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*The Season of Easter  
April 2013*



**135 years and going strong!  
Our St. Mary's Community celebrates**

## **ST. MARY'S FOUNDER'S DAY**

**April 21, 2013**

**Picnic following the 11 o'clock service**

**Please bring a side for 12+ people in a disposable serving dish.  
Chicken, Dessert and Beverages will be provided.**

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01 March 2013 Elizabeth Stultz Moore from  
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05 March 2013 Helen Grace O'Ferrall to  
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### Burials:

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| 28 February 2013 | Louisa Darragh Preston |
| 14 March 2013    | Elizabeth Stultz Moore |
| 18 March 2013    | John Russell Good      |



### Children's Clothing Swap April 20 11a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to benefit St. Mary's School

*Bring \$15 + at LEAST 5 "like new" children's items then shop shop shop!*

St. Mary's Episcopal school is having it's first ever clothing exchange. This is a great way to exchange unused or outgrown items for things you need and raise money for the school.

- How It Works: - Bring \$15 and at LEAST 5 "like new" items (clothes, toys, equipment) to donate and receive a pass to shop at no extra cost. Clothing and shoes should be suitable for children ages 2-6
- Registration: - Early payment and item drop off will be Friday from 9-12 at St. Mary's Episcopal School
- Day of event registration will be from 8-9 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal School

Thank you and please tell your friends, family and coworkers about the Exchange!

All proceeds go to St. Mary's School. • Items not sold will be donated to the Goochland Woman's Center.

# Hope for Disappointment

*A Sermon for the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday  
Year C - 24 March 2013*

John Edward Miller  
Rector

*After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,*

*"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"*

*Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.*

*-Luke 19:28-40*

## The Collect

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Shusaku Endo is one of modern Japan's best-known authors. His writings feature satire, irony, and the foibles of human nature. One of the common themes of his novels is the "mudswamp" of contemporary culture—the declining ethics and mores of the post-war world. Endo bemoans society's inattentiveness to God, sin, and death. To counter the downward pull of the "mudswamp" he introduces various Christ figures who save his other characters from the moral and spiritual morass. In his novel, *Wonderful Fool*,<sup>1</sup> Endo's Christ figure is Gaston Bonaparte, a young Frenchman who comes uninvited to Japan to visit his pen pal, Takamori.

Gaston is a descendant of the notorious Napoleon Bonaparte, but his genetic linkage to the former French emperor was his only obvious asset. His appearance did not conform to anyone's expectation. Far from being a suave Charles Boyer, Gaston would shock his hosts with his ungainly presence. But until he set foot on Japanese soil, Gaston remained a fascinating mystery.

By the day of the Frenchman's arrival, Takamori's sister Tomoe had reached a state of feverish anticipation. She had conjured up an idealized picture of their European visitor in her imagination. He would be strong, handsome, debonair, and sophisticated. After all, she thought, he is a descendant of Napoleon! It stood to reason that he'd have to be a blue blood, with noble bearing. That was her fondest hope, anyway. She had no clue that he might not fit her fantasy.

So with that bright image of their guest in mind, Tomoe and Takamori met his ship at Yokohama harbor. A procession of passengers disembarked, but there was no Gaston among them. The puzzled siblings went aboard the main deck to search for him. However, that effort proved fruitless, so Tomoe asked an official for help in locating the Frenchman. The man recognized the passenger's nationality, and simply said, "fourth class" — the lowest level of the ship. Thus they descended, deck by deck, and finally found him in the bowels of the ship — a place enshrouded by darkness, a place with the foulest stench of waste and decay.

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*We are a community of faith that worships and learns together, welcomes all people, and serves the needs of others in gratefulness for God's love and grace revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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There they saw a lone, disconsolate figure sitting on a bunk. When he heard his name called, Gaston stood, revealing his gawky height and alien demeanor, marked by his long, unattractive, horse-like face.

Tomoe thought that he “had the face of a simpleton in which not a glimpse of intelligence could be discerned.”<sup>2</sup> Gaston smiled, revealing his teeth and gums, and introduced himself. He extended “a hoof-like hand to Tomoe and shook her hand vigorously. . . . She had all she could do to keep from laughing bitterly as the intuition flashed upon her, ‘We’ve been taken in. We’ve been royally taken in.’”<sup>3</sup>

Have you ever had high expectations dashed? Has your fondest hope plummeted like a lead balloon when your wishful thinking faces the facts? Realizing that what you get is nothing like what you want is disappointing. And disappointment is one of the most underrated feelings of all. It can drag you down to dark discouragement.

I think that more than a little disappointment swept through the crowd on the streets of the holy city when Jesus entered Jerusalem. The people wanted a king – *their* king, not a Roman dictator like Pilate, or an imperial puppet like Herod. For almost a thousand years, Judeans had longed for a hero monarch – a king like David, the one whose star to this day is emblazoned on Israel’s national flag. David was the dream; he was the man. No one, not even his wise son Solomon, was thought to be equal to David in stature and importance. His reign marked the golden era of the nation, and forever after stood as the benchmark of kingship. Little wonder then that the people’s hope rested in David. The long-expected messiah would be in the David mold – a strong, vigorous, shepherd king who would lead the nation to glory.

