



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 4, 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 Path, New Parish Hall*  
**11 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*  
**12 p.m.** Cake and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Henri Nouwen, in his book *Bread for the Journey* writes, "How do we wait for God? We wait with patience. But patience does not mean passivity. Waiting patiently is not like waiting for the bus to come, the rain to stop, or the sun to rise. It is an active waiting in which we live the present moment to the full in order to find there the signs of the one we are waiting for.

The word patience comes from the Latin verb *patior*, which means 'to suffer.' Waiting patiently is suffering through the present moment, tasting it to the full, and letting the seeds that are sown in the ground on which we stand grow into strong plants. Waiting patiently always means paying attention to what is happening right before our eyes and seeing the first rays of God's glorious coming."

I believe St. Mary's is a beautiful depiction of this description of waiting. Yes, we are waiting for our new rector, but we are doing it in such an active, forward thinking manner that I believe God is pleased. I am amazed at how we have not missed a beat since Weezie's departure. The staff is amazing. Every single one of them have stepped up, cheerfully assuming additional responsibilities. This place is a well-oiled machine! I sat in on a recent staff meeting and I'd put our staff up against any major corporation on organization and efficiency. Mission trips are being finalized. Pastoral care teams are thriving. Our music continues to get better. Even more impressive is how they are tackling new initiatives. As I said to the staff, my heart is happy to see not only how well they run our business but also at the care and compassion that they have for each other. We are blessed.

Which leads me to the work of the search committee. We are fortunate that we can take our time and listen for God's calling knowing that the day to day activities are well in hand. The committee is a wonderful combination of ages, skills, backgrounds, and ideas but are bound together by their love of St. Mary's and their commitment to find the next and best rector. Joan Wilkins, our committee chaplain leads us in the following prayer at each meeting.

"Guide our minds and hearts so that we will work for the good of our church family and all your people. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in face of difficulty and wise in our decisions. May your wisdom, love, and grace strengthen us in this endeavor."

We wait with patience, but not passivity. I look around and yes, my heart is happy.

*Tracey Ragsdale, Senior Warden*

**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.

### HOSTING CARITAS NEXT WEEK

**Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer and bring in donations!** CARITAS families arrive this Saturday. Please deliver donations to the kitchen area of St. Mary's, and include your name and phone number with your delivery in the volunteer book on the counter. There are still a few spaces to be filled, **check out the sign-up boards in the Dover Lounge for food and supply donations. Volunteers are needed** to set up prior to arrival this **Saturday, February 10 at 8:45 a.m.** It's a wonderful time for fellowship! **Thank you to everyone who is providing their time, talent, and treasures!** For further information, or any questions, please contact Seth Schaeffer at [sethschaeffer@gmail.com](mailto:sethschaeffer@gmail.com) or Charmaine Trice at [nesting7800@yahoo.com](mailto:nesting7800@yahoo.com).

**Supporting CARITAS involves all ages!** A number of items are needed for the families who will be our guests at St. Mary's from February 10-17. The Children's Ministries' Committee asks that our **children, as part of their offering, bring in new crayons, markers, or coloring books** to share with our youngest guests. For more information, contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

### WORSHIP

**The Lenten season is almost upon us.** 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. This season Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday on February 14.** Join us in **Little St. Mary's at either 12 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.** In addition, **Evening Prayer** will take place at **5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, February 21 and 28, March 7, 14, and 21.**

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

The current session of the **men's spiritual practice group continues this Tuesday, February 6 through Easter 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 Andrew Moore this morning and Bob Hetherington next Sunday, February 11 at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall** as we look at the stories of Ruth, Samuel, and Saul. **Read chapters 9 and 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

**Seniors Lunch is on the third Tuesday this month!** Due to CARITAS, it is pushed back a week. St. Mary's parishioners of all ages are **invited to a delicious lunch and engaging presentation on Tuesday, February 20 at 12 p.m. in the New Parish Hall.** Suggested donation is \$5/person.

Lenten suppers will be here soon! Save the dates, **Wednesdays February 21 and 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 5:45 p.m.** for a simple dinner followed by a series of presentations by Thom Blair and youth program. If you are interested in volunteering or being a head chef, please contact [saintmarysfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarysfellowship@gmail.com).

