



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

APRIL 13, 2025

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

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

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 13-20, 2025

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

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



Palm Sunday

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

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)
9:15am Easter Egg Hunt
10:10am Festal Holy Eucharist*

*services include the use of incense

CHRISTIAN FORMATION – There is no Christian Formation (adults, children, youth, Children & Worship) today or Easter Sunday. We encourage you all to join us at 9:15 am on April 20 for the Easter Egg Hunt.

CHILDREN'S BOOK FUNDRAISER FOR HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF, REBUILDING, AND RECOVERY – Parishioner and children's book author Jocelyn Lacey will lead us through a reading of her newest and fifth children's book, "Michael's Journey from Caterpillar to Butterfly" during Formation hour on April 27. This is an all ages Formation offering. Books will be available for sale and signing, and she'll also speak for a few minutes during coffee minute. Twenty percent of book sales will be donated to Hurricane Helene relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts.

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 and return it by tomorrow, April 13, for inclusion in the Easter bulletins.

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>.

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.

ST. MARY'S BASKETBALL CHARITY POOL – Cynthia Tessien tallied 141 points and picked the University of Florida to win the first ever St. Mary of the Hills charity basketball pool for March Madness. Cynthia topped Marshall Culp, who was second with 120 points and Doug Galke who finished third with 119 points. Thanks to all who participated and made the tourney a little more fun by doing so. A one-hundred-dollar donation will be made in Cynthia's name to a charity supported by our parish.

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:

04/13: Larry & Faith Jones

04/14: Martha Jones

04/15: John Jordan & Coleman Burgess

04/16: Maureen Justice

04/17: Lisa Kaufmann

04/18: Butch & Donna Kerns

04/19: Chris & Angela King, Kirri Bush, Sophia Weaver, Bella Weaver

In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer: Peace in the Diocese of Jerusalem

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, Marge M., Andrew C., Nancy, Jim, Lucy, Chris M., Mary M., Gae Best, Louis, Evie. Eric, Myra, Mary, Chandler, Mike

****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, Leah Honeycutt, Joe D., Jim Wise, Reba

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

For those traveling: Helene, Jim & Kay S.

For those celebrating a birthday:

04/13: Paul McGill

04/14: Steve White, Ethan Rundell, David Hege

04/17: Sterling Hutcheson

04/19: Lindsey Herring

For those celebrating an anniversary:

04/16: Andy & Claudia Heath

04/18: Chris & Katherine Metzger