

What's Happening at St. Mary of the Hills

September 2022



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Parish was held on Sunday, August 28, at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this was the first time that the meeting has been held in-person since 2019 (though many still joined via livestream).

Reports from the Treasurer and Rector were given reflecting on the parish's mission and ministry over the past year and looking forward to the year ahead.

One particular high point of the meeting was the announcement that the Tour of Homes has raised more than \$85,000 in 2022 to support non-profit agencies in the High Country!



Additionally, four Vestry members –

Mike Austell
Michelle Curry
Burt Mulford
Sue Sweeting

– were elected to three-year terms (January 1, 2023-December 31, 2025).

Bill Stroh to Retire

Bill Stroh, long-time Sexton at St. Mary of the Hills, has announced his intention to retire at the end of September.



We are excited for Bill and this new chapter in his life, a well-earned retirement after nearly 30 years of service to this parish.

There is also a sadness to this announcement. All of us will miss his daily presence, his tremendous attention to the care of the St. Mary's building and grounds in support of our mission and ministry, as well as his contagious humor and readiness to help in so many ways.

Save the date – Sunday, September 25 – a festive reception in Bill's honor will follow the 10:10 Holy Eucharist. As he begins retirement, a 'purse' is being collected to present to Bill as he begins this new season of life. If you would like to contribute, please note 'Bill Stroh – Purse' in the memo line of a check or online gift.

Thank you, Bill, for so many years of faithful work in our common life at St. Mary of the Hills!



Godly Play

Godly Play is offered each Sunday morning at 9:00AM in the St. Luke Room (Second Floor, above the Parish Hall). All children are welcome to join in the fun and volunteers are always needed to assist.

Contact Lindsey Herring, Christian Formation Coordinator, for more information or to volunteer.
(formation@stmaryofthehills.org)

Rector's Forum

On Sunday, September 4, the Rector's Forum will begin a five-week series entitled, "Stewardship (More than Money)," in the Barrett Room at 9:00AM. In the coming weeks, we'll explore a deeper understanding of what it means to be stewards of the many gifts and resources entrusted to us by God.

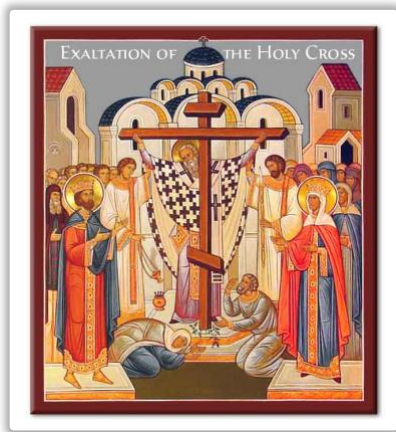


Upcoming Feast Days

Holy Cross Day is observed on September 14. Join us for Holy Eucharist at 12:00PM. We will pray particularly for our friends and neighbors at Church of the Holy Cross in Valle Crucis.

St. Matthew will be remembered at our regularly scheduled Eucharist on Wednesday, September 21.

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels will be observed on Thursday, September 29. Holy Eucharist will be offered at 9:00AM.



Principalities and Powers

Join Fr. Sam Tallman, either in-person or online, on Monday afternoons beginning September 19, from 4:00 until 5:00PM, for a discussion about the biblical depiction of powers and principalities and the implications for living our faith in a deeply divided world. Contact Fr. Sam (sam@stmaryofthehills.org) for more information and to register.