And Jesus, the Messiah, did just that. The kingdom he established *would* lead to glory. But the glory he made possible was not the glory of popular expectation. Christ Jesus was not, and is not, a monarch of might – like the Caesar of Rome. He is the king of love. His reign is not dominance; it is the persuasive influence of one who gives to the fullest, rather than taking from others. He healed and transformed people instead of conquering and possessing them. And he did so by making himself vulnerable, and by sharing the world’s pain.

It is clear that Jesus saw his messianic role as the fulfillment of the “suffering servant” prophecies rather than those pertaining to the second coming of King David. As he would famously declare, “My kingdom is not of this world.” His kind of power was compassion instead of coercion. King Jesus was notoriously short of chariots, spears, and swords. In fact, he favored vulnerability over impenetrable strength. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, Christ Jesus was

*in the form of God, [yet] did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.<sup>4</sup>*

His mode of entry into Jerusalem showed that. When the time came to proceed, Jesus deliberately chose a modest mount over a warhorse. Luke’s account calls the animal a “colt,” while other gospel accounts refer to his ride as an “ass.” The point is that Jesus’ mode of travel was humble rather than proud, modest rather than magnificent.

So the stage was set for disappointment for the people of Jerusalem. We might even say that they would feel as though they’d been “royally taken in.” They had been straining to get a glimpse of the Messiah, a regal descendant of David, and what they saw was a clown-like figure mounted on a donkey. A collective sigh must have swept along the entry route. Wagging their heads in chagrin, the people were not happy. The same ones who cheered the approaching Jesus with their hosannas would, within a week’s time, become a mob jeering him, and chanting, “Crucify him.” That change reflected the depth of their disappointment.

Death lay ahead of Jesus. Nevertheless, he stayed his course, for love’s sake.

On Palm Sunday we enter this sacred space singing, “All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer King!” We do so to recall Jesus’ final entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. We are encouraged by the promise of his approach, even though he will arrive at the heart of darkness, rather than his kingly throne. For this is also the Sunday of the Passion. On this holy day we see the magnitude of his sacrifice and the ultimacy of his love. Our view of his gracious gift of himself with us and for us widens and deepens with every reading and prayer, culminating at the cross. We grasp his intention, his courage, and his perseverance. And we draw a quivering breath and sing:

*Ride on, ride on, in majesty! Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue Thy road With palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on, ride on, in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die! O Christ! Thy triumph now begin Over captive death and conquered sin.*

O Savior meek, pursue thy road, in lowly pomp ride on to die. That humble procession, so unlike the triumphant parades of Roman imperial splendor, is his way. It defies reason, and it smacks of pathetic loss, but Christ’s unpretentious manner leads to the only triumph worth having. The humble path of love, the way of the cross, is the way of life.

Gaston Bonaparte had disappointed Tomoe and Takamori and all who initially met him. But despite being the oddest misfit they had ever known, there was something about him that began to change everyone he touched. Dull-witted, lacking in common sense, and sometimes cowering in fear, he still had a redeeming virtue about him that was his saving grace. Gaston had a persuasive, trusting, self-sacrificing love for all people and animals. This quality transformed the listless, apathetic Takamori into a person who cared for the poor and the suffering, and it changed the self-absorbed, coldly practical Tomoe into a person of caring insight. Her high point came when she realized that Gaston was a special, redemptive gift that had affected her greatly. She said:

*A man who loves others with an open-hearted simplicity, who trusts others, no matter who they are, even if he is deceived or even betrayed – such a man in the present-day world is bound to be written off as a fool. And so he is. But not just an ordinary fool. He is a wonderful fool. He is a wonderful fool who will never allow the little light which he sheds along man’s way to go out.<sup>5</sup>*

As incongruous and unorthodox as *he* was, Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the light and hope of the world. He was God’s

unparalleled gift to people like us. His love does not force, or control. It allures, and persuades. That self-emptying love may not look it, but it is powerful. Because it is profoundly personal, love can turn selfishness into compassion, the shadow of death into the morning. Because it is gentle and kind, love can change the hardest of hearts, and melt the ice of indifference. Because it is not defensive, love makes itself available to others – standing with them in joy and in sorrow. Because love takes risks for the good of all, it can and often is, crucified. In the world's eyes, the love of Christ may look like weakness, but it is the greatest strength ever conceived.

As he trotted along on the little colt, Jesus thought about what lay ahead of him and his disciples. The inevitability of this moment was palpable. With every shout of hosanna, and with every garment and palm branch strewn along his way, people

eager to be saved from oppression, comprehended him and turned away. The scene was full of suffering, and his compassionate heart was brimming with love. He had wept for these people, and he was coming to them as their servant. He also understood that the clash to come would be brutal, and that he would pay the ultimate price. But he was never about to turn back, and save himself. Knowing that his hour had fully come, Jesus set his face like flint and rode into Jerusalem. Thank God. For he has given us the way of the cross – the way that leads to the only triumph worth having. Amen.

1 Shusaku Endo, *Wonderful Fool*, introduced and translated from the Japanese *Obaka San* by Francis Mathew (London: Peter Owen Publishers, 1974; paperback edition 2008), pp. 5-10.

2 *Ibid.*, p. 39.

3 *Ibid.*, p. 39.

4 Philippians 2:6-8.

5 *Ibid.*, p. 180.



