



October 2014

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

Consecration date set for November 8, 2014



Upon receiving the necessary consents, the Rev. Robert S. Skirving, Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of East Carolina, will be consecrated the VIII Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina on Saturday, on November 8th.

Please make plans to be at Rock Springs Center, Greenville, NC, on Saturday, November 8th. The liturgy will begin at 11:00 a.m. We at St. Mary's will be announcing further information as it becomes available.

The Rev. Rob Skirving

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church will be the chief consecrator. Many bishops of the Episcopal Church will be present as well.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, will be the preacher.



**Presiding Bishop
Katharine Jefferts Schori**

Check for details on the Bishop Search website:

www.eastcarolinabishopsearch.com



**Bishop Michael Curry
Bishop of the Diocese
of North Carolina**

*Save the date -
Saturday, November 8, 2014
11:00 a.m. Rock Springs
Center, Greenville, NC*

Guest preacher on Sunday, November 16th

The Rev. Tom Rickenbaker, onetime Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton, NC, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, November 16th.

Father Tom Rickenbaker is a life long Episcopalian. He received his B.A. cum laude from the University of South Carolina and his M. Div. from the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. He was the founding Rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Boiling Springs, SC, and the recently retired Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal in Edenton. Hallmarks of Father Rickenbaker's ministry include church growth, stewardship development, and mission work.

Please note on Sunday, November 16th, there will be one service only, 10:00 a.m. Following the service dinner will be in Moseley Hall. All food preparation, setup, and cleanup will be provided for the members of St. Mary's. And there will be no speakers. That will all be done for us. At a later point-in-time you will be contacted about how many from your family will be in attendance.

It will be a time for us to gather as a parish family to celebrate the many good ministries taking place at St. Mary's and the many people who give their financial resources.

Father Rickenbaker will be our guest preacher for Consecration Sunday. Plan to join us.



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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A church of 398 baptized members whose mission is to worship and serve God joyfully, to nurture each other in faith and wholeness, to minister to others, and to manifest the "good news" of Christ.

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Parish Administrator	Ms. Joan Bradshaw
Secretary	Mrs. Linda M. Johnson
Director of Children's Ministries	Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough
Sr. Warden	Mr. P. C. Barwick, Jr.
Jr. Warden	Mr. William L. (Bill) Connolly, III

Up coming events

"Compline Under the Stars"

Compline is the final church service of the day in the Christian tradition. The English word Compline is derived from the Latin *completorium*, as Compline is to be said at the completion of the day's work. It is a brief service that emphasizes spiritual peace before going to bed.

We at St. Mary's will be holding "Compline Under the Stars" at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2014. The service will be held outside, on the parish



property next to the Chapel, on the west side of the church. This is a brief but lovely service the church offers. You may stand, bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on.



There will be fire pits around our worship gathering and we'll worship holding candles. *(If you have a portable fire pit we can borrow for this service, please contact Father Michael.)*

Following Compline, everyone will have an opportunity to roast marshmallows and make s'mores. We'll provide the marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars.

There will be homemade hot chocolate and coffee to drink.

If you want to bring something, bring a long stick on which to roast marshmallows . . . also, bring your family and friends.

Ever thought of going on a foreign mission trip?

Have you ever thought of what it might be like to participate in a foreign mission trip? In July 2015, St. Mary's mission team will return to Divina Gracia Church in Mosovi, Dominican Republic. Divina Gracia is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Dominican Republic.

On Monday, October 6th, at 7:00 p.m. we'll have an information evening where you can learn about what to expect, how to prepare and what might be the cost associated with going on a week-long mission trip. There will be refreshments for you to enjoy. Members of our own team will share their own experiences and we'll watch a brief video from our last visit.

If you have any questions, or are unable to attend, please speak with Father Michael at your convenience.

From the Rector - Father Michael

The Vicar of Baghdad

The Rev. Canon Andrew White, is vicar of St George's Church, Baghdad, the only Anglican church in Iraq. He has thus been dubbed the "Vicar of Baghdad".

At the age of 33 he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a condition which for many years affected his mobility and his speech. He has been undergoing a new stem cell treatment for MS at a clinic in Baghdad that utilizes his body's own stem cells and he has said, "It had completely transformed my life".

