

THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

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 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 and Confirmation Class, *Sunday School and Education Buildings*
Adult Forum: Essentials of Prayer, *New Parish Hall*
The Gifts of Imperfection Book Study, *Library*
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*
Noon Cookies and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*
12:15 p.m. CARITAS Committee, *Old Parish Hall*
4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong, *New St. Mary's*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

This year's Lenten Supper and Speaker series focuses on Christian Community. This past Wednesday night, the series began by focusing on the St. Mary's community. Seth Schaeffer, Robin Lind, and Sydna Street each beautifully shared their St. Mary's stories. To hear them in their entirety, please visit www.stmarysgoochland.org. Here are a few snippets:

Seth Schaeffer: My connection started through my wife and her parents, Pat and Barklie Zimmerman. There became a time when Carrie and I were considering other churches for various reasons. I remember a lot of discussions if this was the right fit for us. I credit the result to Carrie's parents because I think you take in lessons from what you observe sometimes without knowing it. I think subconsciously so much of what my in-laws showed us was what they got out of it was directly related to how much you put into it. We committed ourselves before leaving the church to giving it 100% and to not just come on Sunday. That's all we were doing for many years. In a time of transition, Carrie and I signed up for a yearlong commitment of teaching Sunday School. That was the start of recognizing how much we could get out of St. Mary's by putting more into it – being more active.

Robin Lind continued by sharing a collection of his fondest memories that make up his St. Mary's story: I can see Jim Burnam's bright blue eyes and huge smile, undertaking his personal ministry to greet every stranger who came in the door, making them all feel like long lost brothers and sisters. I think about Wally Stettinius coming out to speak to me at Sandy's [grave]stone in 1992, recognizing my grief and disbelief, speaking from his own inner understanding, having also lost a brother with whom he was very close. I think about hearing Jane duFrane six months ago explain the importance of St. Mary's in her family's life that "St. Mary's has kept us whole."

Sydna Street: St. Mary's Community in three parts. The first part: we arrived in St. Mary's in the early 60's. There was only the little church. It was like an oasis from city noise and life's busyness. But life, as it will, took a turn when Billy's company expanded west. Moving and separations from this intimate family-like community felt like coming apart at the seams. Part two: fast-forward to the 80's. Our family, who had been many miles apart from here, returns to Goochland and became a part of the parish family again. In part three: today, in my seventh year of widowhood, St. Mary's is again an oasis. As I serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, I catch the joy no matter the age or circumstance. In the cemetery, our family has placed a rock on Billy's grave where I can sit and be still. Lastly, I mention my two grandsons, Ian and Will, who participate in the confirmation classes with Matt. I can't say what a joy that is for a Grammy.

Join us this Wednesday starting with Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. followed by supper and our speaker. Our focus will be how we're connected to the Diocese of Virginia and how important that is to who we are as St. Mary's.

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.

QUITO, ECUADOR MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

Interested in learning about an international mission trip? Ashley Cameron and Chris Ritrievi recently returned from an incredible vision trip to Quito, Ecuador. **Next Sunday, March 26 at 12:15 p.m.** in the Old Parish Hall come hear about the amazing work the Episcopal Church is doing abroad and learn about future mission opportunities.

WORSHIP

Choral Evensong this evening at 5:30 p.m. in New St. Mary's. Following in the footsteps of the successful spring and fall Evensongs and last year's Lessons and Carols, St. Mary's Choir will bless us with beautiful music during this season of Lent.

Join us for a brief reflective service before Lenten Supper. **Evening Prayer** every **Wednesday in March** (March 22 and 29) and **during Holy Week on April 12** is led by clergy and parishioners of St. Mary's at **5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's**.

LENTEN SUPPER AND SPEAKER SERIES

Gather for a **simple supper every Wednesday** throughout Lent (March 22, 29, and April 5). **Serving begins at 5:45 p.m.** and is followed by programs for our children and youth at 6:15 p.m. and our Lenten Speakers Series at 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8/person and \$22/family.

Lenten Speaker Series begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout Lent (March 22, 29, and April 5) and **focuses on Christian Community** by looking outward into the larger Metropolitan Richmond area, the Diocese, and the wider Anglican Communion. Featured speakers include **the Rev. Andrew Terry** of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in the East End, **the Rev. Joel Blunk** of Richmond Hill on Church Hill, and **Buck Blanchard**, Director of Mission and Outreach for the Diocese of Virginia and Staff Officer for Global Mission Development for The Episcopal Church.

