



ST. MARY'S

ON THE HIGHLANDS

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

April 19, 2026

Holy Eucharist and Confirmation

10:30 AM

Welcome to St. Mary's! We are glad that you have joined us for worship. If you are visiting today, please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate when it is passed to you.

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. The spirit of the Easter Season, "The Great Fifty Days," is expressed in these verses by St. John of Damascus: "Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render." While every Sunday Eucharist throughout the year is an Easter celebration, where we recall and give thanks for Christ's resurrection and all saving acts of God, the Easter season is notably joyful and celebratory. Lessons from Scripture, music, and flowers convey these themes.

Holy Eucharist begins on page 355 of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns are found in *The Hymnal 1982*, also located in the pew rack in front of you.

Children are welcome in worship! Nursery is available for children younger than 3K. Children in 3K-5K begin the service in Kids' Word, room 203. Children ages 1st-3rd grades begin in church and follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel after the Gospel reading. All children will return to their families at the peace.



The nave supports those with hearing impairments via an audio induction loop. Please set your hearing aid to "T" (Telecoil) setting.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us at our Baptism. Send us forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

-Adapted from the Bishop's prayer at Confirmation, BCP 418

The moments before worship are a special opportunity for silence, for reflection, and to come before God in prayer. “Be still, then, and know that I am God” *Psalm 46:11*

Voluntary – Variations on ‘This Joyful Eastertide’

Paul Bouman

Hymn in Procession 199 – Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

St. Kevin

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 413

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (*please remain standing through the collects*)

BCP 224

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BCP 254

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that

your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 (*sung by the choir*)

chant – William Crotch

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things

like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 432 – O praise ye the Lord! (*stanzas 1, 2, & 4*)

Laudate Dominum

The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 416

Bishop

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ and those being presented.

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confirmation

BCP 418

The congregation is seated.

The candidates for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation stand before the Bishop who prays for and lays hands upon each one of them. Family and friends present to support candidates should stand as the person is presented to the bishop and remain standing as each person returns to their seat.

After all of the candidates have been presented, the Bishop concludes with this prayer, the congregation standing.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Congregation remains standing. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all those on our parish prayer list and especially for Katherine, Buddy, Gina, David, Mike, and Jean; that they may receive the gift of healing, strength, and life.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence - The People add their own petitions.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus – **S128** setting – William Mathias

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP 367-369), during which the following acclamation is said.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding
...now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and after a period of silence says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Any baptized person may receive Communion. Those who choose not to receive Communion may wish to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing one's arms over one's chest. Gluten free wafers are available by request.

Ushers will be in the center aisles. Movement is from the center aisle to the altar or Communion station to receive the bread and wine. Then return to your pew by way of the side aisle.

Music at Communion

Choir Motet – Verily, verily I say unto you

setting – Thomas Tallis

Verily, verily I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have not life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me, and I in him. *John 6:53-56*

Hymn 343 – Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (*sung by all*)

St. Agnes

Hymn 306 – Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest (*sung by all*)

Sursum Corda

After all have received Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, kneeling.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Offered by the Bishop.

Hymn in Procession 296 – We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

Dismissal

BCP 366

Minister Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Voluntary – Toccata on ‘This Joyful Eastertide’

Paul Bouman

Youth Confirmands

Henry Lorimer Nance Ball
Micaela Solar Cuellar Perry
Hanson Elizabeth Kerr
Murray Sommerville Robison
Elizabeth Somerville Trotter
Greyson Alexander Ward

Hollaway Collier Craft
Graham Michael Hale
Elizabeth Roper Rich
Callan James Segrest
James Olin Trotter
Sally Comer Worthen

Adult Confirmands

Ann Dismukes Allen
Christen Crosby Bond
Jefferson Davis Carter
Gilbert Egloff Johnston, Jr.
Brian Matthew O'Neil (*Received*)
John Allen Roberts (*Reaffirmed*)

Michael Allen (*Reaffirmed*)
William Robert Bond (*Reaffirmed*)
Ronald Edward Gilchrist (*Received*)
Deanna Lynn McCombs
Terry Ann O'Neil
Katherine Alford Roberts

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Bill and Mary Newman Turnipseed
Verl and Mary-Josèphe Cameron

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and loving memory of

Charles Homer Garrison

Assisting in our Worship Today

Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Glenda S. Curry

Clergy Assisting in Worship

The Rev. H. Huey Gardner

The Rev. Richard Ahlquist

Deacons

The Rev. Deacon Kaki O'Flinn
The Rev. Deacon John I. Kennedy Jr., MD.

