



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 10, 2019**

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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 on St. Mary's website at [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*

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

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

**11 a.m.** Morning Prayer Rite One, *New St. Mary's*

**Noon** Cookies and Coffee, *Café and Parish Hall*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

In Luke 6:31 we read, "*and as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.*" I remember as a very young child my parents translated this relentlessly as "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This message, thanks to my parents, became a 'cornerstone' for our life and faith. The interpretation of this message transcends age groups; I said it to my own children and, as a senior, I still hold the message close to my heart.

In 2010, I retired from decades of teaching and hoped to become involved in outreach programs. One Saturday soon after I joined St. Mary's I decided to go to an outreach event, "Stop Hunger Now." God certainly had a hand not only in my decision to go but also had a definite idea of the group with whom I should become involved. The Betts and Mickel families greeted me with open arms. That morning "jump started" my love of St. Mary's and my future participation in outreach programs. As I left that memorable morning, I was on an Altar Guild team and headed for the Outreach Committee.

As the years unfolded, I had the incredible opportunities as an Outreach Committee member. When David asked me recently what my best Outreach Committee memory had been, I quickly answered the year Nancy Kristofak and I helped with CARITAS. I was astounded with the outpouring parish response for CARITAS and for the sincerity and enthusiasm of actual participation. As the years passed, I saw that same caring, *intentional* response to MANY outreach programs, small and large.

The Outreach Committee works exceptionally hard to listen, to contemplate, and to investigate the ways we, as individuals and as a parish, can "do unto others..." I feel we are making huge, positive strides to include all age groups of our wonderful St. Mary's parishioners in outreach opportunities. As we have implemented a grant process, we can see a future where we are not only giving financial support to organizations but also enjoying ongoing relationships with those recipients and thereby with the larger community.

I feel extremely blessed to have been a part of this committee. My faith has deepened and widened by programs inside St. Mary's and outside in our community and in the world. It seems to me God is leading St. Mary's to continue to honor and practice the words found in Luke 6:31.

*Nancy Sebren Bell*

**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 SPEAKER IN ADULT FORUM FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS!

A special guest speaker will wrap up Epiphany during the Adult Forums for two weeks! St. Mary's is excited to welcome **Mark Biddle**, a Russell T. Cherry Professor of Old Testament at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. He has been teaching at the seminary since the fall of 1997 and before that was an Associate Professor of Religion at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee. He has served churches throughout the U.S. and worldwide in Switzerland, Germany, Alabama, Kentucky, and Indiana, and is an author of six books, ten translated volumes, and more than 150 articles, book reviews, and lectures. In addition he enjoys spending time with his family, listening to classical and jazz piano, and vegetable gardening.

He will lead us in a **two-part series** called, "**Is the Old Testament really legalistic?**" on **Sundays, February 17 and 24** at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We hope you will join us and Mark as **he opens our minds about the Bible**, and its interpretations and usefulness in our own faith journeys.

### CHORAL EVENSONG

A service of **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. Repertoire **includes the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F by George Dyson**, Preces and Responses by Richard Ayleward, and "O Taste and See" by Stephen Mager. A **brief prelude recital beginning at 4:45 p.m.** will feature organ music for the season of Epiphany by Bach and Buxtehude.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

**Men's Spiritual Practice continues this Tuesday, February 12** at 7:30 a.m. Bob Hetherington invites men of all ages to participate in a spiritual practice. This offering is a **one-hour time of silence, reflection, sharing, and prayer** that focuses on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

**Lectionary Bible Study continues this week.** Everyone is welcome! Each Bible study session is led by University of Richmond Professor Frank Eakin and focuses on the Lectionary readings assigned for the following Sunday. The next gathering is this **Wednesday, February 13 at 10 a.m. in the Library.**

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**The February 2019 schedule is now available for Acolytes.** St. Mary's hopes you will volunteer for a Sunday service in the New Year. Please sign up via Sign Up Genius or email Emily Bruch at [ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School** this summer! Please note that **the week is different this year.** The week of **June 24 - 28 is open to all ages 3 to rising 3rd graders.** Registration and more information coming in April. Also, **VBS On-the-Go for rising 4th and 5th is BACK** this year! A week of outreach and learning in our larger community is the week of June 24-28. Please contact **Amelia McDaniel** at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