**Are you a runner?**

**Interested in doing the  
Monument Ave 10K  
on April 13, 2013?**

**Want to help raise money  
for a good cause?**

**Join our team for World Pediatric Project's "Run with the Dove" ....St. Mary's Episcopal Church for WPP! We have formed a team to run the Monument Ave 10K and to raise money to bring another child to Richmond for life saving surgery.**

Our goal is \$4000 and we need your help!

Join our St. Mary's team and run with us! Each team member needs to sign up on our team page: <https://www.myplang.com/g/pfcTeams/membershipConfirmation/53171c41-dfac-4db4-87fc-dec1f7867156>

You will also have to register separately on the Sports Backers website: <http://www.sportsbackers.org/events/monument-avenue-10k>.

So sign up to run and raise money in support of WPP! If you have already signed up for the 10K, please join our team anyway to help us reach our goal! Each *Run with the Dove* team member will receive a special WPP *Run with the Dove* t-shirt to sport while running the 10k. There's also a kid's run - get your family involved!!

Not a runner but would still like to help? Consider making a donation to our St. Mary's team. Please visit our page to make a contribution of any size to our team. Every little bit helps! [https://www.myplang.com/g/viewCampaign/index/St\\_Mary\\_s\\_Episcopal\\_Church\\_for\\_WPP#](https://www.myplang.com/g/viewCampaign/index/St_Mary_s_Episcopal_Church_for_WPP#)

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# The Extravagance of Gratitude

*A Sermon for the 5th Sunday in Lent  
Year C - 17 March 2013*

David H. Knight  
Priest Associate

*Were the whole realm of nature mine  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*Isaac Watts, Hymn 474, 4<sup>th</sup> stanza*

*“Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.”*

*-John 12:1-3*

That night, Mary, so full of gratitude and devotion, not counting the cost, anointed Jesus' feet with costly perfume. The house was filled with the fragrance. There are few passages so filled with beauty as this scene at the home of Lazarus. It was a few days before the Passover and just days before Jesus' crucifixion. It was in a place with a family where Jesus experienced as much home as he had experienced anywhere in his ministry. On this night they gave a dinner for Jesus. Present among them was Martha, who had only recently made her supreme confession of faith. There was Lazarus, over whom Jesus had wept and whom he had raised from the dead and who was trying as best he could to live the rest of his life now that he had been raised from the dead. There was Mary who had sat at Jesus feet and learned from him. And there was Judas. The meal given on this night is reminiscent of earlier such meals at this house yet it also peered into the imminent future looking toward that night of the Last Supper Jesus would ever have with his disciples.

It was on this night Mary took a very costly perfume and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. What she did was nothing less than an extravagant act of devotion. Evelyn Underhill, a prolific writer, novelist, and mystic in the last century, wrote in her book, *Worship*, published in 1937, that “worship is summed up in sacrifice.” It is the movement of generosity as our response to God's sacrificial act of redemption in Christ and our participation in it, or to put it another way, the expression of our generosity in response to what Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection as God's gift to us has meant in our own lives. So Mary, so full of gratitude and devotion not counting the cost, anointed Jesus. There was a sumptuousness about her sacrifice that evening in the home of Lazarus that has been, and continues

to be true when people throughout the ages have been motivated and inspired by gratitude.

As I was thinking of Mary's extravagant act of gratitude and devotion, I recalled what Bishop John Baden, one of the great voices of the Church, a former bishop suffragan in this diocese, and my predecessor as Rector of Christ Church in Winchester once said. What he said remains etched in my brain forever. He said that the two most important words in the English language are the words “Thank you.” It is gratitude that affects everything we do. It is gratitude that lifts our spirits even in the midst of life's trials. Bishop Baden lived those words. In the days following his retirement he had so much looked forward to raising his sheep on a farm he bought in Bunker Hill, West Virginia. His years of retirement, however, would be cut short. It would come to pass that he was diagnosed with cancer, though he cared for those sheep as long as he possibly could. It was my privilege to visit him fairly regularly early in my years as rector of Christ Church. I remember one day in particular. His treatments were taking their toll, he looked frail, yet his spirit remained resilient. By anyone's standards, he had every reason to complain, even to feel sorry for himself. But that's not I found him that day. With a sparkle in his eye he simply said, “I'm grateful for another day the Lord has given me and I give thanks for folks like you who come to see me.” As I drove home after our visit I was thinking that here is someone who truly understands the meaning of gratitude and he was living it. His gratitude in the midst of adversity became a powerful inspiration to those whose lives he continued to touch to his very last breath. The two most important words, he said, are the words, “Thank you.”

Mary, so full of gratitude and devotion, not counting the cost, anointed Jesus with costly perfume. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Then at the home of Lazarus that evening for supper we have Judas, bless his heart. He too was a disciple. He looked over at what Mary was doing with that costly perfume and protested, “Why was this perfume not sold and the money given to the poor?” Now of course he cared little for the poor because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it. His objection, however, would echo the sentiments of many who sometimes ask why a church, for example, will spend money on beautiful edifices and vestments for worship when there are always the needs of those who are poor.

