

THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 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 and Cassie Vestal 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 Being Christian Overview, *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. Quito Mission Information Meeting, *Library*

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

Do you receive email from us?

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

A WEEKLY REFLECTION

If you have never witnessed morning carpool at St. Mary's Preschool, you've missed an opportunity to observe pure joy! The school's doors open wide and teachers are greeted by what seems like an endless parade of cars, trucks, and SUVs with little heads hanging out of windows and popping out of sun roofs. As if part of a homecoming parade, they're waving and screaming greetings to one another.

For most of our little ones, the moment they step out of their cars and enter the building there is no looking back. With smiles and laughter, they rush towards teachers who are ready with hugs that convey, "You are special!" Whether it's that hug, the prospects of something new or different in the classroom, or getting to see a friend again, each day is a new beginning of excitement and adventure led by adults with whom the children have built strong, trusting relationships.

Jesus wants us to experience pure joy in knowing and trusting Him. He wants us to rush to Him and enter into a deeper spiritual commitment. He wants us to, literally, "become like children" as we enter His kingdom. In Matthew 18:2, in response to the disciple's question, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus puts a child in their midst and says, "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." To "become like children," we must be humble and kind. We must share our toys and our treasures, say we're sorry, ask lots of questions, seek guidance, express our thankfulness, and share our love even if we think someone isn't worthy of it.

During this Lenten season, as we approach the cross of Jesus Christ, we should put away our "childish" ways. We should put aside the desires of our selfish hearts that keep us from growing spiritually. And we should look to Christ in wonder and awe with fresh eyes and renewed attitudes with the hope of finding pure joy in Him. May we be that community that lives and reflects a joyous child-like wonder bathed in God's goodness, mercy, and love.

Susan Rawls

Director of St. Mary's Episcopal School

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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.

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

WORSHIP

Join us for a brief reflective service before Lenten Supper. **Evening Prayer** this **Wednesday, March 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 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.

Our adult **Lenten Speaker Series begins at 6:30 p.m.** This year's speaker series **focuses on the relationships that strengthen St. Mary's as a Christian Community**. This **Wednesday, March 29**, parishioner **Wally Stettinius** and the **Rev. Joel Blunk** of Richmond Hill speak about our involvement in the larger Metropolitan Richmond area. On April 5, **Buck Blanchard**, Director of Mission and Outreach for the Diocese of Virginia and Staff Officer for Global Mission Development for The Episcopal Church, focuses on our relationships within the wider Anglican Communion.

ADULT EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

As we moved through Epiphany and Lent, Adult Forums focused on the **four Essentials of Being Christian**: Bible, Baptism, Eucharist, and Prayer. **This morning at 10:10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall**, join **Bob Hetherington** for the wrap-up and overview of the series. You're invited to really think through and discuss what it means to be Christian and how we live it in our daily lives.

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** this **Thursday, March 30 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. This last session combines a simple prayer, Bible reflection, an article by a modern writer, and time for questions and reflections.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Today at 4:30 p.m. Middle School Girls' cooking class has its final class. Join Anne Taylor Robertson and Ashley Cameron to learn how to cook a delicious new dish and about the spiritual importance of food. Please email Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org to let him know if you are able to attend.

This year, Stations of the Cross is 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.

Save the date for St. Mary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 16 at 10 a.m.! All children, toddlers through 5th grade, are invited to participate. **Parents are asked to bring in two dozen plastic eggs** for each child that will participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. **The eggs should be filled with candy or stickers.** Please NO PEANUT or TREE NUT candy or treats. **Drop off the eggs at Amelia McDaniel's office or in a collection box in the Café** by Saturday, April 15.

FELLOWSHIP

Do you wish you had more opportunities for community and fellowship during the week? Work downtown and can't make it to weekday offerings at St. Mary's? **We're bringing St. Mary's coffee hour to you!** Before you head into the office join your St. Mary's friends and community for **casual conversation, a cup of coffee, and a prayer to start your day.** Get to know your clergy, your fellow parishioners, and begin your day on a positive note. **Join Andrew Moore and Karen Huennkens at Pop's Market (415 E Grace Street) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 20.** Join us for the full hour or just pop in and say hello! Help us as we create new spaces for building community and fellowship.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

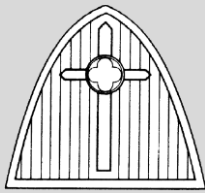
Interested in learning about an international mission trip? Ashley Cameron and Chris Ritrievi recently returned from an incredible vision trip to Quito, Ecuador. **Today at 12:15 p.m. in the Library** come hear about the amazing work the Episcopal Church is doing abroad and learn about future mission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

Save the date for Rebuilding Together Richmond on Saturday, April 22. Band together with fellow St. Mary's parishioners in partnership with St. John's Episcopal Church parishioners as we **transform the life of a low-income homeowner in Hyland Park** by improving the safety and health of their home and revitalizing community. Come for the whole day or for a few hours. Skilled workers, unskilled workers, children, and youth are all welcome! Please email Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org for more information or questions.

CrossOver Healthcare Ministry is an outreach partner and grant recipient of St. Mary's. Their mission is to provide compassionate, comprehensive healthcare services to the low-income, uninsured residents of Richmond. One of their **biggest needs is dental kits** that are given out after a patient's teeth cleaning. The Outreach Committee asks for **donations of: toothpaste (adult/kid), floss, and soft toothbrushes (adult/kid).** Please place them in the collection boxes in the Café area **by Sunday, April 9.**

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, 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 Being Christian Overview, 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., *Library*

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

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

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

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

Vestry, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Wednesday, March 29

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 30

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

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

Saturday, April 1

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

Sunday, April 2, Fifth 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: Celebration and Conviction – What's Really Going on in Holy Week? 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

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

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

Middle School Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Belle Isle*

Coming Up

Tuesday, April 4

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

Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Wednesday, April 5

Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Lenten Supper and Speaker, 5:45 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday

Coming Soon

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday Service, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Friday, April 14

Good Friday Service, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*