Born in England, Canon White, who bravely continues his ministry as the leader of St George's Anglican Church. He says, "I live with a price on my head . . . The kind of people that I spend my time engaging with are not usually very nice. On the whole nice people do not cause wars."

Canon White is one of a tiny handful of people trusted by virtually every side in the complex Middle East. Political and military solutions are constantly put forward, and constantly fail.

He refers to the people of Baghdad as, "My people". Not because he was born among them, or because he shares their religion, ethnicity or cultural identity. But because, as he says, he loves them. And that love transcends the politics of religion and the religion of politics, and history, social division and skin color. "I love these people".



And so, while hundreds of thousands of Christians flee the horrors of The Islamic State, Canon White keeps on going back for the sake of his people: to be with them, support them, provide and pray for them. That is his vocation: the *summum bonum* (the highest good); the goal of his spiritual life. He doesn't know what the future holds, as he told John Humphrys on the *BBC Radio4 Today* program. He just loves his people, and in their faces he sees the image of God.

Every day, we think that the crisis here cannot get worse and every day it does," he said in a media interview. "Yesterday, over

1,500 people were killed. As the militants take over parts of Iraq, the United Nations has said the nation could be facing a 'humanitarian catastrophe.'" White said, "Anglicans are working hard to provide relief to the Christians who have fled Mosul and Nineveh, as well as other minority groups targeted by the Islamic State."

"Anglicans are literally at the forefront of bringing help in this situation, and there's no one else," he said, adding that the church is providing food, water, accommodation and other relief items, thanks to financial support from overseas.

Canon White is an example of a Christian willing to stand with those being persecuted. Where are the times in your life you have been confronted for your beliefs, and were you willing to stand up, or just go along with the crowd? In the Baptismal Covenant in *The Book of Common Prayer*, we are asked at baptism:

- "Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?" And we respond, "I renounce them."
- "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?" And we respond, "I will with God's help."
- "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" And we respond, "I will, with God's help."

In your daily prayers, pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray for all those places in the world where people are being persecuted and killed for their religious or political beliefs. Pray for a time when all God's people will live in peace. Peace begins with you.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9

Worship

The 2014 National Observance of Children's Sabbaths

designated for October 17-19, is titled

**"Precious in God's Sight: Answering the Call to
Cherish and Protect *Every* Child."**



The Children's Sabbath is an opportunity not only to celebrate the gift of children in our lives, but to develop a shared concern for children that helps us build a common commitment to improve their lives and to work for justice on their behalf.

We at St. Mary's will be celebrating the Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 19th. During the 10:00 a.m. service our special guests will be the Greenville Choral Society Children's Choir. The choir will sing works by Hairston, Schwoebel, and Sirvatka. Plan to be with us and bring your children.

*Without Music
Life would B^b*

The Youth Choir at St. Mary's will be resuming rehearsals for our annual Community Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 21st at 4 pm. Those rehearsals begin Thursday, November 6th at 5:30 p.m. We would like to

expand the opportunity of singing for this special service to every church in the Kinston area. If you know of any children grades 2-8 who do not attend St. Mary's but would be interested in participating, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Voermans at 523-6146, or email Nick at nvoermans@stmaryskinston.com.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 5th at 5:00 p.m.

Pets, perk up your ears, blessings are on their way! All are invited to bring their creatures, great and small, furry and smooth, noisy and quiet, to our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m. in the church.



The service will commemorate St. Francis, who loved all God's creatures and preached peace and justice, calling upon us to do the same. Please invite your friends and neighbors to bring their beloved pets to this celebration. Dogs and larger animals need to be kept on a leash. All other animals should be brought in a carrier. An offering, both monetary and pet food will be collected to benefit the Lenoir County S.P.C.A.

Tell your friends to join us for this brief, but very meaningful experience.



Make plans now to join us on Sunday, November 2nd, All Saints' Sunday, for special music at the 10:00 a.m.

service. Later in the afternoon (5:00 p.m.) we will gather for our traditional All Saints' Evensong where we will remember and light a candle for those who have died during the past year.

Christian Formation

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION "Celebrating our Episcopal Tradition"

If you are new to the Episcopal Church, this is a great starting point. If you've been an Episcopalian for several years, you will likely learn something new as well as have insights for your experiences here and at other parishes. If you have been an Episcopalian all your life, your observations will be invaluable to us all! Each Sunday through the year, we will observe a different aspect of our tradition.

