** The Annunciation St. Mary’s Episcopal Church**

 **The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 17, 2016**

Nursery

We have nursery available for infants through 4 year olds during both the 9:00 and 11:00 services as well as during the 10:00 Education Hour. The nursery is located in the Preschool and Sunday School Building. Our nursery leader, Meg Zehmer, will be happy to help you get your child settled into the nursery.

**Worship bags**

We provide worship bags that contain a coloring page based on the Gospel reading of the day. It also has a wonderful parent-focused message on the back to help you talk about the day’s reading with your child. Worship bags are located in wood bins near the entrances to the church.

**Sermons available**

Find past sermons available in hard copy in the narthex of New St. Mary’s, or visit **stmarysgoochland.org/sermons** to hear audio and download print versions.

**Connect with us**

We would love to learn more about you! If you are a visitor, please pick up a **welcome packet** from one of our ushers.

***Do you receive email from us?*** *Sign up at* ***stmarysgoochland.org/communications*** *to receive St. Mary’s weather updates and news.*

**A Weekly Reflection**

As we journey forward as a community in our attempt to discern “What is God’s calling for St Mary’s?” I have had the privilege to meet with a wonderful group of individuals, some familiar and some new to me, on the Spiritual Formation and Education Committee. The group spans generations of involvement at St Mary’s, which is a joy when discussing development and enlightenment for all ages, the young through the mature.

As we share our growth journeys, pausing with quiet reflection and appreciation, there is a gratitude for St. Mary’s that is tangible. The simple beauty, the engaging clergy and staff, and the love we share resonates. So too do humorous stories of past days with no Sunday School curriculum and very active students, the profound impact of EFM (Education for Ministries) in participants’ lives, thought provoking speakers, the reflection from Contemplative Prayer and other memories from our own years of spiritual formation.

The weaving of all ages’ formation and growth, the interaction and support between generations has been a repeating theme. Bible study, outreach, giving, retreats, community building, fellowship are ageless endeavors.

We will continue to listen and question, non -judgingly, to help discern God’s calling for our Spiritual Formation and Education. Please let us know your thoughts.

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect. – Rom.12: 2*

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***Would you like to write for us?*** *Contact Emily Rowell Brown at* **ebrown@stmarysgoochland.org** *to learn more.*

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**Today’s Schedule**

**9 a.m.** Holy Eucharist: Rite One, *Little St. Mary’s*

**10 a.m.** Sunday School and Confirmation Class, *Sunday School and Education Buildings*

**10:10 a.m.** Adult Forum, *New Parish Hall*

**10:10 a.m.** *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* Book Study, *Old Parish Hall*

**11 a.m.** Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, *New St. Mary’s*

**12:15 p.m.** Inquirer’s Class, *New Parish Hall*

**Welcome!** Whether it is your first Sunday at St. Mary’s, or your four hundred and first, we’re glad that you’re with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself to an usher or a clergy member and consider filling out an information form. We invite you to join us on future **Sundays** at 9 or 11 a.m. for Eucharist and Morning Prayer, on Wednesdays for **Noonday** or **Evening Prayer** at 12 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. in beautiful and quaint Little St. Mary’s, for a **class** or **Bible study**, or for many of our other **fellowship** and **outreach** offerings. **Little St. Mary’s** is also **open every day** between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and available to you for prayer and reflection. See the back page to get a sense of what we have going on around St. Mary’s.

**Where is God Calling St. Mary’s?**

Upon the announcement last summer of John Miller’s retirement as Rector of St. Mary’s, the Vestry called for a period of discernment and self-study during the transition from John’s leadership. In consultation with our Diocese, that **period of prayerful discerning** has begun—appropriately, during the Easter season, which seems a natural time for reflection, introspection and clarification of our mission and purpose to determine “Where is God calling St. Mary’s?”  At the request of the Vestry, Parishioner Tim O’Shea is organizing and leading the discernment process, which is divided into five focus areas: **Fellowship, Outreach, Spiritual Formation and Education, Stewardship, and Worship**, each with a committee that will seek input from all interested parishioners. Priest Associate Bob Hetherington serves as chaplain to the discernment process. Our hope is to clearly hear God’s voice, enabling us to reestablish the mission and short-term priorities of the church, and ultimately to provide the basis to consider and call our permanent rector. For comments, information, and questions, email ***discernment@stmarysgoochland.org***.

