



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA APRIL 6, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Visit <https://stmaryofthehills.org/lent> to learn about worship & Formation offerings during Lent.

- **Book Study** – Join Fr. Andrew in reading Henri Nouwen's classic book, "Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World." Conversation circles convene on Tuesdays from noon to 1 pm in the Church library.
- **Evening Prayer** – 4 pm, Wednesdays in the Church
- **Stations of the Cross** – Noon, Fridays in the Church
- **Rite of Reconciliation** – The Reconciliation of Penitent, or 'Confession', is offered from 11 am until 11:45 am on Fridays, and anytime by appointment.

TODAY'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum:** At 9 am, we continue our series "Signs of Life: Why Church Matters," developed for use by the Society of St. John the Evangelist in the Barrett Room.
- **Youth:** At 9 am, middle and high school students gather in the St. Mary room for learning and fellowship.
- **Children & Worship:** This offering runs through the first portion of the 10:10 am service. The children begin church as usual, process from the Church together and rejoin their families during the Peace. Today, children will learn about the Exile and Return.

EASTER FLOWERS – If you would like to make a gift toward flowers or music in honor of or in memory of a loved one as we approach Easter, please complete the form located outside the main office. You can place your form in the offering plate or in the wooden box outside the office. You can also contribute through the "Giving" tab in your Realm Profile. April 13 is the deadline for inclusion in the Easter bulletins.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: VBS JUNE 18-20 – We will join Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church again this year for VBS, which will be held June 18-20. This year's VBS theme is *Wild Wonder*, where kids will embark on a fun-filled exploration of God's incredible creation. You can register your children online by visiting <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/VBS>.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 3 PARISH WORK DAY – Join us from 9 am to noon for an indoor projects that include a special cleaning, and organization in our Parish kitchen, Parish closet and storage rooms. Refreshments will be served.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 13-20, 2025

You are invited to join us for the journey of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist (spoken)
10:10am Holy Eucharist w/ Palms Procession*

Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, silence, prayer, and proclamation.

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

12:00pm Daily Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist*

Good Friday

7:00am Stations of the Cross
12:00pm The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday*
1:00-4:00pm Stations of the Cross (outdoors; self-guided)

Holy Saturday

8:30am Liturgy of Holy Saturday
7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter*

Easter Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:30am Easter Egg Hunt
10:10am Festal Holy Eucharist*



*services include the use of incense

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:

04/06: Marjory Holder & Larry Turnbow

04/07: Alice Holt

04/08: Art & Sandra Hooper

04/09: Betty Howe

04/10: Sterling Hutcheson

04/11: Frank & Aline Irizarry

04/12: Bob & Anne Jones

In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer: Calvary, Fletcher

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

For healing: Dale, Bill & Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Clare, Emily R., Bob, Marty, Joe D., Jennifer W., Kristin L., Corrine C., Nick, Kim, Rebecca, Marge M., Andrew C., Nancy, Jim, Lucy, Chris M., Mary M., Gae Best, Louis

****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: Ed, Fred, Leah Honeycutt, Joe D.

For those traveling: JoAnn, Karen & Valek, Angela

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Caitlyn, Chelsea, Hanna, Katherine, Kelley, Taylor Griffis, Anna, Libba, Nicole, Amanda, Mills

For those celebrating a birthday:

04/07: Paul Delmonico

04/09: Alva Browning, Barbara Ballesty

04/11: Jim Bumgardner

04/12: Lindsey Postlethwait

For those celebrating an anniversary:

04/08: Jim & Sue Corcoran