October 5th - *What brought you to St. Mary's as a Christian-* a time for hearing individual stories as led by Elizabeth Maxwell.

October 12th - *What brought you to St. Mary's Church"* - This week we will learn the history of St. Mary's Church. Father Michael will lead this class with assistance from Alban Barrus and Coleman Dance.

October 19th - *What's in the church* - Father Michael will lead this session about various ministries of the church which are necessary for worship

October 26th - *The meaning of what else is in the church* - Father Tom will be leading this week to follow -up from the previous week. Nick Voermans, St. Mary's Director of Music, will be talking from a prospective of the music at St. Mary's.

Parents, while your children are in Sunday School, be sure to gather with other life-long learners. Join us from 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon in Moseley Hall for adult education/formation. Bring a friend!

Christian Formation/education

Sunday school is a primary means of helping individuals gain a solid foundation for knowing God, for building a relationship with Jesus Christ, and for growing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we can only grow and be successful when we are grounded in God's Word, having regular, systematic study of the Bible; studying the teachings of the church; discussing and learning in connection with our brothers and sisters in Christ -- constantly practicing the faith.

Sunday school starts in the crib and never ends. Our goal at St. Mary's is to strengthen children, youth, and adults in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, fellowship, and mission. Sunday school is one of the most important discipleship and church growth tools available to reach this goal. A healthy church has a healthy Sunday school. Jesus said, "Make disciples." (*Matthew 28:14-20*). Sunday school is a great way to carry out the great commission.

Sunday Mornings from 11:15 until Noon!!!!!!
Small groups for kids 18 months through 5th Grade!!!!



Project

FreeFALL is in high gear and we're having a blast! Kids, don't forget to bring your fun sheets each Sunday for a chance to win a cool prize. If you can't find yours from last Sunday, you can always download the new one on the [Project FreeFALL website!](http://www.stmaryskinston.com) Online readers can click the link above or click on the Project FreeFALL logo at www.stmaryskinston.com
Hope to see you next Sunday morning!!!!



St. Mary's
Market

November 24th

11:30 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Market is THE place to prepare for the holiday season's gift-giving & hospitality needs! Purchase homemade breads, desserts, soups, meats, casseroles, and more!

This year the market will be taking preorders on many food items. More news in the days to come. At this time **SAVE THE DATE!**

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Wed. Oct 1 6:45-8pm

Sr. EYC Guys & Girls Groups

Sunday, Oct. 5, 5:30-7pm

Jr. & Sr. EYC @ Church

Jr. EYC 5:30-7:00pm

Sr. EYC 6:15-8:00pm

*Both groups eat together from
6:15-7:00pm*

Sunday, Oct. 12, 5:30-7pm

Same times as Oct. 5

October 17-19

*Happening #64 @ Trinity
Center (Diocesan Event)*

Sunday, Oct. 19; Jr. EYC only

Jr. EYC 5:30-7:00pm (with supper)

Sunday, Oct. 26

*Halloween Carnival hosted by
Jr. & Sr. EYC @ Moseley Hall*

Set up at 3:30pm

Carnival from 4-6:00pm

*Campfire & stories after clean-
up until 8pm.*

*Please come and
bring a friend!!!!*



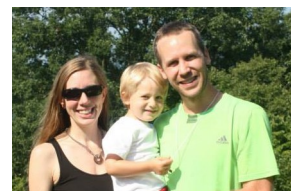
? QUESTIONS ?

... we all have them. So what do we do about it? This year at EYC, one of our focuses will be to address the questions that come up directly from the members of our Youth Community. Questions may be written on slips of paper and left with the EYC leaders or asked directly and each week we'll spend some time discussing them. What questions are fair game? ALL of them, about anything ... we promise! Through this, I hope that we'll get better at looking to Scripture, Tradition, and Reason as our main guides in wrestling with life's questions. See you Sunday! Yours in Christ, Fr. Tom+

Say hello to this
year's EYC Leaders!!!



