



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 22, 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*

**10 a.m.** Adult Forum: *The Path*, *New Parish Hall*

**10 a.m.** Gifts of Imperfect Parenting, *Old 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 and New Parish Hall*

**12 p.m.** St. Mary's Episcopal School's Spring Carnival, *Churchyard*

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

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

**Acts 10:46b-47.** *Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"*

Peter is here to teach us an important lesson today: Moments of frustration can be opportunities to experience the relentless nature of water. Water, even in small quantities, is powerful. Over a long period of time it can carve canyons and shatter cement. It is relentless. No wonder God chooses it to be the sign of Holy Baptism.

The fact that this quenching and life-giving gospel is placed in the mouth of Peter is no accident. He comes face-to-face with Christ's relentless love over and over again. Peter—the brash and salty sailor, the feeder of Jesus' lambs—is a living witness to the power of the relentless love of God, the primal power of water, the forgiveness of the Savior. He refuses to withhold water, refuses to obey caution, and refuses to abdicate his role in sharing the word of God.

God is relentless, working like water on rock. The rough edges of our souls and the world are being made smooth by God's grace. We should never attempt to stop this work or to stem the rising tide of mercy in the world or to keep this beautiful gospel story to ourselves.

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**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.

### REBUILDING TOGETHER RICHMOND

Come out **this Saturday** to not only support Rebuilding Together Richmond but help an entire community. Rebuilding Together Richmond **transforms the lives of low-income homeowners** by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing our communities. National Rebuild Day is **this Saturday, April 28** beginning at **8 a.m. at 3406 Fendall Avenue in the Brooklyn Park Area**. People of all skill levels are welcome! Please bring work gloves and come for the whole day or only part of it. **Lunch is provided**. For any questions or more information, please contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org).

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

**Men's spiritual practice** meets **this Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 a.m.** and continues until Tuesday, May 15. **Men of all ages are invited to join Bob Hetherington for one hour** to deepen your faith in the Old Parish Hall.

A new **women's book study** begins **this week!** St. Mary's second annual winter women's book study on *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber was a great success! Moving forward, the group is trying a **once-a-month book club**. Women of all ages are invited to join and discuss *Everything Happens for a Reason and other Lies I Have Loved* by **Kate Bowler on Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. (location TBA)**. Pick up a copy in the café for \$20 or order a copy online. For questions or more information, contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

Are you looking for an **hour of quiet meditation, contemplative prayer, and a time of stilling your mind, body, and heart?** Join parishioners Mary Lou Bean and Sydna Street for the **Be Still ministry**. Come on **Tuesdays**, May 1, 8, and 15, at 10 a.m. in the Education Building for a **1-hour yoga session** for all levels and ages followed by a 20-minute **contemplative time of quiet and stillness**. All you need to bring is a mat or bath towel and an open heart and mind. For more information, contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org). Also, pick up a copy of *Sacred Breath: Forty Days of Centering Prayer* in the Café for \$15. It's a wonderful resource for Contemplative Prayer. Use it as a guide in the class or us it as a reference wherever you practice. **\*Please note that Be Still will not meet this Tuesday, April 24.**

As the program year comes to an end, **our Adult Forum series on The Path will wrap-up**. Continuing for six weeks, we'll delve into the earliest stories from the Old Testament including the stories of King David, Daniel, Solomon, and Esther. **Join Andrew Moore this morning at 10 a.m.** in the New Parish Hall and on Sundays, April 29, and May, 6, 13, and 20 as we look at the stories we learned in Sunday School. Pick up a **copy of The Path for \$15 in the Café**.

*"It's actually our ability to embrace imperfection that will help us teach our children to have the courage to be authentic, the compassion to love themselves and others, and the sense of connection that gives true purpose and meaning to life,"* -Brene Brown. Please join Tracy Harvey **today at 10 a.m. in the Old Parish Hall** for a conversation based on the audio book *The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting* by Brene Brown. Parenting is definitely a place where we have a hard time **accepting our own imperfections and those of our children**. Come chat with other parents. **You aren't the only one who finds this hard!!!** Copies are available in the Café.

The **weekly Lectionary Bible Study** led by parishioner and University of Richmond Professor Frank Eakin continues **every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Library**. Each Bible study session focuses on the Lectionary readings assigned for the succeeding Sunday. **Anyone who is interested is invited** to attend and participate in this vibrant discussion.

## WORSHIP

**Our Easter Choral Evensong is tonight** at 5 p.m. in New St. Mary's. The Adult Choir will offer music as part of this **contemplative service of readings, prayer, and song**.

**Save the date for Children and Youth Sunday!** Help us **show our appreciation for our amazing children and youth members** who will be leading a majority of the worship service **on Sunday, May 6 at 11 a.m.** We will recognize the 5th graders and graduating seniors **as well as the committee members and Sunday School teachers** who are vital to our programming and ministries. For more information or questions, please contact **Amelia McDaniel** at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Vacation Bible School registration is now available!** Come gather for a fun week "on the farm" and learn about how no matter where we are, Jesus is with us. The week, July 9-12, is **open to all children ages 3 to rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**. Rising 6th grade-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 20**. Please contact **Amelia McDaniel** at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

**What about the 4th and 5th graders' Vacation Bible School, you ask?** Our older children are invited to a VERY SPECIAL week of learning! St. Mary's presents 2018 **On-the-Go Camp from August 6-10**. This is a new experience for our kids at St. Mary's. Catherine Ashman, a St. Mary's member and 5th grade teacher, will be **leading our kids around Richmond**. They will be on the **hunt for the different ways people are serving others** around the city and the many places that people are at work to make Richmond a better place.

**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 by emailing Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org)

## ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

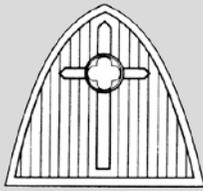
Join us for **St. Mary's Episcopal School's Annual Spring Carnival!** **Gather your friends and family** after the 11 a.m. service **today** and enjoy the bounce houses, kid-friendly carnival games, face painting, and more! **Entry is \$10 per child** at the door.

## OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Exciting things continue to happen at St. Mary's, and the wheels keep turning, but we are in need of assistance. During this time of transition, **St. Mary's staff could use support from parishioner volunteers**. Roles include answering the phone, proofreading and stuffing bulletins, and creating nametags. **We'd love for you to take any shift of one, two, or three hours during office hours**, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please contact Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678 or [ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org).

## THANK YOU, "DATE WITH THE DAFFODILS" COMMITTEE!

A huge **thank you** to "Date with the Daffodils" Co-Chairs Claire Gilman and Jennifer Wilkins, and committee members Ashley Cameron, Nancy Cheely, Wayne Dementi, Karen Huennekens, Tracey Ragsdale, and Linda Rose for all of their hard work in making **our first Outreach gala an enormous success!** We are grateful to the committee, as well as **those who volunteered, attended, bid, donated, and more**. Because of your generosity, **we were able to raise over \$75,000** in one night to **benefit our Mission and Outreach programs**. THANK YOU!



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

**Sunday, April 22**

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

Adult Forum: *The Path*, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Gifts of Imperfect Parenting, 10 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

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

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

St. Mary's Episcopal School's Spring Carnival, 12 p.m.,  
*Churchyard*

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

**Monday, April 23**

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

**Tuesday, April 24**

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

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

Vestry Meeting, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

**Wednesday, April 25**

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

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

**Thursday, April 26**

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

Tea at Westminster Canterbury, 3:30 p.m., *Lettie Pate Evans Room*

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

**Saturday, April 28**

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

Rebuilding Together Richmond

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