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Saint Mary's Church

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FROM THE RECTOR

Father Brent Norris

Rector to be on sabbatical

In the scriptures we are told to “remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.” In this commandment God provides a guideline for healthy living. To remain healthy all living things need regular times of rest. God gives us instructions to take a weekly Sabbath for worship, family, re-creation, rest and pleasure. The scriptures also instruct that from time to time longer Sabbaths are to be taken. For instance, every seven years fields are to lay fallow and unplanted so that the soil can rest and be replenished.

In the Episcopal Church for the past few decades we have returned to the wisdom of the Sabbath by including provisions for Sabbath time in the Letter of Agreement between a priest and a parish. The inclusion of this sabbatical leave recognizes that parish clergy, even when they are not in the Church building, are always in some way “at work.” Our phones ring at 2:00 am and we go to the hospital to be with a parishioner. We see people in the grocery store who need to unburden themselves of some concern. We are seldom totally unconnected and at rest.

I last had a sabbatical in 2012 and it is time for another. I will be away from St. Mary's on sabbatical from August 15th until November 8.th The current plans for my sabbatical include rest, study, and adventure. As the calendar stands now I will spend a week in reflection at the hermitage at our Convent in Sewanee, rest at the beach for a few weeks, take an adventure trip to Morocco, and spend three weeks with a Biblical Archeology Society study trip to experience the early Church sites in Greece and Turkey.

The goal of sabbatical is not just renewal and refreshment for the clergy but also a time of growth for the parish. In the coming months you will hear further details of this sabbatical from me and from the Sabbatical Committee which has been helping me with planning and logistics. In the meantime please don't hesitate to ask any questions that you may have.

FEAST OF PENTECOST, MAY 20TH



On Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and her continuing presence in the community of the Church. We wear something red that day and celebrate with a festive international meal following the 11:00 am Mass. Look for sign-up sheets to list what international delectable you will bring to share.

ECW INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON



Sunday, May 20th, (Pentecost Sunday) after the 11:00 am Mass the ECW is hosting the *International Luncheon*. The asking donation is \$6.00 per person, of which the proceeds will go to Camp Henry at Lake Logan for scholarships of our own young people. So it's a win /win luncheon.

There will be sign up sheets in the entrance of the Church and on the bulletin board at Emmaus Hall. Please come and bring a dish of your choice. Your family and visitors are always welcome!

AS ALWAYS AT THIS EVENT DISHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD WILL BE A TREAT FOR ALL OF US.

If you have costumes to match your country that is wonderful, but not a must.

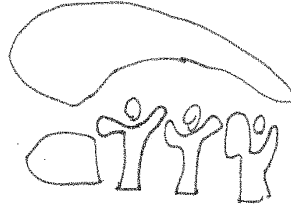
REST IN PEACE

Frances Roberts departed this life on April 17, 2017.

Her Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's on Saturday, April 21, with burial in the Memorial Garden.

May her soul the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

THANK YOU



St. Mary's Episcopal Church,
My boys & I would like to
thank your congregation for their
generous donations & sponsorship of our
new home. Your kind participation
in Habitat's InterFaith build has
afforded our family the dream of
a lifetime! Stay Blessed,
The Parrott Family
Lindsay, Jackson & Carter

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

A said Mass in commemoration of the *Feast of the Ascension* will be offered at
St. Mary's on **Thursday, May 10th, at 12:05 pm.**

ST. MARY'S YOUTH EVENT



Teens 13 years old and up will meet on **Sunday, May 20th**, for Putt Putt and Pizza. Meet at the Church at 4:00 pm.

TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 27TH

We will recognize our devoted and faithful Catechesis Atrium teachers
and acknowledge those young persons have completed the third level studies.

MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST

On Sunday, April 29th, we bid farewell to *Joel Rogers* who has been our Organist and Music Director since August. We thank Joel for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors. *Virginia McKnight* will be on the bench to supply until our new Minister of Music begins on May 27th.

