



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

DECEMBER 26, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you! – Many, many thanks to all those who make our Christmas celebrations possible. To our Flower Guild and those who joined in greening and flowering the Church, to our Altar Guild who prepare the elements for Eucharist, to those who organized the Christmas Eve pageant for our children, to our choir who lead beautiful music, to our lectors and altar servers who lead in worship, and to our ushers and greeters who welcome all in Christ's name – THANK YOU!

Rector's Forum – A Rector's Forum will not be held this morning. The Rector's Forum returns Sunday, January 9th, at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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.

Office Hours – The Parish Office will be open limited hours this week, 9:00AM until 5:00PM on Wednesday and Thursday only, as our staff observe holiday time. If you have a pastoral emergency (hospitalization, death in your family, arrest, mental health crisis), please contact Fr. Andrew directly (336.848.4052).

Morning Prayer – There will be no Morning Prayer service at the church from Monday, December 27th-Friday, December 31st.

End of Year Giving – As a reminder, all financial gifts to St. Mary of the Hills must be received or postmarked by December 31st to be included on a 2021 Giving Statement. Joe Raulerson (Financial Secretary) will be in the office on Wednesday, December 29, from 1:00PM until 3:00PM to receive any end of year gifts and answer any questions you might have.

A Season of Faithful Giving - If you haven't made a pledge, it's not too late to make your financial commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Mary of the Hills in the year ahead. So far, we have received 112 pledges for \$432,890. Thank you for your faithful generosity in response to our annual giving campaign for 2022. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks as well as online at www.stmaryofthehills.org/stewardship.

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: Jim B., Dave, Billy, Joyce and Ricky, Lindsay Hanson, Peggy, Kitty Norris, Kit R., Susie, Dee, Brooks family, Mike Murphy, Vinny, Mary M., Peggy, Joe Mitchell, Susan and Tom, Carolyn and Charlie, Jim, John, Len B., Libby B., Michael Rhoads, Richard G., Carole G., Gail, Jeffrey, Jessica, Jennifer, Niel B., Mary Pearce, Sandy Hicks, Andrew, Chris, Bruce, Phyllis, Ralph, Terry, Alton, Cathy, Mary M., Bo, Laura, Jeff Hedden, Jane Hedden, Sandie Holder, John Horne, Lucy, 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, Ann, Walt and Becky, Lauren, Laura

For those who have died: Peggy, Dan, Carlos, Justyn, George, Kirby, Cathy, Graeme, Morgan Megna, Don

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

For those traveling this week: Barbara and Rick, Troskey family

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

12/26 Marjory Holder, Duncan McGill, Teddy Rickenbaker

12/27 John Carlson

12/29 Ray Cameron

12/30 Jillian Barnes Kay

Parish Prayer Cycle:

12/26 Marjory Holder and Larry Turnbow

12/27 Alice Holt

12/28 Richard and Betty Howe

12/29 Sterling Hutcheson

12/30 Bob and Anne Jones

12/31 Larry and Faith Jones

01/01 Martha Jones

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Holy Family, Mills River

St. Mary's and St. Stephen's, Morganton