As I was thinking of Mary's extravagant act of sacrifice and devotion that came from her gratitude, I was trying to think of a modern day example of such extravagance. Two, in fact, came to mind. Neither are about costly perfume with a resulting fragrance, yet both are examples of what might be viewed as extravagant

gratitude. In April of 2005, Jeannie and I flew to Dallas to consider the rector's invitation to join the staff of what would be eight priests at Saint Michael and All Angels, and to see the parish. Upon our arrival it was at first sight sensory overload, a beautiful campus that sprawled over a city block. A major recent renovation of the campus revealed that much thought and much financial resources were poured into the beautiful results. One of the things that caught my eye was a set of eight glass panel doors that connected the rebuilding of the original Saint Michael and All Angels church with a lanai that led to the main church built in the '60's when the parish had grown to nearly 7,000 members. These eight glass panels were no ordinary etched glass! These were thick sculptured glass panels depicting angels. They were absolutely gorgeous. I remarked to Toni Briggie who was giving us the tour that those panels must have been quite costly. He said without fanfare, "Well, indeed, they cost \$250,000." My simple mind went to work. I thought to myself, "Self, this is Texas and that's a quarter of a million bucks, right much coinage for eight glass panels." Toni noted that I was picking up my jaw from the marble floor trying not to look too stunned, but he knew what I was thinking. He went on to explain. You see, the folks that gave the money for those eight glass panels also were some of the same generous contributors to the Jubilee project. The Jubilee project was a vision of the parish to rejuvenate a neighborhood in Dallas where there is much poverty. We would soon be taken to see the Jubilee Project in downtown Dallas. What has resulted is an incredible transformation of a part of Dallas where the needs were great and still are. What started from a gift from a family in the parish in memory of their beloved son came to be embraced by the parish and other gifts followed. Today there is a beautiful community center with vibrant activity and all of the apartments in the neighborhood have been refurbished. Resources each year continue to be poured into the mission and ministry of the parish that reaches out in incredible ways to meet the needs of the poor locally and throughout the world. Those glass windows, Toni said, were gifts of devotion given by parishioners, gifts that came from gratitude for what Saint Michael and its mission meant to them. What testimony that is that gifts of extravagance, given in gratitude need not preclude other gifts that attend to the needs of the poor who Jesus said are always with us. Certainly, over the years we have seen this to be true here at St. Mary's as well.

Another example came to my mind. On a Friday afternoon October of 2010, a tragic fire destroyed the beautiful chapel at the Virginia Theological Seminary. Immanuel Chapel, built in 1881 was for so many a place full of memories. Generations of seminarians have had their ministries shaped and formed at worship in that sacred space. Many preached their first sermons in that chapel. The highlight of my three years there at VTS came during my senior year when Jeannie and I were married and we would go each Thursday night to the seminary community Eucharist. Then, on that fateful Friday afternoon in October of 2010, it was all reduced to rubble and ashes. In my office now, I have a brick from Immanuel Chapel given to me by a member of the seminary community whose husband is on the current faculty. I treasure that brick as it is a symbol for me of memories for which I have been very grateful over the years. In due time after the fire, the seminary revealed plans for a new Chapel for the Ages. There was, of course, insurance that would offer partial coverage, but an additional 13 million dollars would be needed to build the new chapel. My jaw, like many dropped. But as the plans were revealed, excitement among so many who have been connected to that seminary began to rise. Early this January, the seminary announced that the gifts and

pledges received had met the goal and work was soon to begin. Gratitude for what that seminary has meant to so many over the years is what has made this all possible. That new seminary chapel will provide a sacred place once again from which people will be sent to serve the world in the name of Christ. Evelyn Underhill's words, "Worship is summed up in sacrifice" give meaning to the costly gifts given in gratitude for lives touched by worship at Virginia Seminary.

And these are only two examples. You can, no doubt, think of your own examples of extravagant and joyful giving that emanate from gratitude and devotion.

Mary, so full of gratitude and devotion, not counting the cost, anointed Jesus with costly perfume. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

It is Mary's gratitude that serves as a model for our gratitude. It is her extravagant gift that inspires our giving out of gratitude, not counting the cost, for the love of Christ, a love so amazing, so divine, that it demands our soul, our life, our all in response.

Holy Week will soon be upon us. We now know what Mary knew, something that the others could not yet comprehend. It is that Jesus will walk the way of the cross and be crucified. Next Sunday we will pray that collect, "Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace...." As you and I walk the way of the cross with Jesus, let us also be mindful that Jesus walks the way with you and me in our trials, whether these difficulties are with us for a few days to come, or whether they extend over, what might be a long year to come. It is Jesus who has made us his own and who abides with us on our journeys and who provides the way for us. This time of year in particular summons us to contemplate the sacred mystery, that sacred and precious gift of Christ's love and his ultimate sacrifice for us. How can we possibly grasp the meaning of Easter without traveling with Jesus on the way of the cross? Then will come Good Friday and his crucifixion. Following Good Friday comes an important day that, alas, is one of the best kept secrets in the Church, Holy Saturday. In places where that service is observed, usually before noon, it is brief. It simply recalls the fact that Jesus is dead. He is gone. Those who loved him are bereft and saddened beyond description, just as any of us is when a loved one dies. All hope has gone. It's important that we reflect on these realities of Holy Week so that we might be able to comprehend what is to follow on Easter.

I want to close with the words of H. Stephen Shoemaker who has put it this way: He says, "We live our lives in the shadow of the cross, but we also live in the presence of the risen Christ. So here is an invitation to daily companionship with Jesus, at the Table, in extravagant acts of compassion and generosity, in moments of worship. All this in a world which lives by a mind-set of scarcity, rather than a mind-set of abundance, and so tempts us to close in and give little. All this in a world whose violence and cruelty crucify people every day.

