



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 11, 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, Bruin Richardson, 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*

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

**10 a.m.** Sunday School and Confirmation Class, *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

**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

Unsurprisingly, I find that the more I lean in to faith, the more I find myself graced with God's presence.

Lent does this to me every year. It's a combination of marinating in the gospel, feeling the need to hold back after the indulgences of the Christmas season, and the unrelenting darkness of winter that serve as constant reminders that this is not just the cycle of the church, but of my world. We need to lament the darkness so that we may delight in the light. We need to be overstuffed by the King Cake to appreciate the hunger. We must suffer the treadmill to delight in the swimsuit! Lent makes me keenly aware that we are not passing through a liturgical season, but living it. The metaphors of Lent and living seem to slap me in the face throughout the long, cold start of the year.

Gratefully, my husband and I don't travel for business often. But, it just so happened that we would both find ourselves in the not-so-friendly skies on that recent Friday in which a Nor'easter grazed the coast. A reluctant flyer under the best of circumstances, I was already less than calm when the pilot came over the speaker and - before we even pulled away from the gate - announced that the winds in Richmond were "outside the limits of the aircraft." He proceeded to inform us that we would head north and make an attempt at landing, but in all likelihood, we would suffer turbulent air, circle till our gas stores were depleted, and then reroute to Columbia.

I wanted to get off the plane. I seriously considered it. But it had been three weeks since my husband had been home and four days since I had had my arms around the kids. I would have to suffer. I looked out the window of the plane and pondered how something as invisible as wind could be so very, very strong... God-like.

My husband's text upon his arrival declared, "We came in sideways, backwards and maybe even upside down! That was fun!" My flight was steady, smooth and without incident until the end. We suffered just in the final descent and landed with a bang. My strong, albeit invisible, God was with me all the while. The suffering passed, and my family, my Easter joy, was claimed.

*Kerri White*

**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.

### GUEST PREACHER THIS MORNING

St. Mary's is excited to **welcome the Rev. Sarah Miller as our guest preacher this morning** for the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services! The Rev. Sarah Miller **lives in Mechanicsville with her family**. Most recently Sarah was assistant rector at St. John's, Lafayette Square in Washington, D.C. **She now enjoys taking care of her young son and serving as a supply priest**. Her husband, the Rev. Chris Miller, is the rector of Immanuel, Old Church. Welcome, Sarah!

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

**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. We will continue to **explore Jesus in the Gospel of John is through armchair conversations** with a St. Mary's parishioner. Next Sunday, parishioner **Bill Huffman sits down with Bob Hetherington** to share his own personal story and how that relates to the larger story of St. Mary's community. **Join them on Sunday, March 18 at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall** for this engaging "armchair conversation" on this week's theme, "Abide in Me." "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**.

The current session of the **men's spiritual practice group continues this Tuesday, March 13 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** (March 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, March 14, we'll look at "The boy who fed the pigs," Luke 15:11-32.**

### WORSHIP

**Join us in Little St. Mary's for a reflective, mid-week Evening Prayer service at 5:30 p.m.** on Wednesdays in Lent (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, March 14 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.

**A delicious breakfast for all ages is this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m.** Service is rolling, so come anytime between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. **Suggested donation is \$4/person and maximum of \$15/family.**

**Seniors Lunch returns this week.** St. Mary's seniors (well, adults of all ages) are invited to Seniors Lunch. Join parishioners of all ages for a **delicious lunch and engaging program this Tuesday, March 13 at 12 p.m. in the New Parish Hall.** We welcome Mason Lecky, Head of School of St. Christopher's. Mason will speak on K-12 education in the greater Richmond area. **Suggested donation is \$5/person.**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Stations of the Cross is Wednesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m.** followed by a simple soup dinner. 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 14 and 21.**

**Save the date for St. Mary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1** at 12:15 p.m.! Please note that this year the Easter Egg Hunt will **take place after the 11 a.m. service.** 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, March 31.** For more information, please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Join Matt Rawls and St. Mary's youth for an absolutely amazing retreat at Camp Chanco. Friday, March 16-Saturday, March 17** all youth (grades 6-12) will head down to the beautiful camp on the James River for fellowship, faith formation, ropes courses, and zip lines. **You don't want to miss this weekend!** Please email Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information and to sign up.

## DATE WITH THE DAFFODILS

St. Mary's is excited to announce the first annual Gala benefiting St. Mary's mission and outreach programs – **Date with the Daffodils!** The committee has been hard at work planning this event **in honor of Isabel Souder Correll.** They hope you will **join them for a lovely evening on Friday, April 13 at 6 p.m.** sponsored by the family of E. Carlton Wilton in loving memory of the Rev. W. Holt Souder and E. Carlton Wilton, Sr. **Invitations are in your mailboxes!** Please mail in the RSVP card or go online at [www.stmarysgoochland.org/gala](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org/gala) to purchase tickets. **It's going to be a wonderful evening with a live auction, delicious food, and dancing!**

## WE'RE ALL IN!

**The support that we receive through the Annual Giving campaign directly supports vital missions of St. Mary's.** However, when pledges are not received, the vestry cannot plan and difficult decisions must be made. We are **currently at 64.6% participation** in the 2018 campaign **on our way to our goal of 80% participation by Easter Sunday.** During this season of Lent, **we are challenging you to lean all the way in.** If you have made a pledge to the 2018 campaign, thank you! You are directly supporting the work that we do. If you haven't yet made a pledge, **please know how much your commitment today can shape the year ahead for St. Mary's.** Thank you for making St. Mary's a priority in your life. **Your joyful participation** on Sunday, throughout the week, and in our community programs **enriches our legacy to our community.** You can **pledge today on our website** ([www.stmarysgoochland.org/pledge](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org/pledge)) or by **calling the parish office** at (804) 784-5678. **Join us in saying "We're All In!"**

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 25** at 9 a.m. in Little St. Mary's,

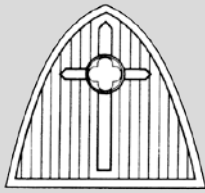
Procession of the Palms at 10:50 a.m. in the Churchyard, and 11 a.m. in New St. Mary's

**Stations of the Cross, Wednesday, March 28** at 5:30 p.m. in Little 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

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31,** 7 p.m. in New St. Mary's



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**Seth Schaeffer and Scott Stephens**

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

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

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

Parish Breakfast, 9:30 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, March 12**

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

**Tuesday, March 13**

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, March 14**

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*

**Thursday, March 15**

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

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

**Friday, March 16**

7 p.m. All Youth Retreat, *Camp Chanco*

**Saturday, March 17**

All Youth Retreat, *Camp Chanco*

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

**Sunday, March 18, Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

Adult Forum: Abide in Me, 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, March 20**

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

**Wednesday, March 21**

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 25, Palm Sunday**

Procession of the Palms, 10:45 a.m., *New Parish Hall*