



November 2014

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

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MARY'S MARKET 2014

FEATURING BULB SALE, \$500 RAFFLE, SELECTED PRE-SALE ORDERS & BAKE/ FROZEN FOOD SALE

Monday, November 24th

Eat in or
take out

\$8.00 Adult
\$4.00 Children
(10 and under)

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IN-REACH & OUT-REACH
PROJECTS*

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

\$500 CASH RAFFLE \$500

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*** ham biscuits * cheese bites * petite Bundt cakes**

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Finest Fall Planting Bulb Sale

Order forms are available on St. Mary's website (www.stmaryskinston.com), in the church office and church narthex or contact Juliet Barrus.

Please order by November 2nd



The Episcopal Church

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In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 38 member provinces/churches.

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In the United States

A community of 2 million members in 118 dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

Established in 1788.

Presiding Bishop

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Episcopal Church Center

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New York, N.Y. 10017 212-716-6000

www.dfms.org/

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In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 73 churches.

Founded in 1883.

The Rt. Rev. Peter J. Lee - Bishop Provisional

The Rev. Robert Skirving - Bishop-Elect

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A church of 401 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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Rector	The Rev'd A. Michael Singer
Assistant	The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren
Director of Music	Mr. Nick Voermans
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

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

St. Mary's Vestry has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 16, 2014, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Senior Warden,

P.C. Barwick, Jr.

Times of celebration

Join us in Greenville . . . at Rock

Springs Center, 4025 NC Highway 43 N, on **Saturday, November 8th**, at 11:00 a.m. as the Rev. Rob Skirving, will be consecrated (ordained a bishop) and become the VIII Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina. It will be a festive service with the Bishop Michael Curry (Diocese of NC) preaching and the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori (Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church) as the chief consecrator. Many bishops of the Episcopal Church and their ecumenical counterparts will be in attendance as well. There will be clergy, young people and musicians and choirs. The door at Rock Spring will open at 9:00 a.m. There is no reserved seating. It is on a first come basis. Invite your family and friends to take part in this day of celebration.



Bishop to preach. . .The Rt. Rev. Julio César

Holguín, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic, will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, November 9th**. Bishop Holguín will be in the diocese to attend the consecration of the Rev. Rob Skirving the day before. Bishop Holguín is the third bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic and was born and raised in San Francisco de Macorís which is in the Cibao valley of the Dominican Republic. He and his family were among the early converts (in the early 1950's) to the first mission of the Episcopal Church in San Francisco. The Diocese of the Dominican

Republic is the fastest growing diocese in the Episcopal Church. During his term as bishop since 1991, Bishop Holguín has provided the leadership for the dynamic growth of the Dominican Episcopal Church. Bishop Holguín will also address the adult Sunday school class this day in Moseley Hall. Plan to join us.

Consecration Sunday preacher . . . The

Rev. Tom Rickenbaker, onetime Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton, NC, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, November 16th. **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. In the near future you will be able to make your reservation. 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. Plan to join us to hear Father Rickenbaker. He has preached at St. Mary's before. This is something you won't want to miss.



Worship

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Sunday, January 11, 2015, 3 PM and 5 PM



Attention: Kings, noblemen, serfs, men, women, and children! It is that time of year again when we prepare for The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival. After a successful 25th Anniversary performance last year, we look to build upon our success. That success comes in preparation by getting fitted for your costume. Fitting dates are:

Wednesday, November 12th - 3:00 -7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19th - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3rd - 3:00 -7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14th - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rehearsal dates and times as well as further fitting dates will be added and announced at a later time.



Do you like spaghetti? On Wednesday, November 12th, the adult choir will be hosting a spaghetti dinner at 6:00 p.m. to raise funds for the music ministry at St. Mary's. There will also be a raffle for baked goods. If you would like to donate a pie or a cake to be a part of the raffle, please contact Nick Voermans at 523-6146, or nvoermans@stmaryskinston.com.

Youth Choir Opportunity



The Youth Choir at St. Mary's will be resuming rehearsals for our annual Community Service of Lessons and Carols which will take place on Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Weekly rehearsals begin Thursday, November 6th from 5:30-6p.m. (except Thanksgiving!).