Musicians

The St. Mary's Choir
Dr. John T. Lowe, Jr., *Director of Music and Organist*

Assisting in Worship

Fred Blackmon, Jr.

Bishop's Chaplain

Evan Jane Worthen

Chalice Bearers

Jennifer Dewees
Hugh Rushing

Vivian Terry

Lay Reader

Clint Thompson

Sharon Whatley

Prayers of the People

Ingrid Richardson

Ushers

Ron Williamson
Alex Goldsmith

David Martin
Alice Yeates

Acolytes

Fred Blackmon, III
Bennett Holmes

Gray Schoenvogel
Spencer Weathers

Greeters

Emily Holmes

Pride Fisher

Altar Guild

Melissa Bailey
Emily Rich
Evie Vare

Mary Hubbard
Judi Seitel

St. Mary's Flower Guild

VISITING ST. MARY'S?

Welcome! Please pick up a visitor packet from the table in the narthex. We also encourage you to fill out a Visitor Card (found on the back of the pew in front of you) and drop it in the offering plate. You can also scan the QR code to the right to complete the visitor card online. And please introduce yourself to one of the clergy after the service. Thank you so much for worshipping with us.



St. Mary's Building Access

Please keep the motor court beneath RMH open for drop-offs or for those needing access to the elevator. To reach the worship space without using stairs, enter Drennen House from the motor court or from 12th Avenue and take the elevator to level 3R.

Parking at St. Mary's

Monday-Saturday: Parking is available in four places.

- The motor court.
- The lot below the garden (Take steps to the garden and doors to Parish Office.)
- The lot on 12th Avenue behind Ramsay High School ("St. Mary's West Lot")
- Street parking

Sunday:

- **The motor court is reserved for handicapped parking SUNDAYS ONLY.**
- The small lot at the AT&T building- This lot is available on SUNDAYS ONLY.
- Street Parking on both sides of 12th Avenue

Please note:

- *The lot across 12th Avenue behind Mellow Mushroom is a private lot to which we do not have access. Violators will be towed.*
- *Make sure you have a parking decal on your car to avoid being towed from a St. Mary's lot. These are available in the Parish Office.*

Wheelchairs Available

Wheelchairs are available at the Parish Office reception desk, the entrance to Drennen House, and the connector. Please feel free to use them if needed.

City Action Partnership (CAPS) Service Available

CAPS is in the 5 Points South neighborhood. They are available to assist with dead batteries, locked cars, and the unhoused. Please feel free to call them for assistance or to report a concern: 205-251-0111.

The Way of the Cross

You are invited to bring a cross any time during the Easter season. **Donated crosses should be no larger than 4 x 6 inches. They can be made of wood, metal, ceramic, or even a small canvas with a cross painted on it.** These crosses will be hung in the hallway along the motor court. This display will serve as a reminder to those passing through that the way of the cross reflects what the parish of St. Mary's stands for. We follow the words of our Lord, who said that

those choosing to follow Him will need to “take up their cross and deny themselves.” There will be no mention of who offered the cross; instead, each will remind us of who offered His life on the cross. **You may leave your cross in the designated baskets in the Parish Office or in the connector.**



PARISH EVENTS

*Scan this code for quick, easy access to our website's **EVENTS PAGE** to view all event details, registration info, and links.*

Parish Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday Mornings / 8:45 to 9:25 AM / Randolph Memorial Hall

On any Sunday with Christian Education, we also offer a hot breakfast. Join us in RMH for delicious food and even better company! Suggested donation: \$5 per person ages 6+ / \$20 family max.

Adult Christian Education

Sundays / 9:30-10:15 AM / Randolph Memorial Hall

- **TODAY: The Rt. Rev. Glenda S. Curry** will join us for her annual visit and confirmation.
- **Music Sunday, April 26: James Coats**, parishioner and choir member, will share the past and present of St. Mary's music program. Bring all your questions about hymns, psalms, chanting, and church music!