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# Children's Ministries

Molly Snow & Brantley Holmes

Committee Co-Chairs



## Vacation Bible School

**Save the Date!**  
**July 29- August 2**

VBS will take place the week of July 29-August 2 where God's World Comes Together under *Everywhere Fun Fair*. Children will learn what it means to be a neighbor by serving and loving God. We will visit Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia and Mexico. God's love welcomes everybody from everywhere and the children will learn about what it means to be a neighbor to the world. Registration form included.



### MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE

There will be an opportunity for the 5/6 year old class through the 5th grade class to share what they have been learning in class on Sunday, April 28 during regular class time. This is not mandatory, rather an extra opportunity offered throughout the year. If more than one prayer or passage is listed under your child's grade level, sharing one is fine! 5/6 year olds, 1st graders, and 2nd graders

participating will be able to pick from a prize box, and 3rd-5th graders participating will receive a \$5 Sweet Frog gift card. Copies are available in all classrooms. As a reminder, the following are what the classes are learning:

- 5/6 class, 1st grade, 2nd grade: The Lord's Prayer and the 10 Commandments
- 3rd-4th grade: The 10 Commandments and Psalm 23
- 5th grade: Nicene Creed

Please contact Molly Snow at

[childrensministries@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:childrensministries@stmarysgoochland.org) with any questions.



### ST. MARY'S CHILDREN'S FOOD DRIVE

For a little fun filled competition the children ages 3 through grade 5 collected food for Goochland Food Pantry. Each class had its own bin where for the last 6 weeks have collected food in hopes of providing the greatest number to our friends in need. As a whole the children collected 69 items with the winning class of 3 and 4 year olds bringing in 19 items. That class will celebrate their giving with a special treat on Sunday April 7th.

### Children's Ministries April Schedule

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| April 7  | 11 a.m. Sunday School  |
| April 14 | 9:45 a.m. Childrens Ministries Committee Meeting<br>11:00 a.m. Sunday School (Wee Worship & Children's Chapel) |
| April 21 | 11:00 a.m. Sunday School<br>Founders Day Picnic  |
| April 28 | 11:00 a.m. Sunday School<br>Memorization Challenge Sharing Opportunity   |





# CARITAS

by Brantley Holmes

*Our CARITAS guests were welcomed this past week not only by the adults in our parish but the children of St. Mary's as well. During our Lenten parish suppers the children participated in activities that would help our guests feel welcomed when they arrived. They made cards and placemats with beautiful drawings and inspiring messages. They painted a welcome banner that was hung in the Parish Hall. They loved being a part of this wonderful outreach project and had a great time in fellowship with each other.*



## February Junior Youth Group Event

by Kristie Inge



*We had eleven 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders come together in February for an evening of fun, fellowship, and community service. After a few icebreakers, the children enjoyed pizza and a movie while working on a community service project to benefit Full Circle Grief Center. They cut, pasted, and glued art activities to be used in group counseling sessions for children who have lost loved ones. Our final event of the school year is being planned for May. More info to come!*



**SPARC and Cadence Theatre Company present  
An August 12-23, 2013 Adventure Camp at St. Mary's!**

**AGES 4-9 (2 weeks)**

In partnership, SPARC and Cadence Theatre Company present Roald Dahl's *WILLY WONKA KIDS* for children ages 4-9! This scrumptious musical is guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth! With all the recognizable cast of characters and the golden ticket in hand, campers will enjoy rotations of singing, dancing, and acting as they collaborate on stage for this musical!

**Location: St. Mary's Episcopal Church Ages 4-7; 9:00 am-1:00 pm (\$300)**

**Location: St. Mary's Episcopal Church Ages 7-9; 9:00 am-3:00 pm (\$400)**

**\*Extended day care available for ages 4-7; 1:00-3:00 pm (\$100 additional)**

**AGES 10-13 (2 weeks)**

In partnership with SPARC and Cadence Theatre Company, this 2-week performance summer camp is back by popular demand! Middle school students will work on all aspects of performance: acting, singing, dance, props, sets and costumes! Students will stage the popular musical, *FAME, JR.* Students will also enjoy theatrical games, exercises and "outside the box" theatrical activities. The camp will run concurrently with the *WILLY WONKA KIDS* program for younger students. Program and performances will run in rep on the evening of Friday, August 23rd. It is a perfect way to end the summer on a high note before heading back to school!

**Location One: St. Catherine's School; Ages 10-13; 9:00 am-3:00 pm (\$400)**

**Location Two: St. Mary's Episcopal Church; Ages 10-13; 9:00 am-3:00 pm (\$400)**

**Registration is open online at [www.sparconline.org](http://www.sparconline.org) Performance venue for St. Mary's location tba. For questions, feel free to email Anna Johnson at [annatjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:annatjohnson@gmail.com)**

# ADULT MINISTRIES

## First and Third Sunday Speaker Series on Service in Community

Between the two morning services in the New Parish Hall - Child Care provided for infants through Fifth Graders

**Sunday, April 7: Healthcare** presented by **Sally Graham**, Executive Director, *Goochland Free Clinic & Family Services*.  
Topics of Conversation: What are Free Clinics and how do they help our Community

**Sunday, April 21: Education** presented by **Harold Fitrer**, President and CEO of *Communities In Schools*  
Topics of Conversation: Issues public schools are facing and impact of poverty on education

## Wednesday Bible Study Focuses on Weekly Lectionary

The Wednesday Bible Study has begun its Fall season, meeting every Wednesday in the Library at 10:00 a.m. Led by Rector John E. Miller, each Bible study session focuses on the Lectionary readings assigned for the succeeding Sunday. Members are encouraged to bring a Bible in a translation or version that they enjoy reading. Annotated study Bibles in the New Revised Standard Version, the New International Version, the New English Bible, and other versions are available online at Amazon.com, at Barnes and Noble, at Cokesbury Bookstores, and other retail dealers.