MAY PRAYER CYCLE

Daily Prayers for: Diocese, Anglican Communion, Religious Communities

1	St. Andrews, Bessemer City Diocese of Central New York Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Sewanee	16	St. Thomas, Burnsville Diocese of Chhattisgarh (India) Sisters of the Order of St. Helena, Augusta, GA
2	St. Francis, Rutherfordton Diocese of Central Newfoundland (Canada) All Saints' Sisters of the Poor, Catonsville, MD	17	St. Luke's, Boone Diocese of Chicago The Community of Taize
3	St. Peter-by-the-Lake, Denver Diocese of Central Pennsylvania Sisters of the Community of the Holy Spirit, New York	18	St. Mary's, Blowing Rock Diocese of Chichester (England) Brothers of St. Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers, MI
4	Church of the Advocate, Asheville Diocese of Western North Carolina Sisters of the Community of St. Francis, San Francisco	19	Calvary, Fletcher Diocese of Chile Brothers of the Servants of Christ Priory, Phoenix, AZ
5	St. Luke's & Our Saviour, Lincolnton Diocese of Central Philippines Sisters of the Community of St. John the Baptist, NJ	20	St. Joseph's, Christ School Diocese of Chotanagpur (India) Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, Ripon, WI
6	St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton Diocese of Central Solomons Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Greenwich, NY	21	Good Shepherd & Holy Cross, Tryon Anglican Church of Mexico Sisters of Charity, Little Britain, Ontario
7	Redeemer, Shelby Anglican Church of Korea Sisters of the Transfiguration, San Pedro, DR	22	St. James & La Capilla De Santa Maria, Hendersonville Diocese of Christ the King (South Africa) Sisters of St. John the Divine, Toronto
8	All Saints & St. Mark's, Gastonia Diocese of Central Tanganyika (Tanzania) Sisters of St. Mary, West Province, Mukwonago, WI	23	St. Philip's, Brevard Diocese of Christchurch (New Zealand) Brothers of the Society of St. Francis, Mt. Sinai, NY
9	Deerfield & St. Giles, Asheville Diocese of Central Zambia (Africa) Sisters of the Church, Oakville, Ontario	24	Transfiguration, Bat Cave Diocese of Chubu (Japan) Brothers of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, MA
10	Thompson Home, Charlotte Diocese of Central Zimbabwe (Africa) Sisters of the Transfiguration, Cincinnati, OH	25	St. Paul's, Edneyville Diocese of Clogher (Ireland) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Port-au-Prince
11	Holy Communion, Glendale Springs Diocese of Chandigarh (India) Brothers of the Holy Cross, West Park, NY	26	Transfiguration, Saluda Diocese of Coimbatore (India) Priests of the Society of St. Paul, Palm Desert, CA
12	Christ, Sparta Diocese of Chelmsford (England) Sisters/Brothers of Julian of Norwich, Waukesha, WI	27	Holy Family, Mills River Dioceses of Colombia Sisters of Teachers of the Children of God, Tucson, AZ
13	Holy Cross, Valle Crucis Diocese of Madras (India) Sisters of St. Anne, Bethany Convent, Arlington, MA	28	St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Flat Rock Anglican Center in Rome New Vocations
14	The Savior, Newland Anglican Church of Melanesia Sisters of St. Anne, Ascension Convent, Chicago, IL	29	Valle Crucis Conference Center Diocese of Colorado Associates of Religious Orders
15	Trinity, Spruce Pine Diocese of Chester (England) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Boston	30	Kanuga Conference Center Diocese of Connecticut Religious Communities in the Anglican Communion
		31	National Episcopal Church Diocese of Connor (Ireland) Oblates of Religious Orders

