



**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS**

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

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW PRESIDING BISHOP ELECTED** – The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe has been elected 28th Bishop of the Episcopal Church. His nine-year term begins Nov. 1. Learn more about him and the General Convention at [episcopalnewsservice.org](http://episcopalnewsservice.org).

**HOLY EUCHARIST** – Holy Eucharist will be offered for the Fourth of July on Thursday at 9AM.

**OFFICE CLOSURES** – The Parish offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Thursday and Friday, July 4 and July 5.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** – Mark your calendars! The Summer Concert Series at St. Mary of the Hills continues at 3PM next Sunday, July 7, with Dr. Tyler Young, tenor, and Tyler Dellaperute, pianist, performing. All are welcome! This event is sponsored by the Friends of Music at St. Mary of the Hills.

**'FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE' CLASS RESUMES** – The joint learning series between St. Mary of the Hills and Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church, "From Despair to Hope: How Do Christians Talk about Gun Violence?" picks up from its winter break. Join us on July 9 and July 16 from 10AM to 11:30AM in the St. Mary's Parish Hall for conversation around this topic. RSVP to [shankins@rumplechurch.org](mailto:shankins@rumplechurch.org).

**COFFEE MINUTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Coffee Minute following the 10:10AM service will be smaller than usual today with fewer refreshments as our hospitality and facilities director will be away, but all the good cheer and fellowship needed to take us into July will be present. There's only one Sunday for which anyone has signed up to do refreshments after the 10:10AM service from now to the end of September. Please consider signing up for this important, exciting, fun ministry.

**ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS** – If you are looking for a meaningful way to honor someone or to remember someone who has died, please consider making a gift to the flower guild for altar flowers for a particular Sunday. Your offering will be noted in the weekly announcement sheet.

**WORSHIP AT ST. MARY OF THE HILLS**

**MORNING PRAYER** – A short service of scripture and prayer is offered Monday through Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.

**HOLY EUCHARIST** – A simple, spoken service of Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at noon in the Church.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers at the altar are given in honor of the birth of Francis Sacripanti and Katherine Wilson with birthdays in June by their parents Mary & Beau Wilson*

## 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 all the people of this parish

**In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:**

06/30: George & Bobby Ball  
07/01: David & Barbara Ballesty  
07/02: A.J. & Jane Barghothi  
07/03: Bob & Charlene Barham  
07/04: Tom & Tina Barrett  
07/05: Bill Battaglia  
07/06: Lynne Bell

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Church of Our Saviour, Lincolnton

**For our nation and those in positions of public trust:** Joseph, our President, Roy, 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 Palestine

**For all affected by natural disaster throughout the world.**

**For healing:** Adam, Dale, Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Gary, Kay McCloskey, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Art Hooper, Belinda, Pat B., Chris M., Mary M., Logan, Sam, Ann Davidson, Evie, Jesse L., David, Daryl M., Paul McGill, Ron Cunningham, Mike Tinka, Lynn Searfoss, Chris King, Dale, Kent Wells, Billie Rogers, Mark Mason, Sam Harris, Rachel Catherine, Warren, Yolanda, Ray, Glenn, Chris

*\*\*\*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:** Suzanne, Bill Elder, Betty Morgan, Bruce B., Jim Heron, Nick Abernathy, Jean Sinclair

**For those with other concerns:** Mary Cunningham; Diane, Jena and Family; Anna B.; Corrine; Savash

**For those traveling this week:** Sherrill, Jenny, Liv & Sam; Jamie; The Patella Family

**For safe pregnancy and delivery:** Megan Redford, Caitlyn, Neta Franklin, Brittany, Chelsea, Mary Ella, Blair Sudderth

**For those celebrating a birthday:**

07/01: Chris Albertson  
07/03: Taryn Barnes  
07/05: Roy McCraw, Sue Sweeting, Sid Lemnoui  
07/06: Andrew Hill