Scheduled meetings of the committees are listed on the calendar. The committees consist of the following parishioners. Please feel free to contact any of them:

**Fellowship**: Chair: Kristie Inge**,** Andy Howlett, Katie Howlett, Margaret Lundvall, Caroline Moomaw, Duane Ragsdale, Frances White, Vestry representative: Bruin Richardson, clergy/staff representative: Emily Rowell Brown; **Outreach:**  Chair: Marshall Bowden, Wallace Inge, Richard Lundvall, Margaret Mickel, Liz Rider, Jen Wilkins, Vestry representatives: Tracey Ragsdale and Charmaine Trice, clergy/staff representative: Bob Hetherington; **Spiritual Formation and Education:** Co-Chairs: Mary Lou Bean and Owen Conway, Chris Cotropia, Betty Johannessen, Cabell Jones, Doug Monroe, Sydna Street, Marilynn Ware, Angelique Wilhelm, Dan Williams, Vestry representative: Brantley Holmes, clergy/staff representatives: Amelia McDaniel and Matt Rawls; **Stewardship:** Co-Chairs: Jane duFrane and Wally Stettinius, Mercer Ferguson, Eddie Goode, Wallace Inge, Tracey Ragsdale, Jane Spilman, Ben Weimer, Vestry representative: Fay Lohr, clergy/staff representative: Weezie Blanchard; **Worship:** Chair: Peggy Talman, Rebecca Johnson, Ben Lewis, Robin Lind, Burke McCormick, Susie Patton, Martha Rhodes, Sue Thompson, Kemper Wharton, Russell Wyatt, Vestry representative: Betsy Rawles, clergy/staff representatives: Weezie Blanchard, Dwight Graham.

**Adults**

**Talking spiritual formation and outreach.** Where is God calling St. Mary’s with respect to spiritual formation and education and outreach? Bob Hetherington, chaplain for the discernment process, and representatives from the discernment spiritual formation and education and outreach focus groups will lead this time for reflection in today’s Adult Forum at **10:10 a.m.** in the New Parish Hall. All are invited to participate.

**Inquiring minds want to know.** Join Interim Rector Weezie Blanchard and Associate Rector Emily Rowell Brown for a four-session **Inquirers Class** on the basics of Christianity and the richness of the Anglican tradition. The class will meet on **April 10, 17, 24,** and **May 1** following the **11 a.m. service**. Whether you desire to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church or are new to the Episcopal Church and just want to know more, this class is for you. Many long-time Episcopalians find it an interesting and helpful refresher course, as well. A light lunch will be provided, so **please RSVP** to Lori Smiley at ***lsmiley@stmarysgoochland.org***.

**Children, Youth, and Families**

**Children and Youth Sunday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m.** We hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate the children and youth of this parish and the adults who help guide them. The rising 6th graders, graduating seniors, Children’s Ministries and Youth Ministries Committees and Sunday School teachers will be recognized at this service. Our youth and children will serve as leaders in the service and Matt Rawls will deliver the sermon. Following the service there will be an Ice Cream Social set up for all to enjoy. Come join us for this special morning.

**Especially for parents.** As Wendy Mogel says, **our children “are a precious loan, and each one has a unique path toward serving God.  Our job is to help them find out what it is.”**  Please join with other parents of St. Mary’s and Director of Children’s Ministries Amelia McDaniel on **Sundays in April** (April 3, 10, 17, and 24) at **10 a.m.** in the **Old Parish Hall** as we explore the common conundrum of how to parent.  Our guide will be Wendy Mogel’s book, ***The Blessing of the Skinned Knee***.  This is a short, concise and insightful book for parents. If you need copies of the book, we will have some on hand for $10.  For more information please contact Amelia McDaniel at ***amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org.***

**Come to the Table! Vacation Bible School 2016** will be held on July 11-15, 2016 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Mark your calendars for a great week of fun and learning for St. Mary’s children ages 3 – 5th grade. We will be exploring **feeding stories** from Scripture and learning more about the **Eucharist**. Registration will be available soon. Interested in volunteering to help with the week? Please contact Amelia McDaniel at ***amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org.***

