



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 5, 2025

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God and in community with one another.

Restrooms are in the hallway beyond the Foyer. A nursery is available for children up to age five and is in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall. 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Morning Christian Formation Offerings -

- **Rector's Forum** – Fr. Andrew continues a series on the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in the Rector's Forum, beginning at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. This morning, we will consider Nicaea as a Liturgical Moment.
- **Middle/High School** – Join Malia and Ashley in the St. Mary Room for conversation and refreshments at 9:00AM.

Tell Out My Soul – Annual Giving 2026 – With gratitude for the ways that St. Mary's parishioners have supported the mission and ministry of our parish this year, we are looking to the year ahead and making plans for our common life. Our parish relies on your generous financial support. Pledge cards for 2026 are available in the Foyer and Parish Hall, as well as on our website.

Blessing of the Animals – Today - October 5, 2:00PM – Bring your pets and join us next Sunday afternoon at 2:00PM on front lawn of Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church for our annual Blessing of the Animals. All animals must be leashed or crated throughout the service.

Episcopal Church Women to host Campus Ministry - Tuesday, October 7th 6:30PM - The Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry will be joining the ECW for Italian Pot Luck night. Lasagna and Pizza, salad and desserts welcome...bring your favorite. There will be 30 folks from the ministry, plus folks from our congregation. All are welcome. Please RSVP. Help would be greatly appreciated setting the tables. Contact Sue Wilders suejackpaintfly@aol.com

Rowan Williams Book Study - Beginning Monday, October 13 - Fr. Sam will offer a three-week study of *Discovering Christianity: A guide for the curious*. Monday sessions will be 3:45 to 5:00 both in person and by Zoom. This is the former Archbishop of Canterbury's latest book. Williams is one of the most prominent theologians in the Anglican Communion, and this is his invitation to the life-giving possibilities at the heart of the Gospel. Books will be available for purchase both at the church and online. Please register by email to Fr. Sam: sam@stmaryofthehills.org.

Parking Lot Closed Tuesday-Wednesday – This week (weather permitting) the St. Mary's Parking Lot will be undergoing repair, including fresh sealing and striping, and will be closed all of Tuesday and some portion of Wednesday. In addition to street parking along Main Street, parking is available at the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum and at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Save the Date - Annual Chili Cookoff – Sunday, October 26 – 5:30PM – Our annual chili cookoff is just around the corner. Save the date, prepare your favorite chili recipe and join us for fun activities for children & families, friendly competition, good food & fellowship.

Coffee Minute Hosts – Today's Coffee Minute is hosted by some of our youngest parishioners – please join us in the Parish Hall following our 10:10 Holy Eucharist. You can host too! Partner with a friend to host and help cultivate a space of hospitality and welcome for all. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.

Flower Sponsors - Is there an important person or a significant event happening in your life? Sponsoring the flowers placed at the altar each week is a great way to offer thanks for life's many gifts. If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact Michael Marshall in the Parish Office for more information and available dates.

Worship During the Week – Morning Prayer is offered each weekday morning at 8:30AM; this service lasts 15-20 minutes and includes readings from scripture and prayers. Holy Eucharist is also offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sean 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:

10/5 Torre Hinnant & David Brendle
10/6 Majory Holder & Larry Turnbow
10/7 Alice Holt
10/8 Stephen & Judith Creech
10/9 Lindsey Herring
10/10 Toby & Louise Cone, Gillian & Kate
10/11 Mark & Deb Bennett

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For all the Ecumenical Partners of the Diocese, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion

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 Gaza.

For healing: Pete P.; Shawn; Olivia; Luba; Lynn S.; Mike & Sarah; Dale; Bill & Jorgann Rogers; Jeff Hedden; Christine; Ann Greene; Bob Barham; Clare; Evie; Susan; Lynn Turnbow; Leigh; John H. Pat B.; Lucy; Chris M.; Mary M.; Larry, Joan Anderson, Tony; Margaret; Patsy; Leigh; Daniel R.; Susie; Jim; Denny; Lambert; Daniel R; Ishitz; Marie; Pam; Bill; Pat

****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: Andrey Skibo; Jim Tabor

For those with other concerns: The Matthews Family; Josh; Corinne; Joe Dulaney; Hampton; Hayden

For those who travel: Will; Michelle

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Hanna, Lauren, Jennifer, Corinne, Amy, Dani

For those celebrating a birthday

10/5 Gillian Cone
10/6 Richard Goewey
10/7 Bo Henderson; Emma Kate Monroe
10/8 Joe Raulerson
10/9 Carmen Patella