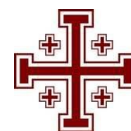
Tom & Holly Warren



Bill Connolly

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you so much to the wonderful adults of St. Mary's whose gifts of hospitality have allowed the EYC to enjoy food and fellowship together in September:
Sarah & Dee Warner and Audra & Mike Haddad!!



Other News

From the Parish Register

Deaths: Simon C. Sitterson, Jr.
August 22, 2014

Margaret Cotten (Skinner) Parrott
August 29, 2014

Kitchen cleanup

It happens about three or four times a year. Every now and then it's time to clean out the refrigerator in Moseley Hall. Items have been left which are unmarked and outdated.

We ask that you please not place anything in the church refrigerator or freezer unless you, or the group you represent, are planning to use it. You are asked to mark the item(s) with the date you placed it in refrigeration and indicate who will be using the item(s).

There are occasions when individuals have made something and they don't want to throw it out. They place items in the refrigerator possibly thinking someone else will use it. Please don't place an item in the refrigerator unless you know another group will be using the item(s).

If you, or your group are using the kitchen, please clean up after your selves. If you use dishes, pots or pans, please wash when you are through. When using towels to dry, please make sure to take them home and wash them, returning them to the church in a couple of days following your event.

This is not Downton Abbey. There is no downstairs staff who appears to clean dirty dishes. Any and all help you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Service at St. Barnabas Church

A service from the *1928 Book of Common Prayer* will be held Saturday, October 25th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Church in Snow Hill. Father Tom Warren will preach and celebrate the Eucharist and George Mewborn (Snow Hill) will play the organ.

Stay for a covered-dish potluck lunch at Frank and Sandra Warren's home (106 W. Greene Street). Call 747-3529 for directions. Hope to see you there!

40 years of St. Mary's Nursery School

This year marks the 40th anniversary of St. Mary's Nursery School. We believe it's important to celebrate important milestones, so on Sunday, November 9th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. we invite all former students, parents and teachers to re-



turn for this celebration. There will be birthday cake and punch. Former parents, students and teachers can get caught up with life events and take a tour of the school. So stop in for a visit and stay for a while.

In the photo above Caroline (Hill) Mooring sits with her children Eva and Britt. Caroline attended SMNS and now both of her children attend.

St. Mary's announces new Parish Administrator

We at St. Mary's are pleased to announce that Joan Bradshaw has recently been hired as the new Parish Administrator for St. Mary's Church and is the new Director of Mary's Kitchen.

Many of you may already know Joan. For 27 years she has held various jobs at the Kinston Country. Joan began work at St. Mary's on Monday, September 29th. We are excited about her arrival.

We are equally excited that Marilyn Wiggins has agreed to stay at St. Mary's into October to offer Joan a couple weeks of training. When at the church, please be sure to stop in the office and visit with Joan.

Clergy away

Father Michael and Father Tom will be away to Trinity Center attending the Clergy Conference of the Diocese of East Carolina from October 27 - 29, 2014. In an emergency, please contact a member of the parish staff.

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The Episcopal Church Women of St. Mary's has a great ministry and we love them for the work they do. You can see them at providing food and serving at funeral receptions: decorating tables and providing a delicious meal for those who are retired. The list goes on and on.

All women at St. Mary's are members of the ECW and we are all the better. We are blessed because of them.

It is you, O God, who brings us together as Episcopal Church Women of St. Mary's. Give us grace to accomplish Your purpose for us. Guide and inspire us to do good for St. Mary's, our neighborhood, community and our world. Bless us with respect, compassion and love for one another, and keep us faithful to You and our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Cherished Members' Lunch Returns

Mark your calendar for October 1st, at 11:30 a.m., for the return of the Cherished Members' and Friends Luncheon. If you're retired, this luncheon is for you. Sign-up on the list in the Narthex or simply call the office at 523-6146 by September 29th. Invite a friend!

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

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P. C. Barwick, Jr.
 William (Bill) Connolly
 Anne B. Lindley
 John (Sandy) Shimer, Jr.

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W. Scott Newton, II
 Cyndi L. Rafferty
 Joseph V. Stark
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Susan F. Fox
 Stephen B. Hill
 Isaac (Ike) C. Hines
 Kevin M. Zoltek

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Junior Warden – William L. (Bill) Connolly, III

Clerk – Cyndi L. Rafferty

Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley