



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2017

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 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.

Would you like to write for us? Contact Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org to learn more.

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 Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*

Noon Birthday Cake and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*

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Visit stmarysgoochland.org/communications to sign up for weekly updates and news from us.

A WEEKLY REFLECTION: Prayer at the Dinner Table

Many of us incorporate a blessing at the beginning of our family meals. It is a simple and profound way to share our faith with our children. Nevertheless, it is a habit that can become stale and rote without some attention.

Recently, my children and I had dinner with my aunt and uncle. My uncle began the prayer by saying the blessing that he has said since he was a child, the same prayer I learned, and the one I have taught my children. As he began, the sense of familiarity and connection to all the people in our little tribe was powerful for me and, I hope, for my children. What he did next made their eyes pop up from their plates, though. He prayed for each of our family members by name, our whole wild lot of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Afterwards, he explained that he and my aunt do that every night - remember each of us by name in their nightly prayers. It left a lump in my throat to know how loved we are. I hope it made an impression on my children, too, to know that they are called out and named in love each night by people they only see every few months.

We're figuring out what we will add the end of our same table blessing. We haven't arrived at our stopping point, but here are some ideas we've tried...

- Asking each person to remember a special person or concern.
- Drawing from a bowl filled with slips of paper that have people or situations to be remembered in prayer.
- Using recent Christmas cards to remember a particular family in prayer each night.

As you begin a new year in your home, you may want to consider ways to hit the refresh button on your table prayers. Here are some resources that might give you some ideas...<http://www.growchristians.org/resources/>

Amelia McDaniel

See more at stmarysgoochland.org

WELCOME! Whether it is your first Sunday at St. Mary's, or your 401st, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS OF 2020 VESTRY MEMBERS!

Thank you to everyone who attended last Sunday's Annual Congregational Meeting. **St. Mary's elected four new Vestry Members** – Karen Huennekens, Kim O'Shea, Doug Pera, and Russell Wyatt. **Karen, Kim, Doug, and Russell have all been members of St. Mary's for many years** and have volunteered their time, talents, and treasures in a variety of ways. We are excited to welcome them as new members of the Vestry. Please visit www.stmarysgoochland.org/who-we-are/vestry/ or pick up a copy of the Annual Report to read their full bios. **If you see them in church, please welcome them to the Vestry. Also, many thanks to the four outgoing Vestry members, Scott Barton, Jane duFrane, Steve Guza, and Brantley Holmes, for their service to St. Mary's.**

CARITAS

This week St. Mary's hosts CARITAS. Please deliver donations to the kitchen area of St. Mary's, put them in the pantry or refrigerator on the shelves marked for CARITAS, and include your name and phone number with your delivery in the volunteer book on the counter. Thank you to everyone who is providing their time, talent, and treasures! If you are interested in volunteering to tear down at the end of the week, pack lunches, or prepare and serve dinner, please contact Jan Betts at mfbjensen@verizon.net or Seth Schaeffer at sethschaeffer@gmail.com.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Exciting things continue to happen at St. Mary's, and the wheels keep turning, but we are currently understaffed. During this time of transition, **St. Mary's staff could use support from parishioner volunteers.** Roles include answering the phone, proofreading and stuffing bulletins, updating the database, creating nametags, and tracking upcoming baptisms and weddings, to name a few. **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.

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Save the date for Vacation Bible School - July 10-14, 2017, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. each day. We're currently putting together a great week of fun and learning for 3 year-olds to rising 5th graders! Mark your calendars now. Registration opens around Easter. Want to volunteer? Please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org.

High School Youth Group will gather next Sunday, February 12 at the Escape Room (7025 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, VA 23226) **from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Cost is \$20 per person (but please don't ever let price stop you from participating!). For more information, please email Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

Youth Ski Trip! Join Matt Rawls for a fun day of skiing at Wintergreen on Saturday, February 18. Save the date and contact Matt at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION

Grab a delicious cup of coffee, join Bob Hetherington in the Library at 10:10 a.m., and deepen your understanding of an essential aspect of being Christian. **This Sunday, we'll focus on Baptism.** As we move through Epiphany and Lent, we will continue to focus on four essentials of being Christian (Bible, Baptism, Eucharist, and Prayer). You are invited to **discuss and really think through what it means to be Christian and how we live into it in our daily lives.**

Men's Spiritual Practice. Join Bob Hetherington in the Old Parish Hall at 7:30 a.m. **this Tuesday, February 7** for a one-hour time of silence, reflection, sharing and prayer that focuses on the Gospel reading for next Sunday. This opportunity to deepen faith is open to men of all ages. **This is the last week in this five-week series. This offering will resume during the season of Lent on Tuesday, March 7 for four weeks.**

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

A delicious **Parish Breakfast** for all ages is served **next Sunday, February 12 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the New Parish Hall.** Suggested donation of \$4/person, maximum of \$15/family.

