



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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, 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.

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. Adult Forum: *The Path*, *New Parish Hall*

10 a.m. Sunday School, *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*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Acts 12:22-23. *The people kept shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a mortal!" And immediately, because he had not given the glory to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died."*

Pride places us at the center of our own lives. Pride can manifest itself by depending solely on ourselves at the expense of family or intimate relationships or in busyness that prevents us from engaging spiritual disciplines. Pride can result in us taking ownership for success as a result of our solitary effort and disregarding the contributions and experiences of others. As one of the so-called "seven deadly sins," pride is a sure way to impede our relationship with God and one another.

The spiritual discipline of regular worship is a very effective antidote to pride. When we direct attention and energy toward worshipping God, we take it away from ourselves. We dethrone pride by inviting God to be the center of our lives. When we acknowledge God as the source of light and life, we make liars of voices suggesting our strength, or smarts, or will are sufficient to meet our needs. Herod's pride results in his death – if we do not do all we can to place God in the center of our lives, our own pride could do the same.

Marcus Halley

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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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY!

St. Mary's is delighted to **show our appreciation for our amazing children and youth members!** They lead much of the worship service next **Sunday, May 6 at 11 a.m.** and will greet you, usher you in, take up the offering, and serve as readers, intercessors, and acolytes. We are also excited to hear a sermon from Director of Children's Ministries Amelia McDaniel.

During the welcome and announcements, 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. There are 22 Sunday School teachers for the September to May school year. The Children's Ministries Committee and Youth Ministries Committee members volunteer their time to plan and organize children's stewardship and special events such as the All Saints' Day procession, the Giving Tree, Children's Christmas Lessons & Carols, and Easter celebrations.

Following the 11 a.m. service, please take a moment to thank these volunteers for their service this year while you are enjoying **birthday cake on the terrace**. Afterwards, we will host a luncheon for the Sunday School teachers and Children's and Youth Committee members in the courtyard.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Men's spiritual practice meets **this Tuesday, May 1 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.

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. Also, pick up a copy of **Sacred Breath: Forty Days of Centering Prayer** in the office 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.

As the program year comes to an end, **our Adult Forum series on The Path will wrap up**. Continuing for four more 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, 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**.

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.

BISHOP'S VISITATION AND RECEPTION

Save the date for the Bishop's visitation on **Sunday, May 13**. Join us in welcoming the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop Suffragan, as we gladly receive the newly baptized at the **9 a.m. service in Little St. Mary's** and those who are committing and confirming their faith at **11 a.m. service in New St. Mary's**. All are welcome at the reception following the 11 a.m. service. The menu looks scrumptious!

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 3rd 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 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.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

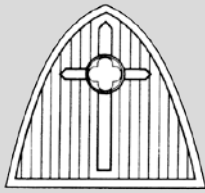
100 ways to help youth summer mission trips! There are a number of ways to support our youth but this may be the easiest! Find the bulletin board in the Dover Lounge with 100 envelopes on it. Each number denotes the donation amount – anywhere from \$1 to \$100. Grab an envelope off the board, follow the instructions, and return the money in the return envelope provided. **If all the envelopes are filled, we'll raise \$5,050!** Grab your envelope today and return it by Sunday, May 20.

Spring cleaning? St. Mary's youth are hosting a Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 2** and all proceeds will go toward middle school and high school summer mission trips to California and downtown Richmond. We will **accept any donations in clean, decent condition** including furniture, appliances, books, clothes, etc. Please nothing edible. If your items are not sold, St. Mary's will donate them. **Beginning May 27, you can drop them in the New Parish Hall. Please begin collecting items** as you clean out your closets and garages, the date will be here soon!

Rent a kid for the day! Do you have any pesky tasks that you've been meaning to do such as weeding the garden, cleaning out your garage, or washing your cars but need some extra hands? You can rent a St. Mary's youth from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 9**. Contact Matt Rawls with your task idea and hourly rate at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org. **The goal is to "rent out" 10 youth and raise \$1,000!**

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.



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| Building Community |
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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, April 29

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

Tuesday, May 1

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Be Still Ministry, 10 a.m., *Education Building*
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

Wednesday, May 2

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Children's Choir Practice, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Thursday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 6, Children and Youth Sunday

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*
High School Youth Group, 2 p.m., *TBA*
Middle School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Coming Up

Monday, May 7 – Wednesday, May 9

Clergy Retreat, *Shrine Mont*

Tuesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 13, Bishop's Visitation

Holy Eucharist Rite One with Holy Baptism, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Confirmation, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

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.
- ❖ **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 to sign-up.