



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA APRIL 27, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHOR & HURRICANE RELIEF TODAY –

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" today at 9 am. This is a multigenerational Formation offering. Twenty percent of book sales will be donated to Hurricane Helene relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts. All are welcome to join us in support of local authors and hurricane relief efforts.

FEAST OF ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES MAY 1 – Holy Eucharist will be offered on Thursday, May 1, at noon in observance of this festival day.

BROKENNESS, TRAUMA, HEALING & REDEMPTION CONVERSATION MAY 2 – On Friday, May 2, at 11 am, at the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, join Fr. Andrew and artist Sara Vaughn for a conversation about the themes of brokenness, trauma, healing, and redemption in art and theology. All are welcome!

PARISH WORK DAY MAY 3 – Join us from 9 am to noon on Saturday, May 3, as we tackle indoor projects that include a special cleaning, and organization in our Parish kitchen, Parish closet and storage rooms. Refreshments will be served.

ECW MEETING MAY 6 – The Episcopal Church Women will meet for a potluck dinner May 6 at 5:30 pm and talk about plans for upcoming events. If anyone can help with the setup it would be greatly appreciated. RSVP Sue Wilders at 561.371.5989.

MAY FORUM SERIES: CREATION THROUGH A CELTIC LENS – Join us for a new adult forum series led by The Rev. Torrence Harman in May. We'll explore the Celtic Way woven within our Western Christian Tradition. This Celtic Way highlights the sacredness of earth, the interrelatedness of all life and finding the Holy in ordinary rhythms of living. While each session offers a "stand-alone" forum time, you are encouraged to attend the full series for a more intensive study. Class occurs at 9:10 am on May 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Torrence at 804-436-7591 or Formation Director Lindsey Herring at Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org with questions.

COFFEE MINUTE VOLUNTEERS – This is our primary point of contact each Sunday following the 10:10 am Eucharist and it's a great time of fellowship. Partner with a friend to host and help cultivate a space of hospitality and welcome. Contact Director of Hospitality & Facilities Bill Devereux at bill@stmaryofthehills.org to learn more.

ABOUT ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

Commemoration: May 1

Two of the Twelve Apostles, St. Philip and St. James the Less, are celebrated on May 1. Both of these men are mentioned infrequently in the synoptic gospels. However, Philip is mentioned several times in the Gospel According to John and is thought to be among those following John the Baptist. Philip is notably referenced in the Feeding of the Five Thousand.

Commonly known as James the Less to distinguish among the other prominent men named James in the Bible (James, brother of Jesus and James, son of Zebedee), this apostle is the son Alphaeus. He spent a great deal of time in Jerusalem, but otherwise very little is known about his life. (Adapted from Episcopalchurch.org)

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:

04/27: Mike & Sarah Matthews

04/28: Daryl Mathias

04/29: Jeff McBride, Paige

04/30: Ed McCauley

05/01: Kay McCloskey

05/02: Roy & Nedra McCraw

05/03: Jasmin McFayden & Tony Dienst, Maggie

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Philip's, Brevard

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, Gae, Emily R., Bob, Marty, Evie, Jerry & Stephanie M., Myra, Mary, Chandler, Mike, Charlie, Kaye

****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: Reba, Joe D., Michael, Denver

For those with other concerns: Justice and the Rule of Law, Kilmar Agrego Garcia, Spencer Armstrong & Family

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

04/28: Gay Miller

04/29: Christina Hayes, Abbie Anderson

04/30: John Rundell

05/03: George Ball

For those celebrating an anniversary:

04/27: Bob & Sabine Miller

04/29: Steve & Amanda White