

# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2017

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## Nursery

Our nursery is available for **infants through 4-year-olds** from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. The nursery is located in the Preschool and Sunday School Building. Nursery Director Meg Zehmer and Nursery Assistant Melissa Alicea 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 in the front of Little St. Mary's and in the wood bins near the entrances to New St. Mary's.

## Sermons available

Find past sermons available in hard copy in the narthex of New St. Mary's, or visit [stmarysgoochland.org/sermons](http://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.

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*Would you like to write for us? Contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@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, Confirmation Class, and Adult Education, *Sunday School and Education Buildings and New Parish Hall*

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

**Noon** Cookies and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*

**4:30 p.m.** Middle School Youth Group, *Go-Karts*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

*"For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." – Mark 12:44*

Jesus watches an elderly widow place two coins into the temple treasury. Those tiny coins won't add much to the bottom line of the temple. Besides, the little widow is one of the poorest of the land – she should be a recipient of the tidy sums of alms given by the rich.

But, contrary to expectations, Jesus praises her as the perfect picture of giving. As usual, when making a point, Jesus goes over the top. Very few of us will ever empty everything for God' use.

So what do we hear Jesus saying to us in this passage from Mark? How can we get in on this joy that comes from being emptied out? We must give far more than we think we can or ought to. And then we should give a little bit more. The only gift that matters is one that costs us something. I have discovered this for myself over and over and perhaps you have too. Once again, as uncomfortable as we may feel, Jesus reminds us that abiding in God and living in abundance have nothing to do with what we hold in our hands and everything to do with what we are willing to offer up.

*Minda Cox*

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**WELCOME!** Whether it is your first Sunday at St. Mary's, or your 401<sup>st</sup>, we're glad that you're with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself to a greeter, usher, or a clergy member, and consider filling out an information form. We invite you to join us on future **Sundays** at 9 a.m. for Eucharist or at 11 a.m. for Eucharist or Morning Prayer, on Wednesdays for **Noonday Prayer** at 12 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** Monday through Friday 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.

## LENT 2017

Lent is a time for self-examination, discernment, and individual and collective spiritual renewal. St. Mary's would like to help you make this Lent a time that enriches your faith life. How can you make this a holy Lent?

### LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

In addition to our regular Sunday services at 9 and 11 a.m. and Wednesday Noonday Prayer at 12 p.m., **Lent and Holy Week services** include:

- ❖ **Ash Wednesday**, Wednesday, March 1 at 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's
- ❖ **Evening Prayer**, Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's
- ❖ **Lenten Choral Evensong**, Sunday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. in New St. Mary's
- ❖ **Stations of the Cross presented by the Children of St. Mary's**, Wednesday, April 5 at 5 p.m. in Little St. Mary's
- ❖ **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**, Sunday, April 9 at 9 a.m. in Little St. Mary's and 11 a.m. in New St. Mary's
- ❖ **Maundy Thursday**, Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's
- ❖ **Good Friday**, Friday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's

### SPECIAL LENT OFFERINGS

**Special Lent offerings** include:

- ❖ A Lenten book study of **Brené Brown's *The Gifts of Imperfection***, led by Tracy Harvey, beginning Sunday, March 5 at 10 a.m. in the Library
- ❖ Bob Hetherington's **Men's Spiritual Practice**, returning for five weeks beginning Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Old Parish Hall
- ❖ A **Women's Bible Study**, led by Brantley Holmes, starting Thursday, March 8 at 7:15 p.m. in the Library
- ❖ **Lenten Suppers and Speakers Series**, with programming for children and youth, on March 15, 22, and 29 and April 5

### LENTEN RESOURCES

Please stop by the Café and take a look at the wide variety of **Lenten daily devotionals, guides, and music** for sale for all ages.



## EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite One in New Saint Mary's

10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Churchyard

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite Two in New Saint Mary's

## ADULT EDUCATION

What is planned giving and why is it important to St. Mary's future? Deal Tompkins, this morning's Adult Forum speaker, will tell us. Deal has over 30 years of experience in higher education and healthcare philanthropy. Following his retirement in April 2012 as Executive Director and CEO of the Virginia United Methodist Foundation, Deal now acts as a **fundraising consultant primarily in the areas of planned giving and church campaigns**. Before joining St. James-the-Less Episcopal Church in Ashland, Deal had been an active member of both United Methodist and Presbyterian congregations.

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Have you noticed the beautiful pieces of artwork in the Dover Lounge? St. Mary's rotating gallery changes every three months, and **it is time for new works of art!** Artists of all ages and skill level are encouraged to participate. **Please send us pictures of your framed paintings, drawings, mixed media works or photographs.** Please contact Ashley Cameron at (804) 784-5678 or [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org) if you're interested.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Let's Go Racing!** The Middle School Youth Group is going go-karting this afternoon! We'll be meeting at Thunderbolt Indoor Karting (1365 Carmia Way, Richmond, VA 23235) **from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** The cost is \$20, but never let price stop you from attending! Contact Matt Rawls for more information. [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org)

## FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 28.** Come join us for a Mardi Gras celebration! **St. Mary's youth will prepare and serve up hot pancakes** and other goodies, including King Cake. There will be fun Mardi Gras activities for the kids, too. More information about volunteering is coming soon. **All proceeds and donations will support youth summer mission trips.**

## OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Hello, this is St. Mary's Episcopal Church. How can you help us?" During this time of transition, **St. Mary's staff could use support from parishioner volunteers. We'd love for you to take any shift of one, two, or three hours** during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please contact Ashley Cameron at (804) 784-5678 or [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org).

## ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

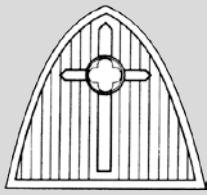
**Yoga for youngsters with Sarah Peavey on Monday mornings through March 6.** A mom and tots session starts at 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. for newborns through new crawlers. Mommy and me session starts at 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for one to two year olds. Classes meet in the New Parish Hall and are **\$5 per class**. Visit [www.saintmarysschool.net](http://www.saintmarysschool.net) to learn more.

## SSJE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Weezie Blanchard will lead **the third annual St. Mary's women's retreat with The Society of Saint John the Evangelist from March 23 to 26.** This year's retreat will take place at Emery House, SSJE's rural retreat house in West Newbury, Massachusetts. **Space is limited.** For more information, please email Weezie at [wblanchard@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:wblanchard@stmarysgoochland.org).

## THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to those of you who have answered our call for help in the office. Their help has been vital to us in the last few weeks. Thank you to **Carol Lynn Forman, Fran Jones, Michelle Lewis, Pamela Mumper, Susan Reynolds, Carrie Schaeffer, Sydna Street, Kate Vaughan, and Mary Williams** for their time and assistance.



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### This Week at St. Mary's

#### Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and Adult Education, 10 a.m., *Sunday School and Education Buildings and New Parish Hall*  
Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*  
Middle School Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *The Escape Room*

#### Monday, February 20

Pastoral Care Team 3, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

#### Tuesday, February 21

Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

#### Wednesday, February 22

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Children's Choir, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*

#### Thursday, February 23

Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

#### Saturday, February 25

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

#### Sunday, February 26, Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Sunday School, Youth Sunday School, and Adult Education, 10 a.m., *Sunday School and Education Buildings and New Parish Hall*  
Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*  
Middle School Girls' Cooking Class, 4:30 p.m., *Kitchen*

### Coming Up

#### Tuesday, February 28

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

#### Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
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### Coming Soon

#### Tuesday, March 7

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

#### Wednesday, March 15

Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Lenten Supper, 5:45 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

#### Sunday, March 19, Third Sunday in Lent

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