



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 26, 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

OUTREACH LUNCHEON - Following the 10:10AM service, the Outreach Committee is hosting a Luncheon for all parishioners. You are welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum** - In this morning's Rector's Forum, we conclude our five-week study of the rituals and practices surrounding Holy Week with a look at the liturgies for Holy Saturday and the Great Vigil of Easter. The first is a simple gathering to contemplate absence and linger with the reality of Jesus in the tomb. The latter is a joyful celebration including fire and light, scripture and song, baptism and eucharist to proclaim with joy the Good News of life overcoming death in Christ's resurrection. Our conversation begins at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. 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.

CHORAL EVENSONG - This afternoon at 3:00PM, the choir will lead Choral Evensong. Join us as we close the day with scripture, song, and silence. All are welcome!

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.

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:

3/26 John and Luella Rundell
3/27 Dale Sandusky and Michael DeCorte
3/28 Bryan and Maria Saterbo
3/29 Adeline Sauer
3/30 Otis and Jean Sawyer
3/31 Terry and Susan Schilson
4/01 John and Caroline Shepard

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Pray for peace in the Diocese of Jerusalem

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: Gary Gloster, 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, Joe A., William Wells, Jennifer Wells, Cliff Minor, Bruce, John, Linda, Jim, Fred, Lois, 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, 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: Jane F. family, Tina, Cynthia H., Van Nayne family, Matthew, Julia

For those traveling this week: Greta

For those who have died: Jane Fogelsonger French, Byron, Coy, Julien, Tom Roberts, Jay, Storme

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

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

3/28 Lynn Coulthard
3/29 Luella Rundell
3/31 Rick Lawler, Will Postlethwait