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE FOR MAY

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Server 8:00 am	H. Nicholls		H. Nicholls	
Reader(s)	W. Graham	C. Norris	J. Donarum	S. Blankinship
Altar Party 11:00 am	T. Naomi E. Cole L. Bullock L. Buckner	R. Bullock R. Watson Andrea Blankinship S. Blankinship	T. Naomi Andrea Blankinship L. Scaglioni S. Blankinship	R. Bullock E. Cole A. Bullock L. Bickner
Ushers	P. Buckner G. Bullock	J. Sluder L. Sluder	J. Sluder L. Sluder	M. Stanley B. Stanley
Counters	T. Naomi R. Watson	M. Stone C. Longoria	T. West Andrea Blankinship	D. King M. Davis
Coffee Hour	W. Graham M. Turowski	D. Watson	ECW International Luncheon	

NOTICE

+++ **The deadline to submit articles for the June newsletter will be May 20** +++

FROM THE REGISTER ATTENDANCE REPORT

	8:00 am	11:00 am	Total
April 1	25	91	116
April 8	18	39	57
April 15	21	49	70
April 22	13	55	68
April 29	15	58	73

St. Mary's Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MH: Mercer Hall EH: Emmaus Hall KH: Ketchum House		1 Richard 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>	2 7:30 pm Choir	3 <i>Parish Office closed</i>	4 Monnica <i>(transferred)</i> <i>Parish Office closed</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u> <i>(S. Weissman)</i>	5 10:00 am Al-Anon/MH
6 EASTER VI 8:00 am Mass <u>White</u> 9:45 am Adult Forum 9:45 am Atrium 11:00 am Sung Mass	7 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	8 Dame Julian of Norwich 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>	9 7:30 pm Choir	10 ASCENSION 12:05 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(S. Weissman)</i>	11 Frances Perkins <i>(transferred)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u> <i>(S. Weissman)</i>	12 10:00 am Al-Anon/MH
13 EASTER VII 8:00 am Mass <u>White</u> 9:45 am Adult Forum 9:45 am Atrium 11:00 am Sung Mass	14 <i>Rector's Day off</i> <i>6:00 pm Meeting/</i> <i>EH</i>	15 Martyrs of the Sudan <i>(transferred)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>Red</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>	16 12:30 pm Clergy Lunch/Tommy's 7:30 pm Choir	17 	18 Dunstan 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u> <i>(B. Norris)</i>	19 10:00 am Al-Anon/MH
20 PENTECOST DAY 8:00 am Mass <u>Red</u> 9:45 am Atrium 11:00 am Sung Mass 12:30 pm International Luncheon/EH 4:00 pm Youth Event	21 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	22 Jackson Kemper <i>(transferred)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>	23 5:30 pm Vestry/KH Trust Committee 7:00 pm Grove Park Board Meeting/EH 7:30 pm Choir	24 <i>7:00 pm Meeting/EH</i>	25 Requiem 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Black</u> <i>(S. Weissman)</i>	26 10:00 am Al-Anon/MH
27 TRINITY SUNDAY 8:00 am Mass <u>White</u> 9:45 am Atrium 11:00 am Sung Mass	28 <i>Parish Office closed</i>	29 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>(transferred)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>	30 7:30 pm Choir	31 		

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CLERGY

The Rt. Rev'd José McLoughlin _____ Bishop of Western North Carolina
The Rev'd Brent Norris _____ Rector
The Rev'd Michael Ashmore _____ Deacon
The Rev'd O. C. Edwards _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Stephen Weissman _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Catherine Powell _____ Priest Associate

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Tom Naomi _____ Senior Warden
Thomas West _____ Junior Warden
Patricia Crenshaw _____ Treasurer
Stephen Sesko _____ Clerk of the Vestry

Ami Bullock _____ Class of '19
Matt Stone
Thomas West

Michael Davis _____ Class of '20
Roger Watson
Pat Wooten

Danielle King _____ Class of '21
Christine Longoria
Tom Naomi

STAFF

Mary Alice Nard _____ Parish Administrator
Joel P. Rogers _____ Organist/Choir Director
Genelda Woggon _____ Catechist
The Rev'd Catherine Powell _____ Catechist
Harvey Johnson _____ Sexton