Today is Confirmation Sunday

Bishop Glenda S. Curry will be with us today for our annual Bishop's Visitation and confirmation. Here is the schedule for the day:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist *Preacher: The Rev. Richard Ahlquist*

8:45 AM Breakfast Reception in RMH

Guests of honor: Bishop Curry, our confirmands, and their families

9:30 AM Christian Education *For adults in RMH, Bishop Curry will be our speaker.*

10:30 AM Confirmation and Holy Eucharist *Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Glenda S. Curry*

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist with string ensemble *Preacher: The Rev. Richard Ahlquist*

Music Sunday, April 26 / 10:30 AM Service

Our 10:30 AM service next Sunday will celebrate the Music Ministries of St. Mary's and feature offerings from our choirs, organ, brass, and timpani!

Good Shepherd Sunday: April 26

The Fourth Sunday of Easter marks Good Shepherd Sunday. Everyone is invited to the Garden **immediately following the 10:30 AM** service to visit with a lamb and enjoy sheep cookies and lemonade!

Weekly Study Gatherings

- **Rector's Bible Studies:**
 - **The Men's Study:** Tuesdays at 7:10 AM in Room 309.
 - **The Women's Study:** Wednesdays at 10:10 AM in Randolph Memorial Hall.
 - Both are offered via Microsoft Teams. Email Melodie Elam to be added to the distribution list for study notes and Teams link (melodie@stmarysoth.org).
- **Devoted Small Group for Women:** Tuesdays, 9:15-10:30 AM in Room 307 This group discussion is open to all! We explore scripture, devotionals, and Christian literature. Questions? Contact Kaki O'Flinn at kaki@stmarysoth.org or 205-305-1514.

Club 456 Game Night

Friday, May 1 / 6:00-8:00 PM / Randolph Memorial Hall

Roll the dice, grab your card, and bring a friend! RSVP to Katie Dewees at katie@stmarysoth.org.

Youth Sunday, May 3 / 10:30 AM Service

Everyone's favorite Sunday is just around the corner! Youth Sunday is an opportunity for the students (7th – 12th grade) at St. Mary's to lead a Eucharist service by serving as greeters, ushers, acolytes, chalice bearers, readers, and musicians. Our hope is to have as many students as possible involved in the service. Use this link below to sign up: <https://forms.gle/Y9XcgkKnmSpbSnzWA>

May Road Runners Day Trip

Thursday, May 14 / American Village-Montevallo, AL

For our next outing, we are headed south to Montevallo! Here are the details:

- Depart by bus from St. Mary's at 9:00 AM.
- First stop: American Village in Montevallo (www.americavillage.org)
- Lunch at 1:00 PM (time approximate) at Main Street Tavern
- Return to St. Mary's immediately following lunch
- \$40 pp includes admission to American Village and lunch
- **Pre-payment is required. Scan QR code above to visit our Events page to register and pay (www.stmarysoth.org/events).**

New Newsletter Format

Starting with the June 2026 issue, St. Mary's will make *The Messenger* an e-newsletter. This move helps us be good stewards of resources while sharing timely info with our parish. We know email isn't ideal for everyone. **If we do not have your email address on file, you'll still get a printed copy by first-class mail.** The digital version remains on our website, and a limited number of printed copies will be available around the church. ***To update your info, contact Melodie Elam in the church office. Thank you for your support as we take this step forward in stewardship and communication.***

Collection for Sawyerville Day Camp

We are collecting *individual packs of Cheez-its and Goldfish* for Camp Sawyerville. All donations can be dropped off in the Outreach office on or before **Monday, May 18.**

Middlers Dinner

DATE CHANGE! Thursday, June 18 / 6:00-8:30 PM

Hosted by Hill and Dan Weathers (44 Country Club Road, 35213). BYOB. \$15 pp to cover the food cost. RSVP by paying via Venmo to @Hill-Weathers. Please include your email address with your Venmo so we can send you parking information.

VBS Registration

VBS will be June 8-10. *Scan the QR code above to visit our Events website page and sign up your child. PLUS!* We know you've got great ideas to share, so reach out to Katie Dewees at katie@stmarysoth.org or our VBS chairs Emily Rich at emrlewis@gmail.com or Laura Beale at Laurabbeale@hotmail.com to join the steering committee!

