



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 19, 2023

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS!

We are so glad that you are here. If you are a guest among us, we invite you to complete a 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.

Members of our Vestry (*elected lay leadership*) are identified by name tags with yellow lanyards. Seek them out for information about our congregation's life and ministry.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum** - In the Rector's Forum, we continue a five-week study of the rituals and practices surrounding Holy Week with a deeper look at the liturgy for Good Friday. It is the second in the Paschal Triduum, the great three days, and is one that calls participants to enter into the fullness of suffering and sacrifice. Join us in the Barrett Room at 9:00AM as we continue our journey together. All are welcome!
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke room, Godly Play will be offered for children of all ages as we prepare to enter the Mystery of Easter. This week focuses on the face of Christ as healer and parable-maker.

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Feast of St. Joseph** - with Holy Eucharist on Monday, March 20th at 12:00PM.
- **Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ** - with Holy Eucharist on Saturday, March 25th at 9:00AM.
- **Choral Evensong** - On Sunday, March 26th at 3:00PM, the choir will lead Choral Evensong (sung Evening Prayer).

OUTREACH LUNCHEON – Next Sunday, March 26th, following the 10:10AM service, the Outreach Committee is hosting a Luncheon for all parishioners. They are providing the main dish and invite everyone to bring a side, salad, or dessert.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY - During the season of Lent, Fr. Andrew invited all in our parish to join in reading the book, "The Lord and His Prayer," by N.T. Wright. If you've missed our discussion groups, join us on Tuesday, March 28, 5:45-7:00 PM, to catch-up on conversation about the whole book and the ways in which our Lord calls us to pray as disciples. All are welcome!

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC OFFERINGS - In a few short weeks, our worship space will be decorated with flowers to usher in the Easter season. For many, it is a tradition to make a gift toward flowers or to our music program, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, to be acknowledged in the Easter bulletins. If you would like to do so, please complete a form which will be located in the Foyer or by the Parish Administrator's office. Return your form via the offering plate, the wooden box outside the office or mail it (P.O. Box 14, Blowing Rock, NC 28605). March 30th is the deadline for inclusion in the Easter bulletins.

CENTERING PRAYER - On Friday during the season of Lent, Lindsey Herring is offering Centering Prayer which is a contemplative spiritual practice that allows us to quiet the heart and rest in God's presence at 11:00AM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Stations of the Cross is prayed at 12:00PM on Fridays during the season of Lent. Materials are also available to pray the Stations individually or in a small group at other times.

RECONCILIATION - The Reconciliation of Penitent, commonly called Confession, is available on Fridays, 12:30-1:00PM, and at any time by appointment. Contact Fr. Andrew if you'd like to make an appointment or to learn more.

VESTRY MEETING - The Vestry will meet Tuesday, March 21th at 5:45PM. The meetings are open to all parishioners.

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- **Morning Prayer** – Join us for Morning Prayer, a short (15-20 minute) service of scripture readings and prayers, offered Monday-Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.
- **Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:00PM** – Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Michael 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:

3/19 Robert and Carol Rhoads

3/20 Edward and Stephanie Rickenbaker, Olivia and Teddy

3/21 Donald and Katherine Riopel

3/22 Ralph and Francine Roberson

3/23 Bill and Jorgann Rogers

3/24 Liz Rose

3/25 Ethan and Kristen Rundell, Anna, John Anders, Alethea and Eden

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Joseph's Chapel and students, staff and faculty of Christ School

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

For those affected by natural disaster, most especially those impacted by the earthquake in regions of Syria and Turkey.

For all who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the people of the Korean peninsula, the people of Yemen, and the people of Ethiopia.

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

For healing: Lanny Prichard, Paige and baby Ford, Tamara and her family, Bob Barham, Donna, Richard, Carole, Buddy H., Lucy A., Bill, Eartha, Eddie, Kitty Taylor, Lori, Ashlyn, Jennifer, Joe A., William Wells, Jennifer Wells, Cliff Minor, Bruce, John, Linda, Jim, Fred, Lois, Jane F., Sallie, Terry, Debbi, Cheryl A., Helen F., Mel, Lauren, Denise A., Joel Keys, Jayden, Paula, Mel, Greg, Louann Kitchell, Elizabeth, Cat Carter, Joe Dyer, Christi and Charlie, Carl and his family, Elizabeth Young, Chris and family, Roberts family, JoAnna, Ashley, Neil, Byron, Junior Howell, Mary M., Donna and Dale, Pat R.

****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: Cynthia H., Van Nayne family, Matthew, Julia

For those traveling this week: Mary Ellen and Joe, Kay and Jim

For those who have died: Coy, Josh Bryan, Julien, Bill Taylor, Tom Roberts, Bijan Ahmadi, Carroll V., Jay, Storme

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Bre Lawler, Amy Shelton, Darrow, Caitlyn

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

3/19 Orian Carter, Cathia Silver