



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA MARCH 2, 2025 LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

Connection Card in the pew rack so that we might connect with you further. More information about our parish is available online at www.stmaryofthehills.org. Members of our Vestry (*elected lay leadership*) are identified by name tags with yellow lanyards. Seek them out for details about our congregation's life and ministry.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY UNCTION – Holy Unction, prayers for healing and anointing with Christm oil, is offered today following the 8 am and 10:10 am services.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Godly Play + Rector's Forum Joint Learning:** Adults and children alike are invited to join us this morning for a conversation about our appointed Scripture passage on the Transfiguration of Jesus. We will approach this powerful story in a style relevant to all ages and gather at 9 am in the Barrett Room.
- **Youth:** Youth Formation occurs at 9 am in the St. Mary room. Students will talk about the Transfiguration of Jesus.
- **Children & Worship:** This offering runs through the first portion of the 10:10 am service. The children begin church as usual and leave together during the *Gloria* for a lesson that corresponds with the Sunday readings. Kids will join their families in the Nave during the passing of the Peace.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Join us at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, March 4, for the annual pancake supper sponsored by Men's Breakfast as we prepare for Ash Wednesday and entering the Lenten season together. A short service of Evening Prayer occurs at 5:15 pm, just prior to supper.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Join us at Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will occur at 7 am, noon and 6 pm on Wednesday, March 5. All are welcome. The nursery will be open for those attending the 6 pm service and will be staffed from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for children up at age 5.

'LISTENING TO YOUR LIFE': JOURNALING AS A LENTEN PRACTICE – Journaling is a beautiful spiritual practice particularly when it involves reflecting on the Daily Office and Lectionary readings. Please join us on Ash Wednesday morning to learn more about this spiritual practice as a Lenten discipline. We will meet in the Barrett Room from 10:30 am – 11:45 am or so and then gather in the Nave for Ash Wednesday service and the Imposition of the Ashes (if you have time!). Bring your journal, if possible (we'll also have journals available for purchase). The group will meet every other Wednesday during Lent. For more details, contact Owene Courtney at 904.553.7338 or email owene_courtney@yahoo.com.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: RISE AGAINST HUNGER ON MARCH 16 – We'll be joining Rumble Presbyterian in packaging meals at Blowing Rock School for Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, March 16. There are plenty of volunteer spots available for setup, meal packaging and cleanup. Sign up at <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/outreach>.

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 18-20 – More details and registration information coming soon.

WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 2

- 8 am: Holy Eucharist
Unction (after service)
- 9 am: Children + Adult Joint Formation
Youth Formation
- 10:10 am: Holy Eucharist
Children & Worship
Unction (after service)

Tuesday, March 4: Shrove Tuesday

5:15 pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 5:

Ash Wednesday

- 7 am: Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- Noon: Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 6 pm: Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Monday — Friday

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sean, our Presiding Bishop; José our Bishop; Andrew, Sam and Gary, our clergy; for our Vestry and staff; for all the people of this parish

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

03/02: Michael & Susan Donahue

03/03: Joe & Diana Doswell

03/04: Joe & Virginia Dulaney

03/05: Dave & Julie Dutra

03/06: Joe & Patty Dyer

03/07: Jeff & Nancy Eastman

03/08: G. Loy & Melissa Ehlers

In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer: St. David's, Cullowhee

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Donald our President; Josh, our Governor; all those who hold elected office

For all who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Israel and Palestine

For all affected by natural disaster, especially those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and those impacted by fires throughout California

For healing: Dale, Bill & Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Clare, Bill Tessien, Emily R., Bob, Marty, Sam, Gary, Charlie, Pam L., Joe D., Lucy, Mary M.

****Please note that the names on this list will remain for four weeks, unless the office is notified that the person(s) needs to remain on the list for a longer period of time.****

For those who have died: Amy, Mary Ann C., Eric R., Burt D., Jeannette

For those with other concerns: All who are disenfranchised, Topper

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Caitlyn, Chelsea, Hanna, Katherine, Kelley

For those celebrating a birthday:

03/01: Rhonda Ann McDonald

03/02: Alethea Rundell, Eden Rundell

03/03: Van Joffrion, Nedra McCraw, Larry Turnbow

03/04: Olivia Knight

03/05: Mark Curry, Spencer Blackburn

03/07: Suzanne Miller

03/08: Iris Caldwell, Anne Jones