



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 28, 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](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org).

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rector's Forum** – Fr. Andrew continues a series on the 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in the Rector's Forum, beginning at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. This morning, we will look more deeply at Nicaea as a Political Moment.

**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.

**Children in Worship Training Session** – Children in Worship leader Joanna Reule invites any who are interested in learning more about this weekly offering for children to an information and training session today at 11:30AM in the St. Luke room (second floor, above the Parish Hall).

**Mountain Laurels at St. Mary of the Hills – This Afternoon** - Local favorites, The Mountain Laurels, bring their unique "Celti-Lachian" style of music to the next Friends of Music concert at St. Mary's next Sunday, September 28th at 3:00PM. Known for their blend of traditional Appalachian music with its Celtic roots, the group will perform both traditional songs original music inspired by our Blue Ridge mountains.

**The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels** – The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (sometimes called Michelmas) will be celebrated on Monday, September 29 with Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM. All are welcome!

**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.

**Marking the Anniversary of Hurricane Helene – A Day of Prayer at Holy Cross, Valle Crucis – October 4** - The St. Helena Chapter of the Daughters of the King is sponsoring 'One Year After: A Day of Prayer' at the Church of the Holy Cross in Valle Crucis on Saturday, October 4, beginning at 9:00AM. A service of Holy Eucharist, including A Public Service of Healing, begins at 12:00PM.

**Blessing of the Animals – Next Sunday, 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.

**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.

**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:**

9/28 Torrence Harman

9/29 Helene Harper & Mike Tinka

9/30 Andy & Claudia Heath

10/1 Andrew & Amanda Hege, Eleanor, David

10/2 Juliana Henderson

10/3 Torre Hinnant & David Brendle

10/4 Kate Hill

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton

**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; Patty; Olivia; Luba; Lynn S.; Mike & Sarah; Dale; Bill & Jorgann Rogers; Jeff Hedden; Christine; Ann Greene; Bob Barham; Clare; Evie; Susan; Lynn Turnbow; Leigh; Pat B.; Lucy; Chris M.; Mary M.; Larry, Joan Anderson, Tony; Margaret; Patsy; Leigh; Daniel R; John H.; Susie;

*\*\*\*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:** Jim Tabor, Charlie Kirk Jack, David Cromartie, Polly, Al, James

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

**For those who travel:** Bill & Jorgann; Will

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

**Thanksgiving for the birth of:** James Henry MacMartin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, to Jamie and Molly Rogers MacMartin.  
James Henry is the grandson of Bill & Jorgann Rogers.

**For those celebrating a birthday:**

9/30 Eleanor Hege

**For those celebrating an anniversary:**

9/28 Bob & Ann Jones

9/29 Chip & Garland Myers