ADULT EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

What does it mean to pray? How do we talk with and listen to God in our daily lives? What are some simple tools we can use to make our prayer lives more robust and fulfilling? Perhaps the most personal of Christian spiritual practices, prayer can also be the most daunting. **Join Andrew Moore this morning at 10:10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall** for the next session in the series on the **Essentials of Being Christian** as we **explore the many aspects of prayer** and how we engage in this important practice.

The Gifts of Imperfection. Each Sunday in March at 10 a.m. in the Library, parishioner **Tracy Harvey** leads a **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."

Bob Hetherington **invites men of all ages** to participate in a Lenten discipline on **Tuesday mornings** through **April 4 at 7:30 a.m.** in the Old Parish Hall. This five-week offering is a one-hour time of silence, reflection, sharing and prayer that focuses on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

The Bible: What is it, how was it given to us, and how should we read it? Women of all ages are invited to join parishioner **Brantley Holmes** on **Thursdays in March at 7:15 p.m. in the Library** to explore how we can read the Bible as part of everyday life and listen to what God is saying. Each session combines a simple prayer, Bible reflection, an article by a modern writer, and time for questions and reflections.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Today at 4:15 p.m. the Middle School Youth Group will gather for **bubble ball relay races**, snacks, and fellowship. We will wrap up in time for anyone who wishes to attend the Choral Evensong at 5:30 p.m. Please email Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org with any questions.

Children's Program follows Lenten Supper at 6:15 p.m. Evenings together begin on the playground and continue with a friendly competition of **Action Bible Guess It** with prizes each week. This is a fun way to learn about the stories that lead up to Easter.

Last year, St. Mary's introduced a **shadow play of the Stations of the Cross**. Performed by St. Mary's youth and the Children's Choir, this beautiful production was a moving meditation on the crucifixion of Christ. This year, Stations of the Cross will be on **Wednesday, April 5 at 5 p.m. Rehearsals** leading up to the performance will take place **each Wednesday night in March from 5 - 5:45 p.m.** There will be a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, April 4. Participation is open to all youth (6th grade and up), with a limited number of spots available for older children (3rd-5th grades). To participate or get more information, please email Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

Youth day of Service on Saturday, March 25! 6th-12th grade youth from St. Mary's are invited to join youth from all over the Diocese for a **day of volunteer work** that gives back to the community. **Youth will work together at Shalom Farms**, a regional food access and community development project serving 1,500 individuals and families per year. Join us Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **The event is free and includes a pizza lunch.** For more information, questions, and waiver forms please contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

Need an idea of how to bring Lent home? **Free "Lent in a Bag" kits are available** on the resource table in the café. These bags contain six simple items with a booklet that has Lenten reflections and ideas geared for families with children. Simply toss the bag on the dining room table and let the kids pull out an item each week, all at once, or whatever works for you. **Bible readings and discussion starters** in the booklet will help **bring the season of Lent into focus for young people.**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



HOLY WEEK

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 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's

Good Friday, Friday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's

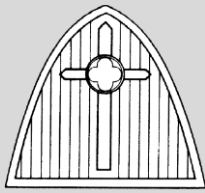


EASTER SUNDAY

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

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

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



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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, March 19, Third Sunday in Lent

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: Essentials of Prayer, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
The Gifts of Imperfection Book Study, 10 a.m., *Library*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

CARITAS Committee, 12:15 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Middle School Youth Group, 4:15 p.m., *Education Building*
Choral Evensong, 5:30 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Monday, March 20

Finance Committee, 8 a.m., *Rector's Study*
Pastoral Care Team 3, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Tuesday, March 21

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

Wednesday, March 22

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Children's Choir and Stations of the Cross Rehearsal, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*

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

Thursday, March 23

Women's Bible Study, 7:15 p.m., *Library*
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Saturday, March 25

Youth Day of Service, 10 a.m., *Shalom Farms*
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, March 26, Fourth Sunday in Lent

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: Essentials of Prayer, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
The Gifts of Imperfection Book Study, 10 a.m., *Library*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*
Quito Mission Information Meeting, 12:15 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Middle School Girls' Cooking Class, 4:30 p.m., *Kitchen*

Coming Up

Tuesday, March 28

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Vestry, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

Women's Bible Study, 7:15 p.m., *Library*

Sunday, April 2, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Adult Forum: Overview of Pre-Easter Liturgies, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*