



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Day of Pentecost**

**May 20, 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.

## Sermons available

Find past sermons available in hard copy in the narthex of New St. Mary's, or visit [stmarysgoochland.org/sermons](http://stmarysgoochland.org/sermons) to hear audio and download print versions.

## 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.** Sunday School, *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

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

**12 p.m.** Ice Cream Social, *Terrace and New Parish Hall*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

*Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. Amen. –Book of Common Prayer, pg. 418*

Last Sunday we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. Over the last nine months our Matt Rawls and 26 of our remarkable young people journeyed together as they prepared themselves for the sacrament of Confirmation. They grappled with some big questions, strived to claim their faith as their own, learned about themselves and each other. By exploring the history of the church, the meaning of our worship practices, and considering how we read the Bible, we hope each member of the class was equipped with the tools necessary to develop a mature, consequential faith.

And it all led up to the moment when, on the morning of May 13, each of these young people stood before Bishop Susan Goff, she placed her hands on their heads and uttered the above words. Strengthen him with the Holy Spirit. Empower her for your service. Sustain him all the days of his life. These are powerful prayers.

These prayers rang with an extra resonance this year because our Confirmation service took place on the final Sunday of the Easter season, the week between the Ascension and Pentecost...the time in between when we remember Jesus ascending to heaven and when we commemorate and celebrate God sending the Holy Spirit to be with the apostles, with the world.

It can be easy to get bogged down in the many ways that our world challenges our faith, the many ways that walking as disciples of Jesus can prove to be difficult and treacherous. It can be so easy to forget that even though Jesus has ascended to heaven, God is still very much with us in the Holy Spirit, strengthening us...empowering us...sustaining us.

In what ways does your spiritual life need strengthening? What is the work that you need God's empowering presence to tackle? How is the Holy Spirit sustaining you day in and day out?

My prayers for our confirmands, and really for all of us, is that each and every day we will be reminded of the Holy Spirit's presence. That we are not strengthened, empowered, and sustained only on the day of our Confirmation, but every day. And that every day we can be confident in the knowledge and comfort of God's warm embrace in the form of the Holy Spirit.

*Andrew Moore*

**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.

### PICTURE YOURSELF AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**Don't miss one of the best weeks of the whole summer, July 9-13!** There will be outdoor time, arts and crafts, snacks, fellowship, and more. It takes lots of hard work to make a farm run. Farmers have to learn to be patient, loving, peaceful, and generous with their animals and crops. We'll get a taste of farm life during Vacation Bible School at St. Mary's. There will be plants, critters, and lots of fun. Most importantly, we'll learn how God teaches us to be patient, loving, peaceful, and generous in our own lives. **Can't wait to see you "on the farm"!**

The week, **July 9-13, is open to all children ages 3 years old to rising 3rd graders**. The cost is \$35 per child or \$70 maximum per family. **Fill out your registration form and return to St. Mary's by June 1**. Please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

**We also need lots of hands to make the week run smoothly**. Please remember this isn't just for moms, everyone of all ages is invited to spend time with our littlest parishioners at St. Mary's! Also, **rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Senior High School students are invited to volunteer**. Please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) if you are interested in volunteering for a day, two days, or more.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

As the program year comes to an end, our **Adult Forum series on *The Path* will wrap-up this morning**. Join Andrew Moore at **10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall** as we look back at the stories we learned over the past year.

**Women of all ages** are invited to join a **monthly book club**. This month they are **discussing *The Great Divorce*** by C.S. Lewis, which will change the way you think about good and evil. Pick up a copy in the Café for \$10 or **order a copy online**, then join the discussion this **Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Parish Hall**. For questions or more information, contact **Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org)**.

### WORSHIP

**Summer schedule begins next Sunday, May 27**. Until September, St. Mary's will worship at **10 a.m. in New St. Mary's**. Please note Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in Little St. Mary's continues throughout the summer.

The service of **Morning Prayer Rite One**, a beloved tradition at St. Mary's, **returns Sunday, June 10** and each second and fourth Sunday of the month at **10 a.m. in New St. Mary's**. Holy Eucharist Rite Two at 10 a.m. in New St. Mary's is celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**What about the 4th and 5th graders' Vacation Bible School, you ask?** 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. **Fill out your registration form and return to St. Mary's by June 1**. Please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

## 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 at the back of New St. Mary's** 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](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org). **The goal is to "rent out" 10 youth and raise \$1,000!**

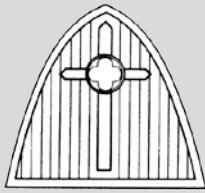
## OUTREACH

**Thank you** to everyone who **donated to the Goochland Cares food drive** this month! St. Mary's contributed **281 pounds** of non-perishable items which kicked them over 36,000 pounds of food for the recent countywide food drive! Thank you! If you haven't brought back your blue grocery bag yet, please do so at any time. There's always a need.

**St. Mary's parishioners are invited to participate in St. Peter's Bible study and volunteer at their food distribution.** On **Wednesday, June 6 at 8:30 a.m.**, meet at St. Peter's ready to read that week's Gospel, reflect with community members, unload the truck from the food bank, and prepare grocery bags. **Please come for an hour or two**, whichever works best with your schedule. Please contact Ashley Cameron at (804) 784-5678 or [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

## THANK YOU!

**Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee** (chair Cathy Keiger and Committee members and helpers Dede and Hobie Andrews, Jeannie and Harry Baldwin, Dianne Dementi, Jane Fawley, Ralph Fisher, Bill Gooch, Mary Taliaferro Keeney, Michelle Lewis, Fay Lohr, Kay Lowe, Sarah and Bruin Richardson, Missy Roberts, Susie Salsitz, Patsy Simril, Lurline Wagner, and Joan Wilkins) **for the time and talent that went into this year's parish breakfasts and parish suppers.** They were a great success and brought parishioners together for engaging conversations and delicious food. Also, a big thanks to **chef Michelle Lewis for this year's senior lunches.** We look forward to many more fellowship events to come!



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

**Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Last Sunday School, *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Ice Cream Social, 12 p.m., *New Parish Hall and Terrace*

**Monday, May 21**

Pastoral Care Team 3, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

**Tuesday, May 22**

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

**Wednesday, May 23**

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

**Thursday, May 24**

Women's Book Study, 7:30 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

**Saturday, May 26**

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

**Sunday, May 27, Trinity Sunday**

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

**Coming Up**

**Monday, May 28**

*Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, May 29**

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

**Saturday, June 2**

Youth Yard Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

**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 following us on Instagram?** We love sharing fun facts, behind the scenes, and our beautiful campus. Make sure to **follow us @stmarysgoochland**
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