**Fellowship**

**A full menu of Wednesday offerings. Enjoy one of the final Wednesday night suppers this school calendar year this Wednesday, April 20 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Friends from neighboring congregation Jerusalem Baptist will be joining us this evening (members from this church partner with us in preparing meals when St. Mary’s hosts CARITAS guests in January). Come for supper and stay for fellowship and fun activities for kids and teens. Suggested contribution is $8/person or $25/family. We accept credit cards!**

**Outreach**

**Hunger hurts.** **You can help.** We will be collecting food to support Goochland’s Hunger Awareness Week (April 24-30, 2016). Our goal is to collect **30,000 pounds of food** which will help feed our neighbors in Goochland who are hungry. **Consider filling a bag** with canned items (meat, beans, vegetable, fruit, soup, peanut butter, and tomatoes) and dry goods (pasta, beans, rice, flour, baking mix, cereal, and toilet paper) and return it to the narthex of New St. Mary’s by **April 24**. Contact Pat Hughes at ***phughes316@gmail.com*** with questions.

**Worship**

**Because Easter is longer than a day. You may have noticed the Paschal Candle in New St. Mary’s and the omission of the Confession of Sin and (at 9 a.m., the Prayer of Humble Access). We also continue with Holy Eucharist every Sunday at the 11 a.m. service to emphasize that Easter is a time of feasting and celebration. These subtle changes are traditional ways to mark the fifty-day Easter season and remember how Christ’s light burns brightly in our world and calls us to rejoice in his victory.**

**Bread for all. St. Mary’s now offers gluten-free wafers for those with gluten allergies and sensitivities because all who desire to do so should be able to partake in communion. Please indicate if you or your child would like to receive a gluten-free wafer at the altar rail.**

**Serve the Lord with gladness**. It takes many ages, skills, gifts, and talents to create the beautiful worship experience we enjoy at St. Mary’s (fun fact: **“Liturgy”** literally means “**work of the people”**). Would you be interested in serving as a reader, usher, or chalice bearer? Or might your family be interested in bringing up the bread and wine forward for communion? Learn more about **participating** and **sign up** at **stmarysgoochland.org/serve** or by emailing Associate Rector Emily Rowell Brown at ***ebrown@stmarysgoochland.org.***

**Sing in the morning, sing in the evening, sing all the day long**. The St. Mary’s Adult Choir will sing their first **Choral Evensong** service on **Sunday, April 24**, at **5:30 p.m.**  Set in New St. Mary’s away from the noise and distractions of the world around us, Choral Evensong will offer a time of **contemplation, prayer, and music**.  Please plan to join us for this new form of worship at St. Mary’s.

***Psst!*** Do you like us on **Facebook**? Visit **facebook.com/SaintMarysGoochland** to be the first to see pictures, interesting articles and links, and news from the parish!

**This Week at St. Mary’s**

**Clergy, Staff, and Vestry**

**Melissa Alicea,** *Nursery Assistant*

**Gersain Agudelo**, *Assistant Sexton*

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**Adam Bailey**, *Children’s Choir Director*

**Louise Browner Blanchard***, Interim Rector*

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**Emily Rowell Brown**, *Associate Rector*

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**Tammy Click,** *Accountant*

**W. Dwight Graham**, *Organist and Choirmaster*

**Robert G. Hetherington**, *Priest Associate*

**Amelia McDaniel**, *Director of Children’s Ministries*

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**Paul Pace**, *Sexton*

**Matt Rawls**, *Director of Youth Ministries*

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**Lori Smiley**, *Assistant to the Clergy*

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**Meg Zehmer***, Nursery Director*

**Susan Rawls***, Director of St. Mary’s Episcopal School*

**Vestry Members:**

**Al Rider**, *Senior Warden*

**Jane duFrane**, *Junior Warden*

**Bill Gooch**, *Treasurer*

**Charmaine Trice**, *Register*

**Scott Barton, Steve Guza, Brantley Holmes, Fay Lohr, Tracey Ragsdale, Betsy Rawles, Bruin Richardson, David Rose,** and **Tom Slater**

**Sunday, April 17, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary’s*

Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m.,

*Sunday School and Education Buildings*

Adult Forum: Discernment Process, 10:10 a.m., *New*

*Parish Hall*

*The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* Book Study, 10:10 a.m.

