



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2018

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 Sunday School Building. Nursery Director Meg Zehmer and Nursery Assistant 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. They are in the front of Little St. Mary's and in the wood bins near the entrances to New St. Mary's.

Rector Search Committee

The Rector Search Committee (Chair Tracey Ragsdale, Brantley Holmes, Andy Howlett, Michelle Lewis, Kim O'Shea, Nancy Reed, Al Rider, Susie Salsitz, Carrie Schaeffer, Armistead Talman, Joan Wilkins, and Russell Wyatt) invites you to share comments, concerns, recommendations and questions. Please email stms.rectorsearch@gmail.com.

Connect with us

We would love to learn more about you! If you are a visitor, please pick up a **welcome card** from one of our ushers or in the back of a pew.

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

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One, *Little St. Mary's*
10 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class, *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
10 a.m. Adult Forum: *The Path, Little St. Mary's*
11 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite One, *New St. Mary's*
12 p.m. Cookies and Coffee, *Café*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Throughout my life I've seen Lent in many ways - a time of penitence and sacrifice through the lens of suffering, a time for renewal and growth, and a season of introspection and realignment.

Let's face it, parenting is full of sacrifice, penitence, introspection, realignment, renewal, growth, and flat out suffering (and often all these are felt in the span of 10 minutes). And truthfully, some days even during the middle of summer feel rather *Lenten* with my children.

I've been at this parenting thing a while now. I'm sure most days I get 90% of it wrong. Yet at the end of almost every day, there are hugs and "I love yous" and kisses before we crawl into our beds. For me at this stage of life, I find it hard to commit to extensive new routines or profound sacrificial practices. I barely manage to eke out what it is that I am supposed to do each day. So for me this year, I am viewing Lent as less of a course correction or time to take one a profound new discipline. Instead I'm viewing it more as a winnowing time.

I want to strip back and lay down as much as I can so that I can stare directly at the essential truth - *grace comes to me, not because I have earned it or deserve it, but because God's love is far greater than I could ever ask or imagine*. And I will remember this when I respond to my children and the world around me. With this truth at my core, I am more aware and present to the love of God all around me.

This Lent, we are offering a community journal project from the brothers at the Society of Saint John the Evangelist. There will be a journal for both adults and children. It is a simple, quiet way to try to connect each day throughout this season to God's grace and love. In addition to the journal, there will be "car question" rings and take-home items to spark conversations at home. Not massive to-do items, just simple exercises to ground us in the season. There will be Sunday School, Adult Forums, and Wednesday night programming that will also feature elements from these journals. And we'll conclude the season with Holy Week services - including an Easter Vigil - and our wonderful Stations of the Cross service presented by our children and youth.

My hope is that these materials and services will be a guide to your own winnowing down process. Come and participate in the many programs and worship offerings for you and your children to see the grace of God at work in our lives and the world.

Amelia McDaniel, Director of Children's Ministries

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, an usher, or one of our clergy, and **consider filling out a welcome card**. 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** and **New St. Mary's** are 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.

LENT 2018

Lent is a time for self-examination, discernment, and individual and collective spiritual renewal. St. Mary's would like to help you make this Lent a time that enriches your faith life. How can you make this a holy Lent?

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

In addition to our Sunday services of Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m. and Wednesday Noonday Prayer at 12 p.m., **Lent and Holy Week services** include:

- ❖ **Ash Wednesday**, Wednesday, February 14 at 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's
- ❖ **Evening Prayer**, Wednesdays, February 21 and 28, March 7, 14, and 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's
- ❖ **Lenten Choral Evensong**, Sunday, March 4 at 5 p.m. in New St. Mary's
- ❖ **Stations of the Cross presented by the Children of St. Mary's**, Wednesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's
- ❖ **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**, Sunday, March 25, Holy Eucharist Rite One at 9 a.m. in Little St. Mary's, Procession at 10:45 a.m. in the Churchyard, and Holy Eucharist Rite Two at 11 a.m. in New St. Mary's
- ❖ **Maundy Thursday**, Thursday, March 29 at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's
- ❖ **Good Friday**, Friday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's
- ❖ **Great Vigil of Easter**, Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in Little St. Mary's

SPECIAL LENT OFFERINGS

Special Lent offerings include:

- ❖ Bob Hetherington's **Men's Spiritual Practice**, continuing throughout Lent on Tuesdays, February 20 and 27, March 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 7:30 a.m. in the Old Parish Hall
- ❖ **Lenten Suppers and Speakers Series**, with Thom Blair and programming for children and youth, on **Wednesdays**, February 21 and 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28 at **5:45 p.m.**

LENTEN RESOURCES

Please stop by the Café and take a look at the wide variety of **Lenten daily devotionals, guides, and books** for sale for all ages.