If you know of children Grades 2 - 8 who do not attend St. Mary's but would be interested in participating, please do not hesitate to invite them and contact Nick Voermans at 523-6146 or nvoermans@stmaryskinston.com.

We hope you will save the date and join us for Lessons and Carols!

Lenoir County Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 23rd, - 4:00 PM First Missionary Baptist Church 801 E. Gordon Street, Kinston, NC

An offering for InterChurchOutReach ([ICOR](#)), our ministry of emergency assistance, will be received during the service.

A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service. Each congregation should bring reception "finger food" to share. Please drop off food in the Fellowship Hall before the service.

This Community Service is sponsored by
Lenoir County Association of Congregations

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.

November 2nd - *Baptismal reception* - Come to Moseley Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service and gather with your parish family - The Adult Formation Committee will meet in the Parlor at 11:15 a.m.

November 9th - *The Episcopal Church, a mega church* - Bishop Julio César Holguín, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic, will talk to the adults about the work of the Church in his part of the world

November 16th - *Celebration Luncheon* - Following worship in the church we will gather in Moseley Hall for dinner

November 23rd - *Preparing for St. Mary's Market* - Adults are asked to gather in Moseley Hall to help with final preparations for the next day's Market

November 30th - *Intergenerational Advent wreath making* - Individuals and families will gather in Moseley Hall to make Advent wreaths for the home

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!

Advent & Christmas Devotional

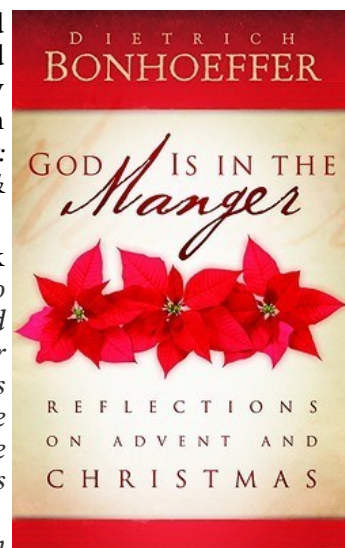
This Advent and Christmas, you are invited to join Fr. Tom in daily devotional reading from *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent & Christmas*.

From the book's back cover: "There are only two places where the powerful and great in this world lose their courage, tremble in the depths of their souls, and become truly afraid. These are the manger and the cross of Jesus Christ."

"No priest, no theologian stood at the cradle of Bethlehem. And yet, all Christian theology finds its beginnings in the miracle of miracles, that God became human."

These stirring words are among forty devotions that guide and inspire readers as they move thematically through the weeks of Advent and Christmas, from waiting and mystery to redemption, incarnation, and joy. Supplemented by an informative introduction, short excerpts from Bonhoeffer's letters, and passages from his Christmas sermons, these daily devotions are timeless and moving reminders of the true gift of Christmas.

Those reading are also invited to a **pot-luck shared meal to discuss these reflections on Monday evening, December 8, at 5:30 pm in the Parlor.** A limited number of copies of the book are available in the parish book store for \$13.



JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOOD & FUN

Thursday Evenings
(Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13 & 20)
7—9 p.m.

Church Kitchen
Help prepare pre-sale items
Light refreshment & beverages provided to keep
creativity & conversation flowing!!
Everyone Welcome



Advent wreath making

Plan to join us for an intergenerational Advent wreath making session on Sunday, November 30, at 11:15 am in Moseley Hall.

No prior experience is necessary. An Advent devotional booklet will be made available for you and your family to use during this season of preparation.

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, November 2

Jr. & Sr. EYC @ Church

Jr. EYC 5:30-7:00pm

Sr. EYC 6:15-8:00pm

Supper for all from 6:15-7:00pm

Sunday, November 9

Compline under the Stars!!

6:15pm in the church side yard

November 14-16

*Against the Current—Diocesan
Event @ Trinity Center
(registration due Oct 12)*

Sunday, November 16

Jr. & Sr. EYC @ Church

Same times as Nov 2

Wed. November 19 6:45-8pm

EYC Jam Session! (in sanctuary)

Sunday, November 23

Jr. & Sr. EYC @ Church

Same times as Nov 2

Wed. November 26 8a-12p

Local Mission to Mary's Kitchen

Sunday, November 30

Jr. & Sr. EYC @ Church

Same times as Nov 2

Bring a friend!!!!