All members and friends are cordially invited to attend and participate. Discussions are always enriching, and every point of view is appreciated. While no prior biblical training is required of group members, an open mind and readiness to learn and share insights are always welcome!

## All About Buddhism

### First and Third Wednesdays of each Month

#### 11:00 a.m. - Education Building Loft

Are you curious about other religions? Come join us for an overview of Buddhism, using the Great Courses video series narrated by Dr. Malcolm Eckel. Dr. Eckel is a noted expert on Buddhism who teaches at Boston University and has been awarded BU's highest teaching award, the Metcalf Award for Teaching Excellence. This course will introduce us to the astonishing vitality and adaptability of a tradition that has transformed the civilizations of India, Tibet, China, Korea and Japan and has now established a significant presence in Europe and the Americas. We may choose to read a book to further explore Buddhist ideas, concepts and teachings. The class will continue on Wednesdays from 11:00 to 12:30 on April 3 and 17 and May 1 and 15. Questions? Email Laurie Rogers at [lcjr@me.com](mailto:lcjr@me.com). All are welcome.

## Inquirer's Class

The Rev. Dr. John E. Miller, Rector of St. Mary's, will be leading an Inquirers' Class for new members of the Episcopal Church. The three-session program meets in the Old Parish Hall of Little St. Mary's on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. April 24 through May 8.

The purpose of the class is to provide newcomers, seekers, and current members with an introduction to the faith and spirituality of the Episcopal Church. The Inquirers will receive a copy of Jenifer Gamber's book, *Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church* (2009) as a resource guide. In addition, Dr. Miller will present a history of the faith tradition, as well as familiarize participants with the *Book of Common Prayer*.

On Sunday, May 12, the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, The Rt. Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston, will visit St. Mary's for a 11:00 a.m. service of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of our communicants. The Bishop will also preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist at the 9:00 a.m. service. Those members of the Inquirers' Class desiring to be received at 11:00 a.m. will be prepared for the occasion by our Rector.

Please direct questions and requests for registration in the class to Dr. Miller at [jmiller@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:jmiller@stmarysgoochland.org), or telephone the parish office at 804.784.5678.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Thursday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Library of the Adult and Youth Education Building. Its purpose is to knit, weave, or crochet shawls as the ministry's participants pray for God's blessing on those in need of pastoral care. The end product is not only a lovely source of warmth, but it is also a tangible means of comfort. Each shawl represents the loving witness of prayer offered by a community knit together by the Spirit of God. We encourage all who enjoy knitting to take part in this prayerful ministry. Inquiries about the Prayer Shawl ministry should be directed to Associate Rector Eleanor Wellford, 784-5678, or e-mail her at [ewellford@smarysgoochland.org](mailto:ewellford@smarysgoochland.org).



*Your CARITAS Committee would like to thank the generous members of St. Mary's for continuing to step forward to bring comfort to the 40 CARITAS guests who spent the week of March 16-23, 2013, with us. You shared your house, you fed, you served, you shared your time, and the youth in your congregation spent hours entertaining our guests. God bless you all.*

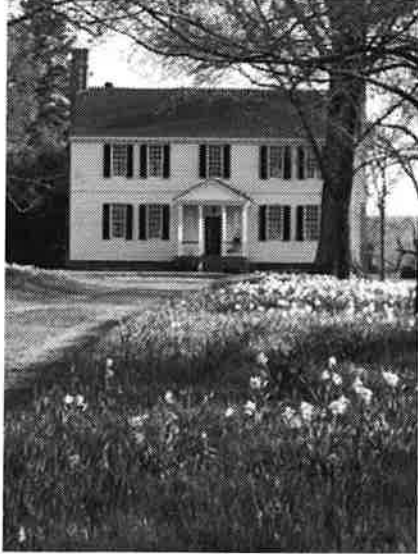
*Brantley Holmes, Brenda Johnson, Nancy Kristofak, Margaret Mickel, Lisa Powell, Nancy Sebren, Molly Tashjian, Allan Wagner and Joan Wilkins*



*Our youth groups for Middle and High School students helped serve meals to our guests and packed breakfasts and lunches that the men carried with them as they departed by bus for the daytime hours in the city. This hands-on service of care enabled St. Mary's youth to understand the daily nutritional needs of the homeless.*

*After supper each night the youth community members spent time with our guests. They engaged in conversation and table games, such as bingo, cards, chess, and other board games. The interaction between students and our guests helped everyone experience the value of hospitality and genuine care.*





# Seniors April Meeting at Historic Tuckahoe Plantation

by Fred Clark

The St. Mary's Seniors will enjoy its only "out-of-house" meeting of this season-year when it meets at historic Tuckahoe Plantation on Wednesday April 10, 2013. Tad and Sue Thompson, owners, residents and caretakers of this famous site on the James, will

initial formal education remains. Tuckahoe has been the focus of many books and a location for several movie projects, including Colonial Williamsburg's featured promotion piece, *The Story of a Patriot*. It was listed as a National Historic Landmark in 1969. Mrs. Isabelle Baker, the Thompson's grandmother, acquired the property circa 1935. Since 1979, the house and gardens have been open for public visitation by appointment. The Plantation, originally containing over 3000 acres, continues as an active working farm of over 500 acres. It is jointly owned by Tad and his brother, his sister, their offspring, and spouses.

host our "Garden Month" opportunity.

