as I move on to serve our God in the way He will direct. It has been a blessing to be part of your lives through providing piano, voice, and dance lessons, duets with Ily, weekly Sunday Eucharists, weddings, baptisms, funerals, memorial services, ordinations, consecrations, graduations, choir, handbells, children's music, Evensongs, St. Mary's Day, Advent, Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Saturday Vigil, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, and our beloved, The Boar's Head Festival. Oh, so many memories....

There were difficult times during my service at St. Mary's. Those difficult times included COVID which brought challenges to the music ministry and navigating ministry on all fronts; time spent visiting my mother until she was called home to be with God; a time of physical pain and finally, having surgery and recuperation necessary for a healthy return to St. Mary's; and the rigorous road of study and practice for the degree of Doctor of Sacred Music. Thank you for your prayers and support through many of these experiences.

I give thanks to God for all of you and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

“The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

Blessings and love,  
Sharon

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*Episcopal*  
CHURCH  
*Welcomes You!*



Life with  
St. Mary's:  
A  
Newcomer  
Gathering

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 continuation of this **3-session series on October 8th & October 15th**. We'll meet after the 10:30am liturgy, and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by the Friday before each gathering to Fr. Tom at [tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com). Welcome!!



### Ironclad Race Aid Station

St. Mary's will serve as an aid station for the "home stretch" of the MEB

Ironclad Race 1/2 Marathon (and a block away from the 5k route) on **October 21st from 8-11am**. If you would like to dress up in a Boar's Head costume, cheer on the runners, and hand out water that day, please contact the church office or Holly Warren by October 18th!

## From Mary's Kitchen

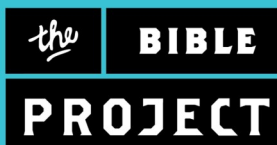


September 24 was a momentous day for Mary's Kitchen with mixed emotions. On the one hand, we hosted an open house in celebration of the completion of a major renovation to the kitchen. Visitors were able to view the modernized facilities which include new storage units, reorganized space for freezers and refrigerators, new stainless-steel cabinets and counters in the kitchen, and repainted rooms throughout. Executive Director, Jim Godfrey; and Head Chef, Mark Moore were recognized for their leadership and dedication to bring the improvements to fruition, while managing the continuation of day-to-day operations. [Click here to read the press release from Neuse News!](#)



However, we also shared the news that, after 8 years of service to Mary's Kitchen, Mark Moore is moving on to a new season of service to others in the community. We are incredibly grateful for Mark's dedication to Mary's Kitchen and wish him all the best. With his departure, Mary's Kitchen is now actively seeking someone to fill the Head Chef position. Some information regarding this position may be found on the [Mary's Kitchen Facebook page](#), but all inquiries should come to Jim Godfrey at [maryskitchen@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:maryskitchen@stmaryskinston.com) or 252-523-6146.

## Christian Formation



### Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for Adult Christian Formation. This season we will explore BIG ideas core to the biblical story from their first appearance through the entire narrative of the Bible using lessons from The Bible Project. Come learn and experience the connection and cohesiveness of The Good News from Genesis to Revelation! ALL are welcome!

(Check out The Bible Project resources at [www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com).)

## Episcopal Church Women

Happy Fall!!!

- The wonderful ECW group serves at Mary's Kitchen on **Saturday, October 7th, from 8:30am-12pm**. This quarter we are collecting water and Little Debbie snacks for the Kitchen.
- The ECW Bulb Sale Fundraiser concludes this month. Don't miss this wonderful fundraising effort that supports the many ministries of the ECW within our parish and our larger community. Be sure to place your order **before the deadline, Monday, October 9th**.
- And lastly, don't forget our ECW Bunco Event on **Sunday, October 29th from 3-5pm in Moseley Hall**.

We hope you will join us this fall for all the wonderful moments of faith and fellowship!





# Worship

Join us October 1, 2023

## Mass on the Grass Service

10:30am on the West Lawn

Bring a chair or a blanket, invite a friend, and enjoy this beautiful outdoor worship!



### *St. Francis of Assisi* Celebrate the Feast Day with a Blessing of the Animals

On **Sunday, October 8th, at 4pm**, ALL ANIMALS are welcome inside St. Mary's Church for the annual Blessing of the Animals liturgy!! All animals are to be accompanied by their human friends and restrained either by leash or carrier/cage. A special offering of monetary donations and pet food will be collected for the Lenoir County SPCA.