## FELLOWSHIP

Come enjoy a **delicious Parish Breakfast this morning!** Serving begins at **9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall** but service is rolling so come anytime between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Suggested donation of \$4/person, maximum of \$15/family. **It's always an amazing menu and there will be cinnamon rolls!**

After much deliberation, the steering committee for St. Mary's Seniors Lunch decided to use a new name going forward... **St. Mary's Lunch and Learn.** This name change is **to encourage adults of all ages to attend** and to accurately reflect the ministry. **This Tuesday, February 12 at 12 p.m.** in the Parish Hall, St. Mary's welcomes St. Mary's own **Sally Graham, Executive Director of GoochlandCares**, who will share about **the organization's impactful work serving** as a safety net for the surrounding community by providing basic human services to Goochland County residents in need. **Suggested donation is \$5/person** and please RSVP to Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678 to ensure there's enough lunch.

**Take the night off from cooking** and come out for February's Parish Supper on **Wednesday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m.** Join us for a delicious meal for all ages! **Service is rolling so come anytime between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.** Suggested donation is \$8 per person and \$25 per family.

## SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING – THANK YOU

**Souper Bowl of Caring** "empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need." Last Sunday on Super Bowl Sunday, **St. Mary's collected \$589.48 for GoochlandCares!** And collectively, St. Mary's voted for the champions. Patriots received \$325.68 and the Rams totaled \$263.80. **Thank you to everyone who generously donated!**

## ECUADOR MISSION TEAM

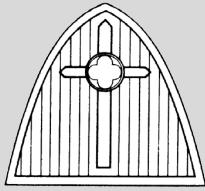
**St. Mary's adults will embark on a mission trip to Quito, Ecuador** tomorrow, Monday, February 11 through Monday, February 18. For one week, they will develop relationships with Emaus Episcopal Church in Quito while completing child wellness check-ups and small service projects alongside the community. **Please pray for Allison and Greg Dunaway, Ashley Cameron, Lisa Powell, Chris Ritrievi, Linda Rose, and Karen Stephens**, as they embark on this **important opportunity to share God's love and represent St. Mary's in the wider church.**

## DATE WITH THE DAFFODILS

**St. Mary's is excited to host the second annual Outreach Gala** to benefit Outreach and Mission at St. Mary's - **Date with the Daffodils!** It's a fun evening with great food, an exciting live auction, and an incredible band that makes you want to dance the night away! **Stay tuned for more details** and we look forward to seeing you on Friday, April 26.

### ARE YOU NEW? OR A RETURNING VISITOR? 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 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](http://stmarysgoochland.org)** to sign up.
- ❖ **Are you following us on Instagram?** We love sharing fun facts, behind the scenes, and our beautiful campus. Make sure to **follow us @stmarysgoochland**
- ❖ **Do you like our Facebook page?** You can find recent sermons, reflections, information about upcoming events, pictures from events, and more by liking us at **[facebook.com/St.MarysGoochland](https://facebook.com/St.MarysGoochland)**
- ❖ **Do you know St. Mary's has a YouTube channel?** You can watch past adult forums, Vacation Bible School videos, and more by subscribing at **[youtube.com/user/StMarysGoochland](https://youtube.com/user/StMarysGoochland)**



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

**Sunday, February 10**

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

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

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

*Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Cookies and Coffee, 10 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

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

**Monday, February 11 – Monday, February 18**

Ecuador Mission Trip, *Quito, Ecuador*

**Tuesday, February 12**

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

St. Mary's Lunch and Learn, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*

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

**Wednesday, February 13**

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

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

Pastoral Care Team 3, 4 p.m., *Parish Office*

**Thursday, February 14**

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

**Saturday, February 16**

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

**Sunday, February 17**

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

Adult Forum: Mark Biddle, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*

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

*Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Holy Baptism, 11 a.m.,

*New St. Mary's*

Cookies and Coffee, 10 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

**Coming Up**

**Wednesday, February 20**

Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*

Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *Parish Hall*

**Thursday, February 21**

Finance Committee, 8 a.m., *Parish Office*

Outreach Committee, 8:30 a.m., *Parish Office*

**Sunday, February 24**

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

Adult Forum: Mark Biddle, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*

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

*Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Cookies and Coffee, 10 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

**Tuesday, March 5**

5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, *Parish Hall*

**Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday**

Holy Eucharist, 12 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Holy Eucharist, 5:30 p.m., *New St. Mary's*