

THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 9, 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*
9:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast, *New Parish Hall*
10:45 a.m. Procession of the Palms, *Dover Lounge*
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*
Noon Cookies and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" -Matthew 21:10

I've always been struck by this particular verse in Matthew's account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It's a detail that is not there in any of the other gospels. In Luke, the Pharisees tell Jesus to calm his disciples down. Mark tells us that Jesus went straight into the temple. But Matthew tells us that all of Jerusalem is roiled by Jesus' arrival.

Something about that feels so appropriate to me. Jesus' arrival, his presence in the world, is earth-shattering. He upends the status quo. Is it any wonder then that his raucous entry into Jerusalem sends the city into a tizzy? This turmoil that Matthew describes won't calm any time soon, either. The events of Holy Week, which we hear recounted this morning in the Passion gospel, are chaotic. They unfold with a frightening momentum. It's shocking how quickly we move from the Hosannas of Palm Sunday to "my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" on Good Friday.

I find it very powerful to hear the story in its entirety on Palm Sunday. It serves as a reminder of where we have been and where we are going in the coming week. We can never hear the story enough. We may know what lies on the other side of the turmoil and the chaotic events of Holy Week, but each time we hear the story we are invited to discover new truths, new resonances, new ways that the story speaks to our lives.

I invite you to listen to the story this week with open ears and open hearts. I invite you to listen to what it says to you today, on Thursday, and on Friday. I invite you to discover how the story of Jesus' passion speaks to our world and to your soul in April of 2017. It truly is a remarkable story that has the power to shake the earth and to shape our lives. I look forward to hearing the story with you all in the coming days and discovering where it may lead us.

Andrew Moore

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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

The services in Holy Week are one continuous liturgy in separate acts, each leading into the next as the story unfolds. St. Mary's invites you to join us on this journey and experience the last days of Jesus' mortal life by participating in all the Holy Week services as fully as you are able.



HOLY WEEK

Evening Prayer, Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. in Little 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

10:15 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



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

FELLOWSHIP

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. Meet Andrew Moore and Karen Huennekens at Pop's Market from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 20.** Come 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. This month's speaker is **Margaret Page Bemiss**. She was a lifelong friend of the late Holt Souter, former rector, and is well known to many in St. Mary's congregation. She is a **distinguished writer and author** of "**Historic Virginia Gardens - Preservation Work of the The Garden Club of Virginia 1975-2007**".

NAMETAGS

As we welcome newcomers and visitors throughout Holy Week and Easter, **don't forget to wear your nametag!** Find your **nametag in the narthexes of Little and New St. Mary's** hanging on blue ribbons. If you do not have a nametag, please make a temporary one on the tables in the back of the church and add your name to the list to have one made for you. We thank you all for helping us get to know one another and **making St. Mary's a warm, welcoming place.**

ADULT EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Want to know more **about what it means to be an Episcopalian**? Do you think that you might **want to be confirmed on May 21**? Do you have burning questions about the history of Christianity? Join Andrew Moore and Bob Hetherington for an Inquirer's Class meeting in the **Library at 10:10 a.m. 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, this is the class for you!

"Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" Each time we have a baptism or confirmation in the church, we renew the promises of the baptismal covenant together. Join Weezie Blanchard in the **Adult Forum at 10:10 a.m.** 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**.

ALTAR GUILD

On Saturday, April 15 at 9 a.m., the Altar Guild invites **anyone interested to come help 'flower' New St. Mary's for Easter services**. Please bring your clippers and every blooming thing from your garden. Also, please help clean up on Tuesday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. For any questions, please call Joanie Robins at (804) 741-6393.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Come help decorate for Easter **on Saturday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m.!** **Children are invited to gather and "unhide" our beautiful butterfly alleluias** that have been tucked away throughout the church during Lent. They will hang them in the windows of New St. Mary's to **greet us on Easter Sunday**.

St. Mary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is 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.

Vacation Bible School registration is now available! Come gather for a fun week of "camping out" and learning about how no matter where we are, Jesus is with us. The week, July 10-14, is **open to all children ages 3 to rising 5th grade**. Rising 6th-Senior High School **students are invited to volunteer**. We also **need lots of adult volunteers** to make the week run smoothly. Fill out **your registration form** and **return to St. Mary's by May 21**. Please contact **Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org** for more information.

Spring cleaning? St. Mary's youth are hosting a **Yard Sale on May 6**, and **all proceeds will go toward high school and middle school summer mission trips to South Dakota and West Virginia**. We will accept donations beginning Monday, May 1. We will also need volunteers to help with sorting and pricing. Please contact **Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org** for more information.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

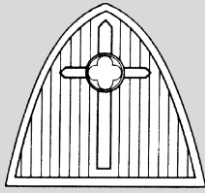
Come out and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of **Rebuilding Together Richmond on Saturday, April 22**. Each year, volunteers spread across the Metropolitan Richmond Area **to improve the safety and health of homes of low-income homeowners**. Band together with fellow St. Mary's parishioners in partnership 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.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

St. Mary's Episcopal School's 2nd Annual 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 (cash or check only). **Entry to the carnival is free**.

THANK YOU!

St. Mary's raised **\$1,132.75 for Shalom Farms!** **Thank you to everyone who generously gave** to the loose plate offering on Sunday, April 2. Shalom Farms **donates thousands of pounds of food** to families with limited access to fresh produce in the Richmond area every year. Thank you for enthusiastically supporting this growing non-profit and feeding your neighbors in the greater Metropolitan Richmond area.



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This Week at St. Mary's

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

Monday, April 10

Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Rector's Study*

Tuesday, April 11

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

Wednesday, April 12

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, April 13

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Maundy Thursday Service, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

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

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 Up

Monday, April 17

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20

Downtown Coffee Hour, 8 a.m., *Pop's Market*
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., *Library*

Saturday, April 22

Rebuilding Together Richmond, 8 a.m., *Hyland Park*
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, April 23, Second Sunday of Easter

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: "I will with God's help", 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Inquirer's Class, 10 a.m., *Library*
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
St. Mary's Episcopal School Spring Carnival, 12 p.m., *Churchyard*

Coming Soon

Thursday, April 27

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

Sunday, May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Children and Youth Sunday, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*