### St. Barnabas Semi-Annual Service

Join us for this special service on **Saturday, October 28th, at 10am** in Snow Hill, NC. The Holy Eucharist liturgy will be from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, and there will be fellowship

time immediately following. All are welcome!



**REVIVAL  
POSTPONED**

### An Important East Carolina Revival Update

We regret to share that the "Episcopal Revival, Open House, Open Hearts" has been postponed. Collaborations for a future date/event are on pause while Bishop Curry recovers from recent surgery. Please keep him, his family, his staff, and his medical team in your prayers.



### ALL SAINTS EVENSONG

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm



Mark your calendars! There are **98 days** between October 1st and the 2024 Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival on **Sunday, January 7th, 2024 at 3:00pm & 5:00pm.**

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



## EYC Coffee with Liz

October 5th & 19th ~ 4:00-5:30 pm  
(at Daily Grind on Vernon Ave.)

## Wednesday Night Suppers & Lessons

Wednesdays in October ~ 6-7:30pm  
*All Ages*

Join us for dinner, time to learn, and time to grow together. Staffed nurseries are available.

## Kid's Sunday School

Each Sunday in October ~ 9:30-10:20am  
*Birth-5th Grade*

Join us for Bible story time, activities, prayer, and fun!

## EYC Formation

Each Sunday in October ~ 9:30-10:20am  
*6th grade-12th grade*

Join us for Bible questions, discussion, activities, prayer, and fellowship!

## From the Desk of Liz:

Happy October! It finally feels like fall is here! What do y'all like best about fall?

## Join us for these events in October:

- **Sunday, October 8th, 4pm**  
Blessing of the Animals service
- **October 13th-14th**  
Overnight Raleigh Trip for High Schoolers  
Join us for some Raleigh history and college fun! Contact Liz if interested.
- **Sunday, October 15th, 5:30-7:30pm**  
EYC Dinner & Halloween movie night  
Moseley Hall
- **Sunday, October 22nd, 2-3:30pm**  
Family Ministry Afternoon in the Park  
Join us at Neuseway Nature Park  
All ages are welcome!
- **Friday, October 27th, 5-8pm**  
Family Ministry Dinner & Games  
Dinner will be provided  
Bring a dessert to share!  
All ages invited!
- **Saturday, October 28th, 9-11am**  
Family Ministry Service Day  
At Common Ground Community Garden  
Activities for all ages!

**Liz**

## SAVE THESE DATES

- November 10th-12th Family Ministry Camping Weekend
- November 17th-19th - Fall Conference for Middle Schoolers (6th-8th Grades) at Trinity Center
- November 22 - EYC at Mary's Kitchen



## TRUNK OR TREAT

**Monday, October 31st**  
**4:30-6pm**

**St. Mary's West Lawn**

Teens/Adults: Decorate your trunks & welcome trunk-or-treaters!

Kids: Come for trunk-or-treat, games, & candy!

Families: Come hungry ~ the EYC will be selling dinner



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**CARDS, CASSEROLES,  
 & CARE**  
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If you know of someone in need of a little cheering up, please feel free to explore thoughtful cards that are located in the credenza closest to the stage in Moseley Hall. Fill someone's day with a little sunshine, let them know that you are thinking of them, or send a message of comfort in times of sorrow. You will find a notebook there of our parish members who are currently on our prayer list as well. They would love to hear from us all! If you need to add a bit of warmth and sustenance....you will find a casserole in the kitchen freezer labeled specifically for CCC. Thank you for participating, and please let me know if I can do anything to help make this easier. Peace to ALL!

Anne Lindley, Pastoral Care  
 252-521-6404

### SUNDAYS

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel  
 9:00 am - Parish Breakfast in Moseley Hall  
 9:30 am - Christian Formation for All Ages  
 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church  
 (livestreamed to [YouTube](#) and shared on [Facebook](#))

### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

8:30 am - Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel

### WEDNESDAYS

7:00 am - Men's Prayer & Bible Group in Moseley Hall  
 6:00 pm - Wednesday Share & Prayer

### ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2023	2024	2025
Skip Greene	Rob Bizzell	Andrew Dupstadt
Audra Haddad	Jess Edwards	Bonnie Holton
Vicki Kennedy	Jo Parrott	Anne Lindley
Pam Mazingo	Ginny Wade	Jim Purnell
Senior Warden – Vicki Kennedy	Clerk – Audra Haddad	
Junior Warden – Jim Purnell	Treasurer – Corey Fader	