Elizabeth Kostelny, Executive Director of Preservation Virginia will address the current and future interests of Preservation Virginia, the successor to APVA. We will meet at St. Mary's (front parking lot) at 12 noon, caravan the mile to Tuckahoe, enjoy a box lunch picnic, hear the talk and (optionally) tour the House and Gardens of Tuckahoe, returning to the Church by 3:00. Whether or not you have visited Tuckahoe recently, the day promises to be an enjoyable and easy April outing.

Tad and Sue have been actively involved in a number of community organizations, but none more so than with St. Mary's Episcopal Church, which they joined in 1977. The Seniors are proud to recognize them as a part of our on-going Mutual Honor Series.

Please make your reservations by noon Monday, April 08 (784-5678 or [www.stmarysgoochland.org](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org)) unless you have made prior arrangements with a Seniors Hospitality Committee caller. Total cost, including box lunch, soft drink and tour fee, will be \$12. You will have the opportunity to attend the regular Wednesday Morning Prayer Service in Little St. Mary's at 11:30.

The lands of Tuckahoe were settled by the Randolphs of Virginia beginning around 1714 and the mansion dates from around 1733. Tuckahoe is the only early Randolph home still standing on its original site. It was the boyhood home between ages 2 and 9 of Thomas Jefferson and the one-room school of his

PS: The Seniors's Final Meeting of this season-year will be Wednesday May 08, at St. Mary's. Our guest speaker will be US National Park Ranger, Rebecca Cummings, who is the Park System's expert on General Stonewall Jackson, including the System's dedicated markers and museums.

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## SERVING GOD SIDE BY SIDE

### It's Never Too Late

Below are the names of the faithful parishioners who have made a pledge to St. Mary's for 2013. Thank you so much for participating in changing lives every day through your pledge dollars. We are still \$22,000 short of our goal for this year. So, for those who have not chosen to pledge, it is never too late to join in changing lives every day! Just pick up the phone and call Gina.

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## PARISH SUPPER

Wednesday, April 17  
5:30-6:45 p.m.  
New Parish Hall

### Menu

Spring Nicoise Salad  
Arugula Salad with Boconccini  
& Jalapeno - Mint Vinaigrette  
Japanese Cucumber Salad  
with Sesame Miso Dressing  
Smothered Pork Chops  
Assorted Crusty Bread  
Sweet Finale ~ a variety of small  
bites from our kitchen

*Please call 784-5678 for reservations,  
or email [info@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:info@stmarysgoochland.org)*

*Requested Donation: \$7.00 per Adult,  
\$4.00 per child age 9 to 14, Family Maximum \$22*

If you would like to help, please contact  
Dede Andrews at [aalden7@gmail.com](mailto:aalden7@gmail.com) or 741-6606

## PARISH BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 14  
10:00 a.m.  
New Parish Hall

### Menu

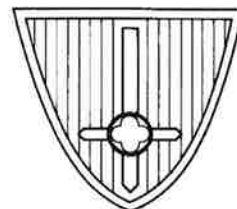
Pineapple Carrot Bread  
Assorted Quiches:  
Spinach and Havarti Dill  
Crab and Corn  
Chicken Fajita  
Quiche Lorraine  
Bananas Foster French Toast  
Bacon  
Fruit

*Requested Donation: \$5.00 per person  
Family maximum of \$20.00*

If you would like to help,  
please contact Sarah & Bruin Richardson at  
740-9060 or [srichardson@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:srichardson@stmarysgoochland.org)

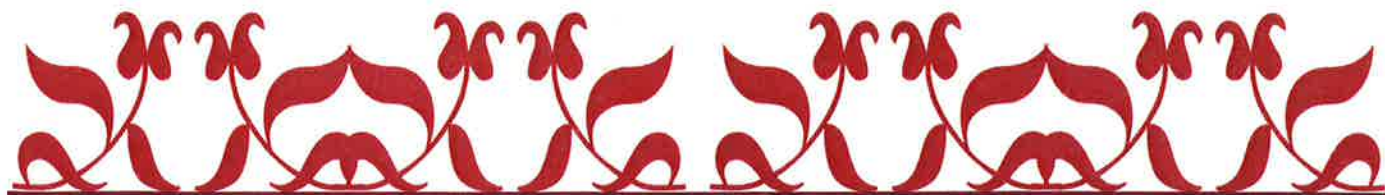
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ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# April 2013

