



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

MARCH 29, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God and in this community with one another.

Restrooms are in the hallway beyond the Foyer. A nursery is available for children and is located in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall.

Coffee and Refreshments are served following each service, in Foyer following 8:00AM and in the Parish Hall following 10:10AM.

More information about our parish is available online at www.stmaryofthehills.org.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Emergencies-- Please continue to contact Sr. Warden, Peter Purcell, 828.261.6859, with pastoral care needs. He will put you in touch with the pastoral care team.

Worship During the Week –

- Morning Prayer is offered M-F at 8:30 AM. Evening Prayer is offered on Wednesday at 5:00PM. Each service lasts 15-20 minutes and includes readings from scripture, silence, and intercessions.
- Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church. Prayers for Healing, along with Laying on of Hands and Anointing, is offered on the third Wednesday of each month.
- Stations of the Cross is offered Fridays at noon during Lent.

Maundy Thursday to Good Friday Vigil-- "Could you not watch with me one hour?" Jesus asked Peter in the Garden of Gethsemane. Come, spend an hour with Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of Repose. The Altar will be waiting for you in the church library. Many find this hour of contemplation very moving and soul-nourishing. Whether you have never previously kept vigil or you do it yearly, consider signing up for an hour this year. The volunteer board is found in the church foyer.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross--Join parishioners and friends from Rumble Presbyterian in walking the outdoor Stations of the Cross across our two campuses. The sounds, sights, and smells of the outdoor setting provide a unique flavor to this meditation on Christ's passion that is different from the more familiar indoor Stations. The outdoor Stations are family friendly and can be done on your own schedule. Access the liturgy in the entryway and foyer or via QR code (posted outside at both Rumble and St. Mary's).

Announcing The J. Gary and Julia Jayne Gloster Caring Trust-- The St. Mary's Charitable Outreach Trust is now The J. Gary and Julia Jayne Gloster Caring Trust. The new name reflects the Glosters' tireless dedication to delivering assistance, care, and hope to those in need through outreach. Your contributions can both help those who are less fortunate and honor Bishop Gary and Judy. Contributions of any amount may be made to the Gloster Caring Trust. Please write your check to St. Mary of the Hills and designate the J. Gary and Julia Jayne Gloster Caring Trust in the lower left memo line on your check. Bequests can also be made to St. Mary's and designated to the trust.

Save the Date! A Reception in Honor of the Glosters-- A reception honoring the ministry of Judy and Gary Gloster will be held Sunday, April 12, following the 10:10 service in the Parish Hall. Please join us as we celebrate the time we have spent with the Glosters and give thanks for their ministry among us!

Easter Flowers-- Help to beautify our Easter altar by making a donation in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one. Flower contribution forms are available throughout the church.

Easter Egg Hunt-- Don't forget that the Bunny is coming! Egg hunt at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday!

Stephen Ministry – Make a difference for folks in our parish who could use a listening ear and a loving heart. Training will begin in early May. To pick up an application, please talk to Lynn Searfoss or Torrence Harman.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Mary of the Hills

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	12 p.m. Holy Eucharist
MAUNDY THURSDAY	6 p.m. Holy Eucharist with foot washing Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament (sign up for a shift)
GOOD FRIDAY	12 p.m. Mass of the Pre-Sanctified
HOLY SATURDAY	8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the word
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER	Saturday, 7:45 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY	8:00 Spoken Holy Eucharist 9:00 Easter egg hunt 10:10 Holy Eucharist with music

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; José our Bishop; Andrew, Rick, Sam, Torrence, 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:

3/29 Keith Martin
 3/30 Daryl Matthias
 3/31 Mike and Sarah Matthews
 4/1 Kay McCloskey
 4/2 Roy and Nedra McCraw
 4/3 The McDonald Family
 4/4 The McGill Family

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parish of the Holy Communion, Glendale Springs

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; and all who hold elected office.

For all who suffer from war and violence throughout the world, especially for the Middle East, for Iran, Israel, and the United States, for Gaza, for Ukraine and Russia, for the people of Cuba

For healing: Andrew, Ann, Anthony, Bill, Bob A, Carrie H, Chris, Dale, Darren, Dean H, Gary, Giulio P, the Hege family, Jacob, Kimmi, Lucy, Mary M, Mike, Mike T, Myra, Neal H, Patsy, Peter, Susan, Tamara, Tom

****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 safe pregnancy and delivery: Camille, Caroline, Kelley, Sydney, Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Hanna, Jennifer, Corinne, Eryn, Giuliana, Tamar

For those with other concerns: Kaidence, Kimmi and Beau, Zane, the Gloster family, Julie and Don, Mac H

For those celebrating a birthday:

3/29 Louella Rundell
 3/31 Will Postlethwaite
 4/2 Anna Rundell

For those who have died: Ashley, Bob, Bridget, Ed, John Brown, Julie, Kim, Marianne Galke, Wilson King