



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Second Sunday in Lent**

**February 25, 2018**

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## 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](mailto: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.

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*Would you like to write for us? Contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org)*

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## 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 Word Became Flesh, *New Parish Hall*

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

**12 p.m.** Cookies and Coffee, *Café*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Lent allows us to focus on how we relate to Jesus. This is difficult since we cannot touch or see Jesus. Perhaps for this reason, doubts will surface.

Our daughter, at a young age, was diagnosed with leukemia. Lunch time was spent praying at a church near work. Healing power of prayer strengthened my faith. Yet, when the cancer returned, questions surfaced as to how and why a loving Jesus would take our child. Prayer continued, perhaps out of desperation and nowhere else to turn. Faith was restored when, after a bone marrow transplant, the cancer disappeared.

Doubt returned when a brain tumor surfaced, probably the result of the leukemia treatment. And again the need to see Jesus in the flesh so I could beg Him to heal our Caroline. And then another miracle, a new drug, bringing her time to grow into a beautiful young woman. Then again, the tumor returned, but this time the doubt did not. Prayers and faith brought us closer. Her last year of life, at Bridgewater College, was her happiest.

I did not give up on Jesus when I was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a terminal lung disease. It was faith that gave me strength as the disease progressed. Thus, I was able to hold my first grandchild and enjoy the wedding of Caroline's twin brother. Most important, this was a time where I truly learned how much I love my wife.

So what do these life experiences have to do "The Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14)? When we face troubled times, it's understandable that doubts in our faith surface. It'd be so easier if we could talk with Jesus in the flesh, asking Him questions we need answered. But we learn, He is present through Word.

Almost 5 years ago, I was rushed to the Emergency Room and then flown by helicopter for a lung transplant. Donor lungs became available as I was being loaded into the helicopter. While at the ER and later at UVA Hospital, they say I died at least twice. Many have asked "if I saw a light." No light for me! But I distinctly remember hearing Caroline's voice saying "don't worry daddy, I talked with Him and it's not your time." I now know that our Caroline is with Him. It's His Word.

*Bruce Keeney*

**WELCOME!** Whether it is your first Sunday at St. Mary's, or your 401<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lent is a season of self-examination, discernment, and spiritual renewal. **All year long we've been focusing on stories**. In the adult forums, we have been using The Path and thinking about the ancient stories of our faith. How do we understand these stories in the contexts in which they were initially told and in the context of the Bible as a whole? **During Lent, we are focusing on how we relate to Jesus**, particularly in the Gospel of John, and using some different approaches for our explorations.

The way we are going to **explore Jesus in the Gospel of John is through armchair conversations** with a St. Mary's parishioner. This morning, **Andrew Moore sits down with Carrie Schaeffer** to share her own personal story and how that relates to the larger story of St. Mary's community. **Join them at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall** for this engaging "armchair conversation" on this week's theme, "The Word became Flesh." **"Meeting Jesus" is a six-week journey and reflection** on the Gospel According to John; **pick up a beautiful prayer journal from SSJE in the Café area for \$5**.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

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

The current session of the **men's spiritual practice group continues this Tuesday, February 27 through March 27 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**.

**Lenten Speaker Series happens every Wednesday in Lent** (February 28, March 7, 14, and 21), **begins at 6:15 p.m.** and focuses on some of the old and familiar parables. *The Stories He'd Tell: Exploring the Parables of Jesus* led by **Thom Blair** looks at ideas and implications in each parable that maybe haven't received too much attention. **This Wednesday, February 28, we'll look at "The stranger in the ditch," Luke 10:25-37.**

### WORSHIP

Director of Music Ryan Tibbetts and the St. Mary's Choir present a **Service of Choral Evensong next Sunday, March 4 at 5 p.m.** in New St. Mary's. **Enjoy the beautiful music** offered by St. Mary's Choir **in this spiritually renewing service** during this season of Lent.

