



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 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 and Confirmation Class, *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two: Children and Youth Sunday, *New St. Mary's*

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

4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, *Education Building*

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

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

There is so much to celebrate at St. Mary's and this morning is no exception. Please join us at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate the children's ministry and youth program by honoring and thanking our leaders, Amelia and Matt, our Sunday School teachers, and our beloved youth.

How did we get so lucky! Amelia and Matt shine in our children's lives with their unconditional love, Christian modeling, creative spirits, and profound knowledge and understanding. I love and admire their unflappable demeanor and commitment to the word and will of God. We are blessed to have these two dynamos!!

Speaking of commitment...I am reminded of our promise made during the baptisms of our flock to "support these persons in their lives in Christ." Being Christian takes a lot of practice and support from other Christians. Our responsibility does not end with this pledge of support but begins.

The Children's Ministry Committee would like to extend a warm invitation to our "mature" members to join our group. There is no age discrimination; you can have gray hair, bad knees, and few original teeth and still feel appreciated and welcomed. We need your insight and experience. Together we can learn, not just the names of our youth, but their gifts and talents.

I am looking forward to seeing our youth take the helm this morning and practice what we have preached.

*Thanks be to God,
Patsy Simril*

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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.

BISHOP'S VISITATION AND RECEPTION NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 13 we welcome the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop Suffragan. We will gladly receive the newly baptized at the **9 a.m. service in New St. Mary's**. Then we joyfully celebrate the 26 youth who are committing and confirming their faith and the three adults being received into the Episcopal Church 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!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Rector Search update next Sunday, May 13 at 10 a.m. in Little St. Mary's. Please join Senior Warden Tracey Ragsdale and members of the Rector Search Committee as they **update the parish on the search, answer questions, and share what's to come**.

Men's spiritual practice meets **this Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 a.m.** and continues until the following 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 three more weeks, we'll delve into the earliest stories from the Old Testament including the stories of Daniel and Esther. **Join Andrew Moore this morning at 10 a.m.** in the New Parish Hall and on Sunday, May 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 Gifts of Imperfect Parenting conversation from April is back for two weeks in May! **Please join Tracy Harvey on Sundays, May 6 and 13 at 10 a.m.** in the Old Parish Hall for a conversation based on the audio book *The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting* by Brené 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.

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 on **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.

FELLOWSHIP

St. Mary's seniors (well, adults of all ages) are welcomed to the last **Seniors Lunch** of this program year. Join parishioners of all ages for a **delicious lunch and engaging program** this **Tuesday, May 8 at 12 p.m.** in the New Parish Hall. This month, we have a surprise guest! She is a truly remarkable woman who juggles homeschooling three kids

and a full-time job. She'll share how her faith sustains her and her family. **Suggested donation is \$5. Please RSVP with Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678 or ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org.**

It's a picnic! This month is the **last parish supper until the fall** so take a moment to pause from your busy week and sit down with the St. Mary's community to **break bread together next Wednesday, May 16. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8 per person and maximum of \$25 per family.** To RSVP please contact Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Middle School Youth Group is back tonight! We'll meet at the church from **4:30-6:00 p.m.** for fun, food, and fellowship. **We completed our Advent-Christmas-Epiphany-Lent Giving Tree fundraiser** and will purchase an X-Box for Elk Hill Residential Treatment Home. Although we can't drop it off on a Sunday, we will gather to wrap and write some encouraging notes. **Please bring \$5 for pizza.** For more information, please contact Matt Rawls.

High School Youth Group is back tonight! We'll meet from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** The theme of this week's meeting is our **summer mission trip to California!** Even if you're not going on the trip, you can still come! **Please bring \$5 for pizza.** For more information, please contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

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.** 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.

Interested in a weekend of formation and fun with 8th grade students from all over Virginia? Join Matt Rawls for **PYM 8th Grade Shrine Mont Retreat on Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20!** The cost is \$200 per student (\$150 fee + \$50 for transportation/chaperones). For more information, please contact **Matt Rawls** at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org. As always, scholarships are available to help cover the costs.

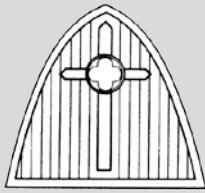
Are you interested in supporting either our children's or youth ministries work at St. Mary's? We are **looking for new Children's Ministry Committee and Youth Ministry Committee members** to begin in the 2018-2019 program year. Each person serves a two-year term and is paired with an experienced member in overseeing a small portion of our programming. **Each committee meets several times throughout the year on Sundays after the 11 a.m. service.** Many hands make light work, and these committees are a great example of how this is true. **Want to learn more?** Please contact Amelia McDaniel if interested in children's ministries and Matt Rawls if interested in youth ministries 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 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!**



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This Week at St. Mary's

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*
Middle School Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building*
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Monday, May 7 – Wednesday, May 9

Diocesan Clergy Retreat, *Shrine Mont*
Monday, May 7
Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Tuesday, May 8

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Be Still Ministry, 10 a.m., *Education Building*
Seniors Lunch, 12 p.m., *New Parish Hall*
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

Wednesday, May 9

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, May 10

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Saturday, May 12

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

Sunday, May 13, Bishop's Visitation

Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Holy Baptism, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Adult Forum: Search Update, 10 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Confirmation, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Bishop's Reception, 12 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Coming Up

Wednesday, May 16

Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*
Youth Ministries Committee, 6:15 p.m., *Library*

Thursday, May 17

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

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*