

# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 26, 2017**

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## Nursery

Our nursery is available for **infants through 4-year-olds** from 8:45 a.m. until 12:15 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.** Morning Prayer Rite One, *New St. Mary's*

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

**4:30 p.m.** Middle School Girls' Cooking Class, *Kitchen*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

World Mission Sunday holds a special place in my heart. Without world mission through the Episcopal Church, I most likely wouldn't be working at St. Mary's. Since my first mission trip to Liberia, Africa where I met Buck Blanchard, I've learned the importance of living fully into our Baptismal Covenant, "to seek and serve Christ in all persons."

Because when you engage in world mission, you are not going to simply give. You are going to encounter your brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Anglican Communion. From Liberia to Cuba, to the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Hong Kong, the Philippines, El Salvador, and Ecuador, time and time again I've been graciously received and have developed life-changing relationships.

Last week, I had the privilege to travel to Quito, Ecuador with Chris Retrievi, a parishioner of St. Mary's, and eight others from the Southeast to explore possible mission opportunities. In one of the nightly debriefs all of us were reminded that we are not here to simply give our money, knowledge, skills, or to "do something" for the communities. We were there to enter into a reciprocal relationship. The communities we meet may not be rich financially but they are rich in hospitality, joy, and spiritual understanding. We each offer something different, but as God's children we all have something to offer. If we refuse to receive than we are robbing someone of the blessing of giving.

Now, we all may not be able to travel around the world to serve Christ in all persons. But there's another part of our Baptismal Covenant that applies here – "to respect the dignity of every human being." Time and time again we hear the message of love – God's love. That's what connects each and every one of us, remembering that we are created in God's image. World Mission Sunday is an opportunity and a reminder to recognize that we are all made of the same blood and of the same flesh.

So whether it's flying across the globe to celebrate the Eucharist at an Episcopal Church in Africa or writing a check to support typhoon relief in the Philippines or welcoming a refugee family to your local community, we all share our love with our brothers and sisters in this global family called the Anglican Communion.

*Ashley Cameron*

**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 9 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



Easter at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts with Weezie Blanchard, Thursday, April 27 at 10 a.m.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY IS TODAY!

The Episcopal Church recognizes the **Last Sunday after the Epiphany as World Mission Sunday**. World Mission Sunday focuses on the global impact of the Baptismal Covenant's call to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" (Book of Common Prayer, p. 305), and to **raise awareness of the many ways in which the Episcopal Church participates in God's mission around the world**.

Today, **Buck Blanchard**, Director of Mission and Outreach at the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, preaches about the amazing opportunities we have to **engage in relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world**.

## ADULT EDUCATION

**Meet Andrew.** Our new **Associate Rector, Andrew Moore**, will be the speaker in **this morning's Adult Forum** at 10:10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall. Andrew comes to us from Christ Church, Greenwich, Connecticut. He is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and Indiana University and served as Director of Youth & Family Ministry at Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis before attending seminary. **Grab a cup of delicious coffee and listen to Andrew tell us about himself and what excites him about being new to St. Mary's and the Richmond area.**

**Why is Holy Eucharist so important anyway?** In **next Sunday's Adult Forum at 10:10 a.m.** in the New Parish Hall, we continue our series on the essentials of the Christian faith and the Anglican tradition. Rector Weezie Blanchard will **explore the Eucharist and why it is central to our life** and worship in general and to our observance of Lent and Easter in particular. Comments and questions are encouraged!

*The Gifts of Imperfection.* Beginning next Sunday, March 5, parishioner **Tracy Harvey will lead a four-week Lenten study** of *The Gifts of Imperfection* by best-selling author Brené Brown. Brown says, "We cultivate love when we allow our most vulnerable and powerful selves to be deeply seen and known, and when we honor the spiritual connection that grows from that offering with trust, respect, kindness and affection." **The book study will meet at 10 a.m. in the Library** each Sunday in March.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

This summer, St. Mary's **high school youth (rising 10th graders - graduated seniors)** have the opportunity to **serve at Rosebud Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota**. The dates are **Saturday, July 15 - Saturday, July 22**. The youth serve on the reservation in two capacities: running a Vacation Bible School for children and doing service work around the reservation. **The deadline to sign-up is this Wednesday, March 1**. For more information, visit St. Mary's website or contact Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

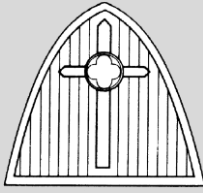
**Middle School Girls' cooking class resumes today at 4:30 p.m.** Join Anne Taylor Robertson and Ashley Cameron to learn **how to cook a delicious, new dish** and the spiritual importance of food. Please let Matt Rawls at [marawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:marawls@stmarysgoochland.org) know if you are able to attend.

## FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this 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.**

## ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

**Save the date for St. Mary's Episcopal School's Spring Carnival!** Gather your friends and family after the 11 a.m. service on **Sunday, April 23** and join in on the fun of bounce houses, kid-friendly carnival games, face painting, and more! Hamburgers and hot dogs and a gluten-free food truck will be available. **Entry to the carnival is free.**



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**This Week at St. Mary's**

**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*

**Monday, February 27**

Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Rector's Study*

**Tuesday, February 28**

Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

**Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday**

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Children's Choir, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*  
Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

**Thursday, March 2**

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

**Saturday, March 4**

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

**Sunday, March 5, First Sunday in Lent**

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*  
*Gifts of Imperfection* Book Study, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

**Coming Up**

**Tuesday, March 7**

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

**Wednesday, March 8**

Seniors Lunch, 11:15 a.m., *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*  
Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

**Thursday, March 9**

Women's Bible Study, 7 p.m., *Library*

**Coming Soon**

**Sunday, March 12, Second Sunday in Lent**

Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *New 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*