**Join us in Little St. Mary's for a reflective, mid-week Evening Prayer service at 5:30 p.m.** on Wednesdays in Lent (February 28, March 7, 14, and 21) prior to Lenten Suppers. And don't forget...**Noonday Prayer** takes place in Little St. Mary's **every Wednesday at 12 p.m.** **Let us all grow in our prayer life** during this time of self-examination, discernment, and individual and collective spiritual renewal.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Gather for a simple Lenten Soup Supper this Wednesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m.** Come break bread and take a midweek break with your St. Mary's family every Wednesday throughout Lent. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and is followed by programs for adults, children, and youth at 6:15 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8 per person and \$22 per family.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

There are a number of Lenten resources on the table in the Café for children. Pick up a Meeting Jesus for Kids journal and a set of Car Talk cards to guide you and your family through Lent at home.

**Youth and Children's Programs follow Lenten Supper at 6:15 p.m.** For children (ages 4 – grade 5) the evening consists of fun games based on the Parables that coincide with the speaker series. It's a friendly competition with fun prizes each week! Youth (grades 6-12) are invited for a time of fun and fellowship in the Education Building.

**Stations of the Cross is Wednesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m.** This shadow play, performed by the Children's Choir and the youth of St. Mary's, is a beautiful production and a moving meditation on the crucifixion of Christ. Rehearsals for Stations of the Cross are on Wednesdays, March 7, 14, and 21.

**Save the date for Vacation Bible School: July 9-13, 2018, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. each day.** We're currently putting together a great week of fun and learning for 4-year-olds to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Mark your calendars now. Registration opens around Easter. Want to volunteer? Please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Save the date for March 16-17 for an all youth retreat to Camp Chanco!** All youth (grades 6-12) will head down to the beautiful camp on the James River for fellowship, ropes courses, and zip lines. **You don't want to miss this wonderful weekend!** Please email Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

## ALTAR GUILD

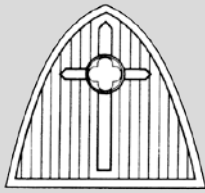
Current Altar Guild members and those interested are invited to a spring celebration. Please join Andrew and Altar Guild co-chairs, Ann Lagos and Margaret Lundvall, on Saturday, March 3 at 9 a.m. as they present a refresher course on Altar Guild procedures followed by a light breakfast. Please RSVP to Margaret Lundvall at (804) 358-2048.

## LOST AND FOUND

**Missing something?** Lost in the pews of St. Mary's, a number of umbrellas, a few car keys (don't know how you got out of the parking lot), beautiful jewelry, sunglasses, hats, and much more! Call Elizabeth at (804) 784-5678 to claim your missing item or stop by the church office.

## CONNECT WITH US!

- ❖ **New to St. Mary's?** First time or returning visitor? Please help us get to know you by filling out a welcome card found in the back of every pew.
- ❖ **Need a nametag?** Please sign up for one in the back of the church or make a temporary one. If you already have one, please remember to wear it to help make St. Mary's a warm, welcoming place.
- ❖ **Are you receiving St. Mary's emails?** Stay up to date with weekly emails about upcoming events and opportunities and receive reflections directly to your inbox go to [stmarysgoochland.org](http://stmarysgoochland.org) to sign-up.
- ❖ **Are you following us on Instagram?** We love sharing fun facts, behind the scenes, #ThrowbackThursday pictures, and our beautiful campus. Make sure to follow us @stmarysgoochland
- ❖ **Do you like our Facebook page?** You can find recent sermons, reflections, pictures from events, and more by liking us at [facebook.com/St.MarysGoochland](https://facebook.com/St.MarysGoochland)
- ❖ **Do you know St. Mary's has a YouTube channel?** You can watch the Lenten adult forums and Lenten speaker series with Thom Blair by subscribing at [youtube.com/user/StMarysGoochland](https://youtube.com/user/StMarysGoochland)



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**This Week at St. Mary's**

**Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday in Lent**

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

Adult Forum: The Word Became Flesh, 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*

**Monday, February 26**

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

**Tuesday, February 27**

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, February 28**

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

Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

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

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*

**Thursday, March 1**

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

**Saturday, March 3**

Altar Guild Spring Celebration, 9 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

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

**Sunday, March 4, Third Sunday in Lent**

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

Adult Forum: Close to the Father's Heart, 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*

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

Choral Evensong, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

**Coming Up**

**Wednesday, March 7**

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*

**Sunday, March 11, Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *New Parish Hall*