



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

JULY 6, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## 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

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT TODAY** – Join us at 3 pm as tenor Tyler Young and pianist Mi-Jin Kim share an eclectic program of art songs and piano repertoire. “Journey from Home: Music from J.S. Bach to Paul Bowles” includes art songs by Schubert, Ralph Vaughan Williams’ *Songs of Travel*, Bowles’ *Blue Mountain Ballads* and piano pieces by Bach, Granados, and Grammy-winning composer William Bolcom. Sponsored by the Friends of Music, this concert is free and open to the public.

**GAE BEST BURIAL** – Burial occurs for longtime parishioner and friend, Gae Best, at 2 pm on Saturday, July 12. Reception to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

**‘SPIRES IN THE SUN’ RECTOR’S FORUM JULY 13** – Join us at 9 am on Sunday, July 13, for a special author talk on Florida Carpenter Gothic Episcopal churches featured in the award-winning book, “Spires in the Sun.” Afterward, there is a meet and greet and book signing with the author, Mr. Jonathan Rich.

### 67<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES: JULY 25, 9 AM TO 4 PM:

<https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/tour-of-homes25>

- **Tickets:** Purchase at the link above: \$35/advance or \$40/day of. Lunch tickets: \$18. You can also make an additional tax-deductible contribution for hurricane restoration and rebuilding online.
- **Patrons Gala:** It’s not too late to purchase a ticket! The patrons party will be held at BRAHM 5:30 to 8:30 pm this Tuesday, July 15. Visit <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/tour-of-homes25-patron-party> for details.
- **Bake Sale:** The bake sale needs volunteers to work Friday July 25, 8:30 am to noon, or noon to 3:30 pm! Volunteers are needed on Thursday, July 24, starting at 9 am, for pricing and wrapping of goods. And, we still would love to have more sweet or savory baked goods. Sign up with Sallie Wintz at [wintzsallie1@gmail.com](mailto:wintzsallie1@gmail.com) or at the church.
- **Home Hosts/Hostesses:** This year, the Tour is in great need of home hosts & hostesses. They are stationed in the selected homes in shifts and share information with those visiting the homes during the tour. Contact Amanda White at 336.509.8095 ([amanda.white0119@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.white0119@yahoo.com)) to learn more about this essential role.

**COFFEE MINUTE VOLUNTEERS** – This is our primary point of contact each Sunday following the 10:10 am Eucharist and it’s a great time of fellowship. Partner with a friend to host and help cultivate a space of hospitality and welcome. Contact Director of Hospitality & Facilities Bill Devereux at [bill@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:bill@stmaryofthehills.org) to learn more.

## ABOUT BENEDICT OF NURSIA

Commemoration: July 11

Benedict of Nursia is credited as the founder of Western Monasticism. In his early years, he decided on a life of solitude once he observed the licentiousness of those around him. He crafted the Rule of St. Benedict, an integral component of life as a monastic. It focuses on serving the Lord and Benedictine monks follow this rule and take vows of obedience, stability and conversion and of life.

The first Benedictine Abbey, established by Benedictine of Nursia, is located in Monte Cassino in Europe. There are currently more than 100 Benedictine houses in the U.S.

(Adapted from [episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org) & [satucket.com](http://satucket.com).)

## WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK

- **Morning Prayer** – A short service of scripture and prayer is held each weekday at 8:30 am in the Church.
- **Holy Eucharist** – A simple, spoken Holy Eucharist occurs each Wednesday at noon in the Church.

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

**For the Church:** Sean, 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:**

07/06: Dallas Swoveland & Lindsey Herring

07/07: Miles & Clare Tager

07/08: Sam Tallman & Mike Zuravel

07/09: Leslie Temple

07/10: Bill & Cynthia Tessien

07/11: John & Christine Thacker, Evan

07/12: Ron Tharp

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Episcopal Chaplains serving the Armed Forces, VA hospitals and other organizations providing care for veterans

**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, Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Israel, Palestine, India, Pakistan and Iran

**For healing:** Dale, Bill & Jorgann Rogers; Jeff Hedden; Christine; Ann Greene; Bob Barham; Clare; Kaye; Kay McCloskey; Doug T.; Jennifer; John; Sylvia; Erin; Evie; Sylvia; Leigh; Mary; Nicole; Susie Wright; Carolyn, Mason and Catherine; Louis; Evie

*\*\*\*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:** Ron, Roy Krege, Mary Helen, Duane, Ted R., Clarkie

**For those with other concerns:** Joe Dulaney, Lori Searfoss

**For those traveling this week:** Luba, Daryl Mathias, Pam, Becky & Mike, Johnny, Mark & Michelle

**For safe pregnancy and delivery:** Caitlyn, Katherine, Kelley, Anna, Libba, Hannah, Amanda, Jennifer, Corinne, Lauren, Jenna, Amy, Dani

**For those celebrating a birthday:**

07/06: Andrew Hill

07/07: Andrew Coston, Molly Wilson

07/09: Luba Skibo

07/11: Martha Jones, Beth Lawler

**For those celebrating an anniversary:**

07/10: John Carlson & Katy Thompson