Last month, our Episcopal Youth Community got together with the youth group from First Presbyterian Church in Kinston on a beautiful Sunday evening at Common Ground Community Garden & Orchard in East Kinston. In just a short time, we worked on projects like installing a rain-harvesting system, painting a mural that will draw attention to the garden & inform the public, planted fall crops, and tasted fresh honey during a bee demonstration. But most importantly, we made & strengthened friendships among our sisters & brothers in Christ. The body of Christ is ALL who claim Jesus as Lord & Savior and strive to follow in "The Way" that He showed and still calls us to follow in our lives today.

In a society that is sliced up in more ways than a pizza, it is GOOD to show in word and action that God brings healing through community TOGETHER!

Fr. Tom+



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 October: Pam Sheffield, Susanne & Jimmy Ballard, and Sandra & Frank Warren!! Also, THANK YOU to Heather Wentz, Shelly Yarbrough and ALL who helped put on the Halloween Carnival for the children of the community!



Other News

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting of St. Mary's Church will be Sunday, December 7th at 11:20 a.m. At that time we will hear various reports of the parish, elect four members to the Vestry and elect delegates to Diocesan Convention.

Diocesan Convention will be held February 5 - 7, 2015 at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. If you would like to be considered as a delegate to convention, please submit your name to Joan Bradshaw, Parish Administrator.



This year, 2014, 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 back to school 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.

Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church a family celebration

St. Mary's Church will celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, November 26th, with our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your family and friends as we celebrate Thanksgiving as a parish family.

On this night and on Sunday, November 23rd, two special offerings will be taken. There will be a collection of



nonperishable food items for Mary's Kitchen and as is the tradition of Episcopal Churches in North Carolina, a special offering will be taken for Thompson Child & Family Focus. Thompson Child and Family Focus provides residential treatment facilities for adolescents throughout North Carolina.

The offices of St. Mary's Church will be closed November 27th - 30th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pastoral news

Births: Lyla Marie Wade born
September 9th to Jean Marie and Josh Wade

Ella Mae Carey born
October 6th to Patrick and Emily Carey
Grandparents are Linda and Clifton Carey

Jack Armistead Ferguson born
October 8th to Mackenzie and William Ferguson
Grandparents are Judy and Bill Ferguson

Weddings: Fuller Parham and Salem Simmons
October 4, 2014
St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Winston-Salem, NC
Jonathan Bowen and Mary Elizabeth Kalencki
October 18, 2014
Country Club of the Crystal Coast, Pine Knoll Shores, NC
Parents are Diane and Scott Bowen
Grandparents are Marilyn Bowen &
Charlie and Barbara Bowen



Congratulations !

Congratulations to St. Mary's softball team for winning the Kinston/Lenoir Parks and Recreation Church Softball Regular Season and Championship. These award plaques hang on the wall to the entrance way of the office wing. The 2015 season begins in early May 2015. Talk to coach Sandy Shimer about a spring training trip to Florida.

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UTO Fall Ingathering

Through the United Thank Offering (UTO) men, women, and children acquire the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings along with our brothers and sisters in

Christ. The combined gifts from UTO address compelling human need through grants to projects that help

alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. Your prayers and gifts bring about great changes in the lives of brothers and sisters in Christ.

St. Mary's will participate in the 2014 Fall UTO Ingathering at morning services on Sunday, November 9th. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's and in the memo portion of your check write, UTO.



Cherished Member's Luncheon

Remember to mark your calendar for November 6th, at 11:30 a.m., as that date marks November's Cherished Members and Friends Luncheon for the beloved in our community of retirement age. Please feel free to invite a friend. A sign-up sheet may be found in the Narthex or simply call the secretary at 523-6146 to sign up. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP by November 2nd.

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

2014

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

2015

W. Scott Newton, II
 Cyndi L. Rafferty
 Joseph V. Stark
 Stuart L. Stroud

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Susan F. Fox
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 Isaac (Ike) C. Hines
 Kevin M. Zoltek

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Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley
