



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 17, 2019

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 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.

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: Mark Biddle, *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*

Noon Cookies and Coffee, *Café and Parish Hall*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Our journey through the Epiphany season continues. The focus of the season is on revelation which means seeing and understanding how God is at work in our world. The Gospel readings for the season cover the early days of Jesus' ministry. This morning, we hear the "Sermon on the Plain," Jesus outlining the foundations of ministry for his disciples (Luke 6:17-26).

God's blessing come to the poor, the hungry and to those who weep. God meets us in the places where our backs are up against the wall, where we feel alone and abandoned.

Words of caution are also offered for the rich, the well fed, and to those who are laughing now. Adversity will come and get you.

Our journey through life is full of ups and downs. When we feel lost, God is with us in the emptiness. On the other hand, when our hearts are full of blessing, challenges and stresses will never be far away.

We need to give thanks for our blessings and to be aware of opportunities to share our blessings. Every new day is an adventure. How can I live out of a sense of abundance for the gifts God has given me? Where can I make a difference in the life of someone who is struggling or alone?

Our spiritual practices, including personal prayer and Sunday worship, help us pay attention to ways God is calling each of us to use our gifts. By responding we can make a difference for the poor, the hungry, and those who weep.

During the season of Epiphany, Jesus assembles his followers. They saw in Jesus the love and compassion of God. The baton of discipleship has been passed down through the ages to us. How can we expand those values in our world today?

Bob Hetherington

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.

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?"** this morning and next **Sunday, February 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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Men's Spiritual Practice continues this **Tuesday, February 19** 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 20** at 10 a.m. in the Library.

FELLOWSHIP

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.

ECUADOR MISSION TEAM

St. Mary's adults are currently on a mission trip to Quito, Ecuador through tomorrow, Monday, February 18. For one week, they have been developing 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**.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The February and March 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.

Come learn what Emily has been planning for this summer! The Youth Mission Trip for rising 9th graders and current high school students will be **July 28 - August 3!** We will head to Appalachia to help with home improvement in the coal mining communities there. **An Informational Meeting is on Wednesday, February 20 after Parish Supper at 6:15 p.m. in the Library.**

Save the date for youth Laser Tag and a Lock In! **ALL Youth are invited to play Laser Tag at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2** for a big, group battle! Then Middle School youth will be picked up at 8 p.m. **And the High School students will head back to St. Mary's for a Lock-In!** The Lock In will last until 11 a.m. after Sunday School on Sunday, March 3.

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** for more information.

DATE WITH THE DAFFODILS

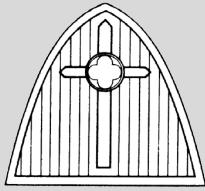
St. Mary's is excited to host the second annual Outreach Gala to benefit Outreach and Mission at St. Mary's - **Date with the Daffodils!** It's a fun evening with great food, an exciting live auction, and an incredible band that makes you want to dance the night away! **Stay tuned for more details**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

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

I wonder what will happen when the zebra steps in the blue paint??? For a two-year-old, being able to explore and discover just that, can be a blast! **At St. Mary's Preschool**, we intentionally prepare an engaging learning environment that allows children to investigate and determine what happens. Whether it's paint, blocks, seeds, magnets, water, sand - the list of possibilities is endless, **we believe that children learn through manipulating and discovering what happens through play.** Even letters, numbers, and sounds can be learned through play and teacher facilitation. And guess what? Children like to learn through play! It's their "work." **Currently, we are accepting registrations for 2 years to 5-years-old for the school year of 2018-2019.** Our program is a 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. preschool with additional after school programs Tuesday through Thursday. Find out more by visiting our website, www.saintmarysschool.net **Applications are available on the website, too.**

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** 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**
- ❖ **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**



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This Week at St. Mary's

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*

Monday, February 11 – Monday, February 18

Ecuador Mission Trip, *Quito, Ecuador*

Tuesday, February 19

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

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

Wednesday, February 20

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

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

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

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training, 6 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Youth Mission Trip Informational Meeting, 6:15 p.m., *Library*

Thursday, February 21

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

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

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

Saturday, February 23

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

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

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

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training, 12 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Coming Up

Friday, March 1

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Parish Office*

Sunday, March 3

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

Adult Forum: "What Makes Lent Holy?", 10 a.m., *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, 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*