## 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/](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org/2018-Church-Directory/). Fill out an order form by **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

**Soup-er Bowl Sunday Youth Group!** All (Middle School and High School students) are invited to a Soup-er Bowl party! **Come watch the Super Bowl** in the Education Building at **6 p.m. tonight**. Bring friends and \$5 for pizza. In addition, **bring a can of soup** for Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services! For more information, contact Matt at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Come join us for an early Mardi Gras celebration!** Due to CARITAS, the Youth Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is moved to **Wednesday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m.** The youth will prepare and **serve up hot pancakes**. There will be King Cake and some **fun Mardi Gras activities for the kids** too. **All proceeds and donations will support youth summer mission trips.** Please come support this wonderful cause. **To volunteer to help cook and serve**, contact Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Oblation Bearers bring up the gifts of the bread and wine** at the beginning of the offertory on the Sundays that we celebrate the Eucharist. In addition, we need **two children to collect the children's offering** each week. During the offertory hymn, they stand in the front of the church while the children come forward to bring up their offering. Both of these roles during the service are a great way for **families and children to participate**. Please consider **signing up your family** to help at an upcoming **11 a.m. service**. For more information, contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Youth Ski Trip!** Join Matt Rawls for a **fun day of skiing at Wintergreen on Saturday, February 17**. Save the date and contact Matt at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

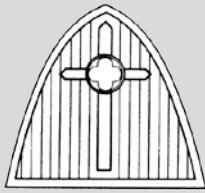
**Save the date for Vacation Bible School: July 9-13, 2018, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. each day.** We're currently putting together a great week of fun and learning for 4-year-olds to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Mark your calendars now. Registration opens around Easter. Want to volunteer? Please contact Amelia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

## ACTS OF FAITH FESTIVAL

St. Mary's is delighted to **partner** with Second Presbyterian and other faith communities to sponsor the unique **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Acts of Faith Festival to the Richmond community**. One of the largest faith-based theater festivals in the United States, Acts of Faith will once more use live theater and post-show "talkback" discussions to examine the fundamentals of faith in action: personal courage, self-awareness, and the willingness to take chances in our precious, fleeting lives." **St. Mary's Andrew Moore will lead a "talkback" on Sunday, February 25 after the 2 p.m.** performance of *The Christians* at Cadence Theater. **For the schedule and latest information on the 2017 Acts of Faith Festival, visit [www.theactsofffaith.org](http://www.theactsofffaith.org).**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS OF 2021 VESTRY MEMBERS!

Thank you to everyone who attended last Sunday's Annual Congregational Meeting. **St. Mary's elected four new Vestry Members** – Anne McCoy, Seth Schaeffer, Patsy Simril, and Scott Stephens. We are excited to welcome them as new members of the Vestry. Please visit [www.stmarysgoochland.org/who-we-are/vestry/](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org/who-we-are/vestry/) or pick up a copy of the Annual Report to read their full bios. **If you see them in church, please welcome them to the Vestry. Also, many thanks to the four outgoing Vestry members, Betsy Rawles, Bruin Richardson, David Rose, and Charmaine Trice, for their service to St. Mary's.**



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**Joe Cheely**, *Treasurer*

**Patsy Simril**, *Registrar*

**Karen Huennekens**, **Fay Lohr**, **Anne McCoy**,

**Kim O'Shea**, **Doug Pera**, **Al Rider**, **Tom Slater**,

**Seth Schaeffer** and **Scott Stephens**

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

**Sunday, February 4, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

Adult Forum: *The Path*, 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*

Youth Group Soup-er Bowl Party, 6 p.m., *Education Building*

**Monday, February 5**

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

**Tuesday, February 6**

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, February 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*

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

Mardi Gras Celebration and Pancake Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

**Thursday, February 8**

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Accidental Saints Book Study, 7:30 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

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

**Saturday, February 10 – Saturday, February 17**

CARITAS, *Dover Lounge and Old Parish Hall*

**Saturday, February 10**

CARITAS Set-Up, 8:45 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

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

**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., *Education Building*

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 and New Parish Hall*

**Coming Up**

**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*

**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*