*Old Parish Hall*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary’s*

Inquirers Class, 12:15 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

**Monday, April 18**

Pastoral Care Team 3, 10 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Discernment Steering Committee, 4:30 p.m., *Library*

**Tuesday, April 19**

Staff meeting, 2 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

**Wednesday, April 20**

[Bible Study](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001I_CnSRjrebn7p45m3pTzxnwXWTtnZoD8Coi4YVsxKhq8_Lko4-bBa26pBXE5asGbjTMFEfweXC5fT74ywceIKaphqxVKHByWQALQY0lXA5vTs0g2rF6WsTZGIiewP1F0ZG68gsCitNYlZekgHBw_etPoDNA5BOp_XOZMxpWe5S3_ruLcP6mKsLfDVQgBcxe0FjYS24AXIkhwmdGVQugNNPjxJaGqj09m&c=U0_cSAwZwYLtV-ZTRYkT86gapwVlddKsr3oiC1gBIjumUkntN4C_lA==&ch=jjgYemNP3rQH7DZhMOhxdqt7O5ciSIDNYiKH56XXCZWnD2AXh4iCnQ==), 10 a.m., *Education Building Library*

[Noonday Prayer](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001I_CnSRjrebn7p45m3pTzxnwXWTtnZoD8Coi4YVsxKhq8_Lko4-bBa26pBXE5asGbeAHvmqaIp64As4oU3VvS4vhfB5DNN6qZnA9WmKMYYqPcPxxJ2juhdyLG3nGcbvNGej4SIgNDcP7hFkKCFE_LGad9pueavY1vgAa1HOKjLSq5o7XOXXyWeWL-c-8KU8rIQczEES0YhZXcy4OCHu6kDK7XJZVVnPcd&c=U0_cSAwZwYLtV-ZTRYkT86gapwVlddKsr3oiC1gBIjumUkntN4C_lA==&ch=jjgYemNP3rQH7DZhMOhxdqt7O5ciSIDNYiKH56XXCZWnD2AXh4iCnQ==), 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Discernment Stewardship Committee, 4 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Discernment Spiritual Formation and Education Committee, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building Library*

Discernment Fellowship Committee, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Children’s Choir Rehearsal, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Parish Supper, 5:30-6:45 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

[Evening Prayer](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001I_CnSRjrebn7p45m3pTzxnwXWTtnZoD8Coi4YVsxKhq8_Lko4-bBa0yK8bF3SXbkSqtYKOem-PAPvE4oAuxA4inwZxMRGoPFRjmRYxkJf9NNSgQmwYa5p49Sp84WQPUaJZBAv-eQzMVDeUPwMS1aX6OwsyoUnWtOVYHI-zp-CsO3gg0n35J5a3Ff9gymuAkOK3Pmkkn-4SzKd2-W5fC35NvqdXVx0xTC&c=U0_cSAwZwYLtV-ZTRYkT86gapwVlddKsr3oiC1gBIjumUkntN4C_lA==&ch=jjgYemNP3rQH7DZhMOhxdqt7O5ciSIDNYiKH56XXCZWnD2AXh4iCnQ==), 5:45 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Little Saints, Junior Youth Group, and Middle School Youth Group, 6:15-7 p.m., *Sunday School and Education Buildings*

**Thursday, April 21**

Finance Committee, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

**Saturday, April 23**

A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

**Sunday, April 24, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary’s*

Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Building* (age 3-grade 2) *and Education Building* (grades 3-8)

Adult Forum: Discernment Process, 10:10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

*Skinned Knee* Book Study, 10:10 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary’s*

Inquirers Class, 12:15 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Choral Evensong, 5:30 p.m., *New St. Mary’s*

Middle School Youth Group, 6-7:30 p.m., *TBA*

**Coming Up**

**Saturday, April 30**

Rebuilding Together Richmond Rebuilding Day, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Sunday, May 1, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Children and Youth Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary’s*

Ice Cream Social, 12:15 p.m., *New Parish Hall Terrace*

Sunday School Teacher Luncheon, 12:15 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

**Coming Soon**

**Friday, May 13-Sunday, May 15**

8th grade Weekend at Shrine Mont

**Sunday, May 15, Day of Pentecost**

Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary’s*

Pentecost Picnic, 12:15 p.m., *New Parish Hall and Terrace*

**Sunday, May 22, Trinity Sunday,** **Bishop’s Visitation**

Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary’s*

Confirmation and Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary’s*

Bishop’s Reception, 12:15 p.m., *New Parish Hall and Terrace*

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