Created for A Purpose: July 20-24

Created for A Purpose is a creative arts camp for girls rooted in Scripture and the good news of the Gospel. Rising 3rd–8th-grade girls are led by high school, college, and adult women from the parish. **Interested in Serving? Scan the QR code above to visit our Events website page and apply or sign up.**

- **Counselors:** Rising 9th–12th grade girls & college women. Rising 10th grade and older will receive a \$200 stipend.
- **Adult Volunteers:** All women of the parish can serve!

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekday Morning Prayer

Monday-Friday / 8:40 AM / Church

All are welcome to join us for this lay-led daily office. Enter Drennen House via the motor court door and take the elevator to Level 3R.

Centering Prayer

Tuesdays / 11:30 AM / Chapel

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian form of silent prayer that is ideal for both corporate and private worship. Our group meets in-person and via Zoom. Enter Drennen House and take the elevator to Level 3. For Zoom: meeting ID is 3891069314; password is Prayer.

Men's Service Ministry

A group of our men has volunteered to staff this ministry, which will focus on providing services to parishioners, at their residences, who are unable, due to age, handicap, or lack of experience, to do such things as hanging framed items, relocating furniture, etc. This also includes small hand-tool repairs. Please direct requests for assistance to Meade Whitaker at mwhitaker@bradley.com or (205) 521-8261.

Clothing Collection

Our community ministry partner, Highlands United Methodist Church, manages a clothing closet for our neighborhood friends in need. **We are collecting ONLY the items listed below to support this ministry:** *All donations can be left in the St. Mary's Outreach office.*

- Gently used men's and women's clothing (t-shirts, tops, sweatshirts, jackets, belts, pants)
- Gently used men's and women's tennis shoes
- New men's and women's underwear and socks

Opportunities to Serve

- **GED Food Volunteers:** St. Mary's GED program needs lunch and snack volunteers! This is a fun, easy, and flexible way to serve an amazing and growing ministry. For more information or to sign up, contact Allison Manley at 205-266-1199 or).
- **Highlands United Methodist Church Breakfast Ministry** St. Mary's provides volunteers on **Thursdays, 8:30-10:00 AM.** Questions? Contact Monica Sargent (205-913-4689 or monica@stmarysoth.org). To volunteer, please visit www.stmarysoth.org/outreach.

Pastoral Care Ministries

- **The "Loving Well" Support Group for Caregivers** meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 2:00 PM in the Chapel. It supports parish caregivers, offering community and relief from the loneliness and frustration of caregiving. Facilitators are Cler Watkins and Kaki O'Flinn.
 - **Home Communion:** If you or someone you know is unable to worship in person and would like to receive a home communion visit, please get in touch with The Rev. Deacon Kaki O'Flinn at kaki@stmarysoth.org or 205-881-1532.
 - **Hospital Visits:** If you would like to specifically request a visit from the clergy or Pastoral Care Team member, please contact Kaki O'Flinn.
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PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

You may email prayer requests to cissy@stmarysoth.org or call (205) 933-1140.

In an effort to stay current, names will be kept on the list for a month after the date given. If you wish to continue beyond that, please contact us.

For those who await the birth or adoption of a child:

Charles and Olivia Lewis

Please pray for our parishioners and staff:

John, Ann, Margaret, Bill, Mike, Jean, David, Gina, Sharon, Buddy, Katherine

For our families, friends, and neighbors:

Addi, Austan, Tricia, Linda, Max

For those who are grieving:

Family of Bradley Crow, Family of Roberta Whitten

For those who experience ongoing challenges:

Patty, Judy, Patrick, Todd, Norma, Carley, Andy, Betty, Bart, Natalie, Linda M.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Alex, Brian, Steven, Daniel, Marjory, Jack, Jesse, Richard, Jonah, Robert, John, Isabelle,
Frank, Emilio

ST. MARY'S ON THE HIGHLANDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CLERGY

The Rev. H. Huey Gardner, Rector

The Rev. Richard Ahlquist, Associate Rector

The Rev. Deacon Kaki O'Flinn/Pastoral Care

The Rev. Deacon John I. Kennedy Jr., MD./Episcopal DIOALA Chaplain to UAB Medical Center

The Rev. Grady Richardson, Associate Clergy

The Rev. Gates Shaw, Associate Clergy

LAY STAFF

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