



**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**MAY 5, 2024**

**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](http://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**

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

- Godly Play: Olivia Knight and Elizabeth Sudderth continue the series "Knowing Jesus in a New Way," as we learn about the transition between Jesus' earthly ministry and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Join us at 9AM in the St. Luke Room.
- Rector's Forum: Father Andrew continues leading us in conversation about the Acts of the Apostles. He'll explore scripture passages from the days of the early Church, immediately following the Resurrection. Grab a cup of coffee and meet us in the Barrett Room at 9AM.

**UNCTION TODAY** – Unction (prayers for healing & anointing with oil) will be offered following each service this morning.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TODAY** – At 1PM we'll continue our spring Confirmation classes in the St. Mary room. Reach out to Formation Director Lindsey Herring ([lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org)) or Father Andrew ([rector@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:rector@stmaryofthehills.org)) to learn more.

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION** – Join us at noon on Thursday, May 9, for Holy Eucharist as we celebrate the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ECW MEETING MAY 7** – ECW will be meeting on Tuesday, May 7, at 5:30PM. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share. Conversation will focus on Tour of Homes. RSVP to Sue Wilders ([suejackpaintfly@aol.com](mailto:suejackpaintfly@aol.com)) or Suzanne Miller ([suzieline41@gmail.com](mailto:suzieline41@gmail.com)).

**VBS SIGN-UP** – VBS will be held at St. Mary of the Hills June 17-20. Your children will have the opportunity to explore Jesus' hometown and get a taste of what life was like in Nazareth in Biblical times. Register your child(ren) ages 5-11 online at the St. Mary's website. The deadline to register is coming up next week. Contact Formation Director Lindsey Herring ([lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org)) with questions.

**WELCOME BACK PICNIC** – On May 26, we'll have a welcome back picnic immediately following the 10:10 service, and all are invited. Burgers, hotdogs, vegetarian and gluten-free items are on the menu. Be sure to RSVP for this Trinity Sunday event. You'll receive emailed invitations through Realm, and there will also be a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS** – If you are looking for a meaningful way to honor someone or to remember someone who has died, please consider making a gift to the flower guild for altar flowers for a particular Sunday. Your offering will be noted in the weekly announcement sheet. The suggested amount of an offering is \$60.00.

**COFFEE MINUTE HOSTS** – We are looking for volunteers to host Coffee Minute following the 10:10 Holy Eucharist. Hosts provide light refreshments, assist with set-up and clean-up, and foster a hospitable environment for all. Coffee and tea, linens, etc. are provided by the parish. Partner with a friend and sign-up in the Parish Hall.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

*Today's flowers are lovingly dedicated to celebrating the baptism of Maddox Dean Miller.  
May his spiritual journey be blessed and filled with joy.*

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

**In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:**

05/05 Sarah Schiener

05/06 Terry & Susan Schilson

05/07 Jim & Suzanne Shaut

05/08 Peter Sitz

05/09 Mary Gayle Shorkey

05/10 Tim & Cathia Silver, Julianna

05/11 Michael & Amanda Silverman, Emma

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer:** Church of the Good Shepherd, Cashiers; Church of the Good Shepherd, Hayesville; Church of the Good Shepherd, Tryon

**For our nation and those in positions of public trust:** Joseph, our President, Roy, 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 throughout the world.**

**For healing:** Adam, Dale, Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Gary, Kay McCloskey, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Chris, Logan, Bob J., Mary M., Andrew C., Shelia & Ray, Valerie, Gae, Catherine, Kim, Bob, Cindy, Lauren, Robert, Vincent, Beth C., Ellie, Aubrey, Peggy, Keira, Laney, Julie, Jim, Mark, James, Dianne, Kelly, Skip, Elaine, Lynn, Lucas, Belinda, Jamie

*\*\*\*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:** Richard, Jan Johnson, Ashley, Jonathan, Sarah, Jo Rankin

**For those with other concerns:** Blair, Bobby, Daniel & Family

**For those traveling this week:** Dallas, Kay & Jim, Bunky & Teena, Luba

**For safe pregnancy and delivery:** Emily, Megan Redford, Caitlyn, Neta, Lindsey E., Brittany, Chelsea, Hanna

**For those celebrating a birthday:**

05/05 Bill Battaglia, Jim Buchanan, Joe Doswell,  
Emma Silverman

05/06 Hunter Hallmark, Richard Howe

05/07 Blair Sudderth

05/08 Gina Smith

05/09 Mary Galke, P.J. Martin

05/10 Andy Sicard

**For those celebrating an anniversary:**

05/04 Shawn & Gigi Poole

05/06 Lennon & Megan Redford

05/08 Leslie Temple & Adam Hill

05/09 Cobb & Cindy Milner; Greg Rhoads & Lynn Searfoss