



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

MARCH 24, 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. 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

FORMATION

There is no Christian Formation on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Rector's Forum and Godly Play will resume on April 7.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) – The Reconciliation of Penitent, commonly called Confession, is available on Fridays, 11:00AM-12:00PM, and at any time by appointment. Contact Fr. Andrew if you'd like to make an appointment or to learn more about the Reconciliation in the Episcopal Church.

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS VOLUNTEERS – St. Mary of the Hills and Rumble Presbyterian Church have been working on an outdoor Stations of the Cross project. We are planning a set of temporary Stations in the chosen locations at both churches, for Good Friday from 1pm-6pm. We are asking for volunteers from St. Mary's (and from Rumble) to help set up and cleanup. We would love to have five volunteers from St. Mary's for that afternoon. If you feel called to help or are interested in learning more, contact Peter Purcell at peternelsonpurcell@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT – On Easter Sunday, we'll have our annual egg hunt for children at 9:30AM. We need a handful of volunteers to help hide 300+ eggs. If you'd like to set aside 15 minutes to help, we'd love to have you! Reach out to Formation Director Lindsey Herring (lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) if available.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

March 24-31, 2024

You are invited to join us for the journey of Holy Week.

Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, silence, prayer, and proclamation.

Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist (spoken)
10:10am Holy Eucharist w/ Palms Procession*

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

12:00pm Daily Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist*

Good Friday

1:00-5:00pm Stations of the Cross (outdoors; self-guided)
6:00pm The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday

8:30am Liturgy of Holy Saturday
7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter*

Easter Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:30am Easter Egg Hunt
10:10am Festal Holy Eucharist*

*services include the use of incense



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION – VBS will be held at St. Mary of the Hills June 17-20 and is a joint program between Rumble Presbyterian and St. Mary's. The online student registration form opens on Tuesday, March 26. There are a limited number of spots available, so be sure to register early. VBS is for kids K-5, but older kids are welcome to be youth volunteers! Contact Formation Director Lindsey Herring (lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) with questions. The online form will be found on both church websites.

BREAD OF LIFE AT HOSPITALITY HOUSE – We have four active groups supplying meals for over 100 people on four different nights (once a month) at Hospitality House, our local emergency shelter for those experiencing hunger and/or housing insecurity. We are seeking new volunteers to contribute, prepare and deliver food. Seasonal support is also welcome. Please contact Sue Wilder (suejackpaintfly@aol.com) or Mike Austell (austellmike37@gmail.com) for more information.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION – We will observe the Feast of the Annunciation with Holy Eucharist at noon on April 8.

CONFIRMATION – We will begin another round of Confirmation classes in after Easter. Reach out to Formation Director Lindsey Herring (lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) or Father Andrew (rector@stmaryofthehills.org) to learn more.

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:

03/24 Paulette Mitchell

03/25 Perry & Jan Mixter

03/26 Chip Monroe, Emma Kate, Lee, Arden

03/27 Pat & Marty Moore

03/28 Richard & Mary Lou Moore

03/29 Richard & Patricia Murphy

03/30 Chip & Garland Myers

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: 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 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, Clare, Ann Greene, Greg, Dick, Bob Barham, Susan, Mitch, Andy, Chris M., Vincent, Mary M., Bob, MJ, Susan, Sheila & Ray, Peggy, Laurie, Lauren, Peggy, Bob Jones, Keira, Charlie, Christine, Laney, Roo, Kent, Chris, Mary

****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: Susan, Laurie, Peter, Wally V., Jane, Comb Family, Pinkney Rankin, Susan, Stanley L., Mina

For those with other concerns: Blair; Ed; Kay & Family; Diane; Jena & Family; Carli, Dat & Leo; A.C.; Brenda Stanley; Corrine; Greg; peace and understanding for all

For those traveling this week: Darlene, Dallas, Bunky & Teena, Susan & Barry

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Megan Redford, Crawford, Caitlyn, Emily, Neta, Lindsey E., Brittany, Chelsea

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

03/28 Lynn Coulthard

03/29 Luella Rundell