



**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
APRIL 28, 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**

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

- Godly Play: Lindsey & Ryan Postlethwait continue the series "Knowing Jesus in a New Way," as we learn about the transition between Jesus' earthly ministry and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Join us at 9AM in the St. Luke Room.
- Rector's Forum: Father Andrew continues leading us in conversation about the Acts of the Apostles. He'll explore scripture passages from the days of the early Church, immediately following the Resurrection. Grab a cup of coffee and meet us in the Barrett Room at 9AM.

**VBS REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON** – 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. Learn more about the 2024 VBS theme, "Hometown Nazareth," and register your child(ren) ages 5-11 online at the St. Mary's website. The deadline to register is in early May. Contact Formation Director Lindsey Herring ([lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org)) with questions.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE NEXT SUNDAY AT 1PM** – On May 5 at 1PM we'll continue our spring Confirmation classes. Reach out to Formation Director Lindsey Herring ([lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org)) or Father Andrew ([rector@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:rector@stmaryofthehills.org)) to learn more.

**FEAST OF THE APOSTLES ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES** – Join us at noon on Wednesday, May 1, for Holy Eucharist as we remember these apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ECW MEETING** – ECW will meet at 5:30PM on May 7. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share as we discuss the Tour of Homes. RSVP to Sue Wilders at [suejackpaintfly@aol.com](mailto:suejackpaintfly@aol.com) or Suzanne Miller at [suzieline41@gmail.com](mailto:suzieline41@gmail.com).

**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. The suggested amount of an offering is \$60.00.

**COFFEE MINUTE HOSTS** – We are looking for volunteers to host Coffee Minute following the 10:10 Holy Eucharist. Hosts provide light refreshments, assist with set-up and clean-up, and foster a hospitable environment for all. Coffee and tea, linens, etc. are provided by the parish. Partner with a friend and sign-up in the Parish Hall.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC** – With the arrival of spring the Friends of Music need new committee members for planning our summer-fall concert series. For almost ten years we have supported bringing sacred and secular musical offerings for the entire community to St. Mary's. We also contribute to special music performed during holiday services. Contact any of our committee members to learn more and join. The committee includes Sterling Hutcheson, Marjory Holder, Tom Veale, Joby Bell, and advisors Fr. Hege and Choir Director Jim Bumgardner.

## 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:**

04/28 Ralph & Francine Roberson

04/29 Bill & Jorgann Rogers

04/30 Ethan & Kristen Rundell, Joh, Anna, Alethea  
and Eden

05/01 John & Luella Rundell

05/02 Dale Sandusky & Michael DeCorte

05/03 Bryan & Maria Saterbo

05/04 Otis & Jean Sawyer

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer:** St. Philip's, Brevard

**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, Christine, Chris, Logan, Bob J., Mary M., Andrew C., Shelia & Ray, Valerie, Gae, Catherine, Kim, Bob, Cindy, Lauren, Robert, Vincent, Beth C., Ellie, Aubrey, Peggy, Keira, Laney, Julie, Jim

*\*\*\*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:** Richard, Jan Johnson

**For those with other concerns:** Blair

**For those traveling this week:** Dallas, Kay & Jim, Bunky & Teena, Luba

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

**For those celebrating a birthday:**

04/28 Joe Coyne, Gay Miller

04/29 Asher Anderson, Christina Hayes

04/30 John Rundell

05/03 George Ball

05/04 Jackie Delmonico, Fr. Andrew Hege

**For those celebrating an anniversary:**

04/29 Steve & Amanda White