



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

NOVEMBER 2, 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

Rector's Forum – All Saints and All Souls – what are these days and why do we celebrate them? Join Fr. Andrew for conversation at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. Next Sunday, Fr. Andrew will begin a two-week series re-introducing the Gospel of Matthew, from which we will read primarily in worship beginning in the season of Advent and throughout 2026. All are welcome!

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 and our Finance Committee and Vestry are now planning our priorities and budget for the coming year. Pledge cards for 2026 are available in the Foyer and Parish Hall, as well as on our website.

All Souls Requiem and Remembrance – This Afternoon - November 2, 3:00PM – This afternoon, join us for a time of prayer and reflection as our choir sings a Requiem setting by Gabriel Fauré. The necrology will read in the context of the Requiem and prayers offered for our beloved dead who have died over the course of the past year.

November Men's Night Out – St. Mary of the Hills will host Men's Night Out, with friends from St. Luke's, Boone and Holy Cross, Valle Crucis on Tuesday, November 11, beginning at 5:30PM. All are invited and welcome! Contact Bill Devereux (bill@stmaryofthehills.org) to learn more or to RSVP (kindly requested by November 7).

Parent's Night Out – November 16 - In continuation of our children and families' offerings, St. Mary of the Hills will offer a parents night out on Sunday, November 16th from 4:30-7:30PM. We will provide childcare, activities, dinner and a movie. Contact Cayla Honeycutt (cnnoble@alumni.ncsu.edu) for more information or to RSVP.

November Diaper Drive – Throughout the month of November, the Outreach Committee invites the parish to participate in a drive to support the Diaper Bank at the Children's Council of Watauga County. Diapers will be collected in the Foyer and all sizes are currently needed by the Children's Council.

Coffee Minute Hosts – 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 approximately 15-20 minutes and includes readings from scripture along with prayers of intercession for our full parish prayer list. Holy Eucharist is also offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM and on major feast days, as announced.

FLOWER OFFERING

The flowers at the altar are given the glory of God by Billie Rogers
and in honor and memory of my husband, Charles Rogers, on our anniversary

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:

11/2 Will Merrill & Andy Sicard
11/3 Chris & Katherine Metzger
11/4 Bob & Sabine Miller
11/5 Mike & Gay Miller
11/6 Suzanne Miller
11/7 Cobb & Cindy Milner
11/8 Jane Milner

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints, Franklin; All Saints, Gastonia; The Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville; and
for the 103rd Annual Convention of the Diocese to be held on November 8 at Christ School, Asheville

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: Rachel; Pete P.; Olivia; Luba; Lynn S.; Mike & Sarah; Dale; Bill & Jorgann; Jeff Hedden; Christine; Ann
Greene; Bob; Clare; Evie; Susan; Leigh; John H. Pat B.; Lucy A.; Myra; Chris M.; Mary M.; Larry, Joan Anderson, Tony;
Margaret; Patsy; Susie; Jim; Denny; Lambert; Daniel R; Marie; Pam; Bill; Pat; Jonathan; Robert; Anthony D.; Hudson Van
Dyke

****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: Bishop Robert Johnson, Martha Jones, Andrey Skibo

For those with other concerns: The Matthews Family; Josh; Corinne; Joe Dulaney; The Reece Family; Ruby & Family

For those who travel: Barbara & Rick; Booker Purcell, Cecilia; Luba; Mark & Michelle

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

11/2 Mike Page
11/4 Jorgann Rogers