EASTER SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite One in New Saint Mary's
- 11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite Two in New Saint Mary's
- 12:15 p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers – 5th grade students in the Churchyard

GUEST PREACHER THIS MORNING

St. Mary's is excited to welcome the Rev. Whitney Edwards as our guest preacher this morning for the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services! Whitney is a native Richmonder. A graduate of The University of Pennsylvania and Yale Divinity School, she has served in parishes in Virginia, Oregon, and Connecticut, as well as prisons and schools in India, Panama, and Virginia. She is the current Upper School Chaplain at St. Christopher's School. She is married to Chris Edwards, the choir director at St. Stephen's. Together they have 3 children.

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. **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 Seth Schaeffer at sethschaeffer@gmail.com or Charmaine Trice at nesting7800@yahoo.com.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

The current session of the men's spiritual practice group continues this Tuesday, February 13 through March 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Old Parish Hall. Led by Bob Hetherington, the gathering is an opportunity to deepen faith and is open to men of all ages.

As we explore how we at St. Mary's tell our story, a series of Adult Forums this winter will continue to go back to the bedrock of our faith. Using the book *The Path*, we'll delve into the earliest stories from the Old Testament. What have we forgotten from Sunday School? How can a nuanced understanding inform our faith journeys? **Join Bob Hetherington this morning at 10 a.m. in Little St. Mary's** as we look at the story of Saul. **Read chapters 10** of *The Path* in preparation or just join us for lively conversation. **Pick up a copy of *The Path* for \$15 in the Café.**

FELLOWSHIP

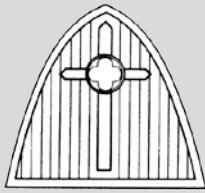
St. Mary's seniors (well, adults of all ages) are invited to Seniors Lunch. Join parishioners of all ages for a delicious lunch and fascinating program on Tuesday, February 20 at 12 p.m. in the New Parish Hall. Please note it is the third Tuesday of the month due to CARITAS. This month, we welcome Dr. Sarah Scarbrough, who has her PhD in Public Policy and founded the local non-profit, REAL LIFE Community Center. Their mission is to "assist individuals who have been impacted by incarceration or those battling addiction to overcome barriers and obstacles faced within the community that hinder their prosperity and their ability to have a thriving future." **Suggested donation is \$5/person.**

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time to order the St. Mary's 2018 Church Directory! Please find order forms in the back of Little St. Mary's, New St. Mary's, the Café area, the Parish Office, and online at www.stmarysgoochland.org/2018-Church-Directory/. Fill out an order form by this Friday, February 16 to ensure you receive a copy. **Suggested donation for each Church Directory is \$10.** Please pay by cash, check, or card when you pick it up. Once available, Directories can be picked-up on Sunday mornings in the Dover Lounge from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and at the Parish Office on Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Please look for specific pick-up dates in future communications.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

This Saturday, February 17 all St. Mary's Youth are invited to participate in our Ski Trip! The cost is \$100 per person which includes lift tickets (\$67) and transportation (\$33). If you would like to rent equipment, that cost is \$30 per person. In addition, please send your child with money for lunch and dinner. **Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. We will return at 9:00 p.m.** If you need financial assistance, please let Matt know because that is not a problem. We want EVERYONE to be able to participate on this trip. Space is limited, so please sign-up. This week, Matt will send out waiver forms and rental forms. **To sign-up or for more information, contact Matt at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.**



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Seth Schaeffer and **Scott Stephens**

This Week at St. Mary's

Saturday, February 10 – Saturday, February 17

CARITAS, *Dover Lounge and Old Parish Hall*

Sunday, February 11, Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Adult Forum: *The Path*, 10 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday*

School Classrooms and Education Building

Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café*

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 13

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

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

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday

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

Ash Wednesday Service, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Children's Choir, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Ash Wednesday Service, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, February 15

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

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

Friday, February 16

Outreach Gala Committee, 11 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Saturday, February 10

Youth Ski Trip, 8 a.m., *Wintergreen*

CARITAS Break-down, 8 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

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

Sunday, February 18, First Sunday in Lent

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

Adult Forum: *God is Love*, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday*

School Classrooms and Education Building

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

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

Coming Up

Tuesday, February 20

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 21

St. Peter's Bible Study and Food Distribution, 8:30 a.m.,

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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*

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

Lenten Speaker Series, 6:15 p.m., *New Parish Hall*