



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

JANUARY 16, 2022

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLK Commemoration – Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and will reopen at 9:00AM on Tuesday, January 18th.

Rector's Forum – The Baptismal Covenant – Embodying our Essentials – Fr. Andrew continues a conversation leading us into deeper exploration of our Baptismal Covenant, the essentials of our faith and practice as followers of Jesus. This Sunday morning we look at the second question of the covenant – ‘Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?’ Join us at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall.

Baptism at St. Mary of the Hills - The next available date for baptism at St. Mary's is at the Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 16th. Please contact Fr. Andrew if you'd like to talk more about baptism for you or someone in your family.

Coffee Minute – Join us in the Foyer (following the 8:00AM Eucharist) or in the Parish Hall (following the 10:10 Eucharist) for coffee, refreshments, and conversation.

Morning Prayer – Morning Prayer resumes this week. We gather each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 8:30AM in the Church. Join us!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Each year, the week between the Feasts of the Confession of St. Peter (January 18th) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25th) marks a week of prayer unity across the Christian tradition. Holy Eucharist will be offered on both feast days at 9:00AM. Join us in these days as we unite our hearts and souls in prayers with siblings throughout the Church.

Altar Flower Opportunities – Is there an important person or a significant event happening in your life? Is there an upcoming birthday or anniversary you would like to honor? Sponsoring the flowers placed at the altar each week is a great way to offer thanks for life's many gifts. Many dates are available for 2022. Please contact Greta Wilson, Parish Administrator, for more information and available dates.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Michael our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff.

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, and all those who hold elected office.

For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.

For healing: Howard Dutra and the Dutra family, Roxanne and Joe, Sally, Kristen, Ann, Jim B., Dave, Cathy, Billy, Joyce and Ricky, Lindsay Hanson, Kitty Norris, Kit R., Susie, Dee, Bruce, Stan, Chris, Brooks family, Mike Murphy, Vinny, M. Mary, Joe Mitchell, Susan and Tom, Carolyn and Charlie, Michael Rhoads, Jim Shine, John Rundell

****(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 with other concerns: Max and Mary

For those who have died: Dee, Carol Dutra, Jim Sutton, Hurbie Miller, Graeme, Seth, Peggy, Dan, Carlos, Justyn, George, Kirby, Cathy

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Marlee, Jen, Rachel

For those traveling this week: Lula, Barbara and Rick

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

01/16 Charles "Bunky" Davant, III, Mike Tinka
01/18 Michelle Curry
01/19 Amanda White
01/21 Bob Barbour

Parish Prayer Cycle:

01/16 Bob and Kay McCloskey
01/17 Roy and Nedra McCraw
01/18 Sam and Rhonda Ann McDonald
01/19 Paul and Loy McGill
01/20 Will Merrill and Andy Sicard
01/21 Chris and Katherine Metzger
01/22 Bob and Sabine Miller

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Episcopal Church Women Daughters of the King