| Sunday   | Monday                       | Tuesday                        | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                                      | Saturday   |
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|  | <i>1</i><br>Office<br>Closed | <i>2</i>                       | <i>3</i><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>11:00 AM Buddhism<br>Series                           | <i>4</i><br>7:30 PM Adult<br>Choir  | <i>5</i><br>4:00 PM<br>Wedding<br>Rehearsal | <i>6</i><br>10:00 AM<br>A.A.<br><br>6:00 PM<br>Wedding -<br>Little St.<br>Mary's |
| <i>7</i><br>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist I<br>10:00 AM Outreach Class<br>11:00 AM Holy Eucharist I<br>12:30 PM Confirmation<br>Class<br>5:00 PM Evening Prayer and<br>Holy Communion | <i>8</i>                     | <i>9</i>                       | <i>10</i><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>11:30 AM Morning<br>Prayer<br>12:00 PM Seniors       | <i>11</i><br>6:00 PM<br>Cooking Class<br>7:30 PM Adult<br>Choir             | <i>12</i>                                   | <i>13</i><br>10:00 AM<br>A.A.<br><br>WPP 10 K<br>Run                             |
| <i>14</i><br>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist I<br>10:00 AM Parish Breakfast<br>11:00 AM Holy Baptism -<br>Wee Worship & Children's<br>Chapel<br>5:00 PM Evening Prayer                  | <i>15</i>                    | <i>16</i>                      | <i>17</i><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>11:00 AM Buddhism<br>Series<br>5:30 PM Parish Supper | <i>18</i><br>10:00 AM<br>Prayer Shawl<br>Ministry<br>7:30 PM Adult<br>Choir | <i>19</i>                                   | <i>20</i><br>10:00 AM<br>A.A.<br><br>11:00 AM<br>School<br>Clothing<br>Exchange  |
| <i>21</i><br>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist I<br>10:00 AM Outreach Class<br>11:00 AM Holy Eucharist I<br>12:00 PM Founder's Day<br>Picnic<br>5:00 PM Evening Prayer                    | <i>22</i>                    | <i>23</i><br>5:00 PM<br>Vestry | <i>24</i><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>7:00 PM Inquirers'<br>Class                          | <i>25</i><br>7:30 PM Adult<br>Choir   | <i>26</i>                                   | <i>27</i><br>10:00 AM<br>A.A.  |
| <i>28</i><br>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist I<br>11:00 AM Holy Baptism<br>5:00 PM Evening Prayer   | <i>29</i>                    | <i>30</i>                      |   |   |   |  |



# Ole!

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

invites you to a Cooking Class with Chef in Residence

Lanette Walker

Featuring

**Tapas, Little Dishes of Spain**

**Thursday, April 11, 6:00 pm**

Prepare classic Spanish Tapas such as

Gambas al ajillo (garlic shrimp)

Esqueixada (Salt Cod with Tomato and Onion)

Patatitas Fritas Con Alioli (Fried Potatoes with Alioli) and more

...All while enjoying Fellowship, Food and Wine!

**Hurry, 16 guests maximum! - \$45 per guest**

**To register please call St. Mary's at 784-5678 by April 4th**



Hasta  
pronto



-----REGISTRATION FORM-----  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH**  
**"Everywhere Fun Fair"**  
**Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>-Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**  
**For children ages 3 through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to offer five days of fun-filled activities during Vacation Bible School this year and hope you will sign up to have your children ages 3 through rising (in the Fall) 5th graders participate! The theme this year is "Everywhere Fun Fair" where God's World comes together. "Everywhere Fun Fair" is filled with incredible experiences. Kids will focus on Bible-point crafts, team-building games, Bible-learning experiences, music, drama, outdoor recreation and more! *Please know that this is not limited to children of St. Mary's parishioners.* The cost for all five days is \$35 per child. Please return this form as soon as possible with your check payable to **St. Mary's Church**. If you have any questions about participation or if you can help us out during these five days, please contact Brantley Holmes (928 5596) or at [childrensministries@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:childrensministries@stmarysgoochland.org). Thank you!

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Parent's(s') Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Mom's) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dad's)

e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Mom's) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dad's)

Each child participating in VBS:

| Name     | Birth Date | Grade Entering in Fall |
|----------|------------|------------------------|
| 1. _____ | _____      | _____                  |
| 2. _____ | _____      | _____                  |
| 3. _____ | _____      | _____                  |

*(Important information continues on the back of this form)*

Any problems with **allergies or medical conditions** that would affect participation in any VBS activity? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please explain, especially food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact** if you are unable to be reached:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Physician:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

St. Mary's has permission to seek medical treatment for my child, if necessary, if I or my emergency contact cannot be reached: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARENT/ADULT Volunteers**

Vacation Bible School cannot happen without your help! Please sign up for days for which you are available and for activities in which you are interested. Thank you!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Which days will you be available to help?** Mon \_\_\_\_\_, Tues \_\_\_\_\_, Wed \_\_\_\_\_, Thurs \_\_\_\_\_, Fri \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in *leading* any of the following activities? We have great resources to help you with any of the following and it is SO much fun:

Recreation \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts \_\_\_\_\_  
Snacks/Movie Time \_\_\_\_\_ Decorating \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in *helping* with any of the following activities?

Recreation \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts \_\_\_\_\_ Snacks/Movie Time \_\_\_\_\_ Decorating \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older)!!** Please come help make VBS as much fun for the kids as it was for you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # or email \_\_\_\_\_

Which days will you be available for help: Mon: \_\_\_\_\_ Tues: \_\_\_\_\_ Wed: \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs: \_\_\_\_\_ Fri: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest: Crafts \_\_\_\_\_ Snacks/Movies \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation \_\_\_\_\_ Where Needed: \_\_\_\_\_