



## ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK,  
NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 31, 2021

### ALTAR FLOWER OFFERING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT Sunday - All Saints Sunday & Choral Evensong** - On November 7th, All Saints Sunday, please note that incense will be used at the 10:10AM Holy Eucharist. Choral Evensong will be offered at 3:00PM. The names of our beloved dead who have died in the past year will be read and remembered at this service. Please share names of loved ones who have died in the past year that you would like to include with Fr. Andrew ([rector@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:rector@stmaryofthehills.org))

**Holy Eucharist on All Saints Day** - A simple Holy Eucharist will be offered on Monday, November 1st, at 12:00PM for All Saints Day. All Saints is also observed on the Sunday following - November 7th.

**Holy Eucharist on All Souls Day** - A simple Holy Eucharist will be offered on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 12:00PM, for All Souls Day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed. Names of our beloved dead who have died in the past year will be read as a part of this service; these will also be read and remembered at Evensong on Sunday, November 7th, at 3:00PM.



**A Season of Faithful Giving** - Thank you for your faithful generosity in response to our annual giving campaign for 2022. So far, we have received 50 pledges for \$233,336. It's not too late to make your commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Mary of the Hills in the year ahead.

Pledge cards are available in the pew racks as well as online at [www.stmaryofthehills.org/stewardship](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org/stewardship).

**Fall Grounds Clean-up Day** – We are having a Fall Clean-up the grounds day on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm. We need many volunteers to help prepare our church grounds for the winter. Please bring your rakes, wheelbarrows, and gloves and wear your work clothes. It will be work but more than that-it will be FUN!

Sign-up online here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-workday-november-13-2021-tickets-199243411407>.

**Bread of Life** – 25 years ago St. Mary's started the Bread of Life Program with one team serving one dinner a month to Hospitality House. Hospitality House is a shelter serving a seven-county area of the High Country which includes Watauga County. Approximately 20 to 30 meals were served. In 2021 over 6,000 meals will be prepared by 5 teams. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bread of Life teams have continued to serve the community by dropping off meals or purchasing meals from F.A.R.M. Café'. The need continues to grow and more volunteers are needed and welcomed to join a team. It is one day per month, a small time commitment that serves so many. It is truly an act of love. Please contact Sue Wilders (828-355-9751) or the parish office ([office@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:office@stmaryofthehills.org)) and we will connect you with a team leader.

**Morning Prayer – Two Options (In-Person and Online)** – Morning Prayer is offered each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 8:30AM in the Church. Morning Prayer is offered at 7:30AM via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Owene Courtney ([owene\\_courtney@yahoo.com](mailto:owene_courtney@yahoo.com)) for more information and for Zoom log-in information.

**Giving** – Your faithful generosity funds our mission and ministry in this community. If you'd like to give online, visit [www.stmaryofthehills.org/donate](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org/donate)

## 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:** Mary Pearce, Sandy Hicks, Pi, Andrew, Chris, Charlie, Mary M., Bo, Charles, Laura, Taryn Barnes, Jeff Hedden, Jane Hedden, Sandie Holder, John Horne, David Murphy, a daughter, Debbie, Frank Thomas, Barbara, Gary, Kit Raulerson, David Murphy, Michael Rhoads, Maha, Jim S., Kay S., Morgan M., Mary, Ashlyn, Susan, Len B., Kay S., Pam, Ham, Joelle, Lucy, Carolyn, Pat R., Richard G., Carole G., Jan, Mary, Jim Shine, Sterling, John Rundell, Virginia, John and Terry Smallwood, Susie, Greg Puhl, Skip Rose

*\*\*\*(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:** Walt and Becky, Lauren, Laura

**For those who have died:** Ken, Graeme, Erin, Paul, Zemma, Joseph Stiefel, Bailey Reis, Owen B., Beverly, Becky, Kevin

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

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

11/02 Mike Page

11/03 Amy Nimens

11/04 Jorgann Rogers

**For those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

11/01 Jim and Gale Buchanan

**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

10/31 Nioucha Branstrom

11/01 Jim Brooks

11/02 Bob and Alva Browning

11/03 Jim and Gale Buchanan

11/04 Jim Bumgardner and Shane Burton

11/05 Ray and Heather Cameron

11/06 Chuck and Kathy Canady