

THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 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

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

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

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

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Our Wednesday supper Lenten series this year has been about building community – one relationship at a time. As Christians that is the way we lean into life, translating our personal faith and prayer into the world of active service. Following in the footsteps of Jesus means building relationship through active service.

At our first Wednesday supper we focused on the life of our parish community. Seth Schaeffer, Sydna Street, and Robin Lind talked about the history of their connections to St. Mary's Church and the meaning this relationship has brought to their lives. The rich history of St. Mary's Church provides a good platform for building the future ministry here on River Road. By honoring our past we can build a stronger future. Who are the new people who will pick up the mantle of parish leadership? Remember, community is built one relationship at a time. We have much to learn from each other.

The community building process moves from the parish to the Diocese of Virginia. At our second Wednesday dinner, friends from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Richmond's East End came to talk about their work in a poor neighborhood where there are housing and food needs. It would be great if St. Mary's could develop a sister parish relationship with St. Peter's.

The third supper focused on building relationships with Richmond Hill, an ecumenical Christian community dedicated to the healing of metropolitan Richmond. They do this through the core values of prayer, hospitality, racial reconciliation, and spiritual growth. Part of their mission is to equip individuals to be better Christians in their parishes back home. Richmond Hill has no membership. Richmond Hill is my spiritual home so the work that goes on there has significant personal importance. Since they do Sabbath worship on Monday evening, it frees me to be with all of you on Sundays.

The fourth Wednesday supper features Buck Blanchard with a focus on world mission. The Episcopal Church in the United States is one of the thirty-eight provinces in the global Anglican Communion. So the community building which begins at the local church level extends to the farthest reaches of the globe.

Community is built one relationship at a time. We need to be intentional about pushing out to build wider networks of relationship. We move from the local church, to the diocese, to metropolitan Richmond, to the global Anglican family. The more dynamic and vibrant are our networks, the more we can build the Kingdom of God in central Virginia.

Bob Hetherington

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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.

SUNDAY'S OFFERING SUPPORTS SHALOM FARMS

This morning's loose plate offering (any money not designated towards a pledge or other fund) supports **Shalom Farms**. The mission of Shalom Farms is to **work with communities to ensure access to healthy food** and the support to live healthy lives. They **donate thousands of pounds of food** to families with limited access to fresh produce in the Richmond area every year. St. Peter's Episcopal Church in the East End receives a grant to purchase fresh, in-season vegetables for their food distribution. And **St. Mary's middle and high school youth participated in the Diocese of Virginia's Youth Day of Service** at the farm two Saturdays ago where they helped clear bush for a bigger volunteer parking lot. **St. Mary's is excited to support this growing non-profit** that's assisting in carrying out our Baptismal Covenant by "seeking and serving Christ in all persons." Please be generous this morning as the plates are passed around.

WORSHIP

Come see a **beautiful production** and moving meditation on the crucifixion of Christ this **Wednesday, April 5 at 5 p.m. in Little St. Mary's**. The children and youth of St. Mary's present a **shadow play of the Stations of the Cross**.

Our service on **Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem**. Join us at **10:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 9** as we all **process around the churchyard, making a joyful noise** as we begin the 11 a.m. service on the steps of New St. Mary's. Bring your tambourines, bells, and other noisemakers and gather in the Dover Lounge for this festive event!

Join us for a brief reflective service of **Evening Prayer during Holy Week on Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's**.

LENTEN SUPPER AND SPEAKER SERIES

Gather for a **simple supper Wednesday, April 5** after Stations of the Cross. **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 has **focused on the relationships that strengthen St. Mary's as a Christian Community**. In our last installment of the series, this **Wednesday, 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. If you missed any of the speakers, visit www.stmarysgoochland.org/category/announcements/ to listen.

FELLOWSHIP

Fortify yourselves for the Palm Sunday procession with a delicious **Parish Breakfast** for all age. Serving begins **next Sunday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the New Parish Hall**. Suggested donation of \$4/person, maximum of \$15/family.

Do you wish you had more opportunities for community and fellowship during the week but can't make it to St. Mary's? **We're bringing St. Mary's to you!** Before you head into the office join your St. Mary's 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 Huennekens 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!

Seniors meet on the third Wednesday this month! Join parishioners of all ages for lunch in the New Parish Hall on **Wednesday, April 19 at 12:15 p.m.** (after Noonday Prayer in Little St. Mary's). Suggested donation is \$5.

ADULT EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Easter doesn't make sense if we don't understand the week that precedes it. **Holy Week begins with a celebration of Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.** By Thursday, he's sharing **the Last Supper** with his disciples. On Friday, he hangs on the cross. **How and why do things go so badly so quickly?** Come to Adult Forum this morning at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall as Weezie Blanchard discusses the last week of Jesus's mortal life and the Holy Week liturgies that mark it.

Inquiring minds want to know. Want to know more **about what it means to be an Episcopalian?** Do you have burning questions about the history of Christianity? Are you curious about Confirmation? Join Andrew Moore and Bob Hetherington for an Inquirer's Class meeting in **the Library at 10:10 am on April 23 and 30, and May 7 and 14.** Whether you desire to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church, are new to the Episcopal Church and just want to know more, or you are a long-time Episcopalian seeking a refresher, this is the class for you!

"I will with God's help." Each time we have a baptism or confirmation in the church, we renew the promises of the baptismal covenant together. Join the St. Mary's clergy in the **Adult Forum** on April 23 and 30 and May 7 as we **explore just what these promises mean** and how they **inform the ways we live our faith in the world.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

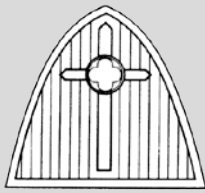
This Sunday, April 2 at 4 p.m., the middle school youth group go to **Belle Isle for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship.** They'll **meet at the 22nd Street Parking lot** (2101 Riverside Dr., Richmond, VA 23225) at 4 p.m. Then they'll **hike down to Belle Isle to explore and have a picnic** and **meet back at the 22nd St. Parking Lot at 6:30 p.m.** **Please bring a brown bag meal and a water bottle.** Chaperones are needed, so **parents please feel free to join if available!** For more information or questions, 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 who 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Come out and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of **Rebuilding Together Richmond on Saturday, April 22.** Each year, teams of volunteers spread across the Metropolitan Richmond Area to **improve the safety and health of homes of low-income homeowners** (mostly elderly) and revitalize communities. Band together with fellow St. Mary's parishioners in partnership with St. John's Episcopal Church parishioners. **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. Its mission is to provide compassionate, comprehensive healthcare services to the low-income, uninsured residents of Richmond. One of its **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.**



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| Building Community |
| Giving Joyfully |

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This Week at St. Mary's

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*

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

Wednesday, April 5

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Lenten Supper and Speaker, 5:45 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Thursday, April 6

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

Saturday, April 8

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

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Procession of the Palms, 10:45 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*

Coming Up

Wednesday, April 12

Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

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*

Saturday, April 15

Flowering of the Church, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Hanging of 'Alleluias', 9:30 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 a.m., *Churchyard*
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Coming Soon

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., *Library*

Saturday, April 22

Rebuilding Together Richmond, 8 a.m., *Hyland Park*

Thursday, April 27

Easter at the VMFA, 10 a.m., *Virginia Museum of Fine Arts*