Seniors meet on the third Wednesday this month! Join parishioners of all ages for lunch in the New Parish Hall on **Wednesday, February 15 at 12:15 p.m.** (after Noonday Prayer in Little St. Mary's). This month will feature round table discussions and the opportunity to **meet and greet St. Mary's new Associate Rector, Andrew Moore.** Suggested donation is \$5.

Monthly Parish Supper. Take a moment to pause from your busy week, and sit down with the St. Mary's community to **break bread together on Wednesday, February 15. Serving starts at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP** through the link on the website or call Ashley Cameron at (804) 784-5678.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Come plant daffodils! In the bleak midwinter, let's prepare for a beautiful spring. **Come out on Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m. to plant daffodil bulbs,** provided courtesy of Isabel Souder Correll, whose husband Holt was rector of St. Mary's from 1962 to 1984. Isabel's vision originally inspired the distinctive berms of daffodils around St. Mary's, and we are grateful that her gift will continue this breathtaking spring feature. **Please contact Ashley Cameron** at (804) 784-5678 or acameron@stmarysgoochland.org if you'd like to help.

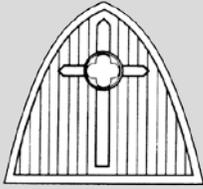
Have you noticed the beautiful pieces of artwork in the Dover Lounge? It is St. Mary's rotating gallery that changes every three months and **it is time for new works of art!** Artists of all ages and skill level are encouraged to participate. **Please send us pictures of your framed paintings, drawings,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

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Mary's parishioners are invited to **attend a community lunch this Thursday, February 9 at 12 p.m.** to learn more to about St. Peter's neighborhood mission, as well as efforts to make St. Peter's more handicap accessible. **St. Mary's and St. Peter's share similar stories** because of their long histories as mission churches, and both parishes are now in a time of growth and transition. We look forward to continuing conversation. Please contact Ashley Cameron at (804) 784-5678 or acameron@stmarysgoochland.org to RSVP by tomorrow and, for those who are interested, to carpool.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the **Fellowship Committee (chair Joan Wilkins and Committee members and helpers Dede and Hobie Andrews, Jane Fawley, Ralph Fisher, Bill Gooch, Cathy Keiger, Fay Lohr, Kay Lowe, Sarah and Bruin Richardson, Susie Salsitz, and Lurline Wagner)** for the time and talent that went into the reception in honor of Gina Alexander last Sunday. It was a wonderful send-off! We look forward to many more fellowship events to come!



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| Building Community |

| Giving Joyfully |

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Karen Huennkens, **Fay Lohr**, **Kim O'Shea**,

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Bruin Richardson, **David Rose**, **Tom Slater**,

and **Russell Wyatt**

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, February 5, Fifth 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*

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

Birthday Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

Monday, February 6

CARITAS, *Dover Lounge and New Parish Hall*

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Tuesday, February 7

CARITAS, *Dover Lounge and New Parish Hall*

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

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

Wednesday, February 8

CARITAS, *Dover Lounge and New Parish Hall*

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*

Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, February 9

CARITAS, *Dover Lounge and New Parish Hall*

St. Peter's Community Lunch, 12 p.m., *St. Peter's Episcopal Church*

Present Over Perfect Book Study, 7 p.m., *Library*

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

Friday, February 10

CARITAS, *Dover Lounge and New Parish Hall*

Saturday, February 11

CARITAS tear down, 8 a.m., *Dover Lounge and New Parish Hall*

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

Daffodil Planting, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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

Sunday School, Confirmation Class, 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*

High School Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *The Escape Room*

Coming Up

Tuesday, February 14

The Rev. Andrew Y. Moore begins as Associate Rector

Wednesday, February 15

Seniors Lunch, 12:15 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

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

Friday, February 17

Vestry Retreat, 12-5 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Saturday, February 18

Youth Ski Trip, *Wintergreen*

Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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