

# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**April 7, 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*

**10 a.m.** Adult Forum: "Unfinished Business", *Parish Hall*

**10 a.m.** Lenten Spiritual Practice, *Parish Office*

**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** Cake and Coffee, *Café and Parish Hall*

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. MARY'S

Beginning next Sunday, Christians all over the world enter the most sacred time of the year, Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and continues until we arrive at the New Creation of Easter morning! All the fullness of Christian faith is anchored and turns on the events of Holy Week and Easter. We hope that you join in this great pilgrimage through the week and enter into the great mystery of the Passover of Jesus Christ from death to life. Here are the services of Holy Week and Easter that mark our pilgrimage:

### **Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday, the Passion of our Lord Jesus**

**Christ:** Both our 9 a.m. service in Little St. Mary's and our 11 a.m. service in New St. Mary's include the Liturgy of the Palms signifying Jesus' triumphant and last entrance into Jerusalem. The center of this service focuses on a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel narrative, read in parts describing the concluding days and hours of Jesus life.

### **Thursday, April 18, Maundy Thursday, 5:30 p.m. in New St.**

**Mary's:** The Maundy Thursday liturgy enacts that Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples and includes a footwashing, Holy Eucharist, and the Stripping of the Altar. *Even if you would prefer not to come forward to have your feet washed, we hope that you join with your sisters and brothers to hear Jesus' final farewell in his commandment to 'love one another as I have loved you'.*

### **Friday, April 19, Good Friday, 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in New St.**

**Mary's:** In the Good Friday liturgy, the people of God are called to gather together at the foot of the Cross of Jesus.

### **Saturday, April 20, Holy Saturday/Great Easter Vigil, 7 p.m. in**

**New St. Mary's:** The ancient liturgy of the Church begins outside in the churchyard with the kindling of fire for the first light of Easter. The service continues in New St. Mary's with the proclamation of God's Saving Story of love from our first beginnings until today. Then we celebrate the First Eucharist of the Resurrection of Jesus!

### **Sunday, April 21, Easter Day! 'Christ is risen! The Lord is risen**

**indeed!':** Two celebratory, festive liturgies of the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus will be celebrated in New St. Mary's at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. We celebrate Holy Baptisms at both services to welcome new lambs into the flock of Christ. An Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish follows the 11 a.m. in the churchyard!

**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.

### DATE WITH THE DAFFODILS – BUY TICKETS TODAY

**Purchase your tickets today** for St. Mary's second Outreach Gala – Date with the Daffodils – benefiting St. Mary's mission and outreach programs! St. Mary's hopes you will join us for a lovely evening with **delicious food, exciting auction items, and fun dancing on Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m.** sponsored by the Wilton Family. **Please mail in the RSVP card or go online at [www.stmarysgoochland.org/gala](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org/gala) to purchase tickets.** We're also selling **tickets today in the Dover Lounge at 10 a.m.** This event is not exclusively for St. Mary's parishioners, so please invite your friends, family, and neighbors! **It's going to be a wonderful evening and we look forward to seeing you there!**

### LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Stations of the Cross is this Wednesday, April 10 at 6:15 p.m. following a simple supper at 5:30 p.m. We're **changing it up this year!** This is a **participatory walk through led by the youth** of St. Mary's, **to remind us of the story as we prepare for Holy Week.** At each station, **participants receive an item** that is a symbol of each part of the story.

Take time during this season of Lent to **gather in the sacred space of Little St. Mary's** to be fed by God's goodness and renewed in body, mind, and spirit. Please join us for an abbreviated service of **Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing at 12 p.m. on Wednesdays.** Also, this is a **perfect time and place to bring someone** who may be in need of a gathering space to be loved on by God's healing presence.

**Mark your calendars for St. Mary's Palm Sunday Procession next Sunday, April 14!** St. Mary's service on Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. **Join us at 10:50 a.m. on the terrace** on Sunday, April 14 as we all **process around the churchyard, making a joyful noise as we begin the 11 a.m. service** on the steps of New St. Mary's. **Bring your tambourines, bells, and other noisemakers** and gather on the terrace for this festive event!

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

**Men's Spiritual Practice continues this Tuesday, April 9** at 7:30 a.m. Bob Hetherington invites men of all ages to participate in a **one-hour time of silence, reflection, sharing, and prayer** that focuses on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

During the past three Sunday forums, **Dr. Vic Maloy led a series titled, "The Wonder of Years."** He introduced the gifts of aging during the second half of our lives. **He identified three distinct stages:** Transition, Distinction, and Completion. **"Unfinished business" can prevent us from moving from one stage to the next.** We all have it. What do we do about it? It can involve a simple apology or something as complex as forgiveness. **Join a panel of St. Mary's elders** including Eleanor Wellford, Jane Covington, and Sydna Street **this morning at 10 a.m.** as they weigh in on this topic. **Everyone is welcome to come listen, learn, and ask questions.**

Bob Hetherington **invites parishioners of all ages to a one-hour time of Spiritual Practice** on Sunday mornings in Lent at 10 a.m. in the Parish Office **continuing today, Sunday, April 7.** It's one hour of silence, reflection, sharing, and prayer.

## ALTAR GUILD

Please **join us for about an hour this Friday April 12 at 10 a.m.** in the Old Parish Hall to **make palm crosses for Palm Sunday**. It's easy and fun! **We have simple instructions that you can pick up in a flash**. If you'd like to join us, please give the church office a call (784-5678) and let us know you'll be there!

On **Saturday, April 20 at 9 a.m.**, the Altar Guild invites **anyone interested to come help 'flower' New St. Mary's** for Easter services. Please **bring your clippers and every blooming thing** from your garden. Also, please help clean up on Tuesday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. **For any questions**, please call Margaret Lundvall at (804) 358-2048.

## FELLOWSHIP

**St. Mary's Lunch & Learn is this Tuesday, April 9 at 12 p.m. in the New Parish Hall**. This month features **Marc Short, Chief of Staff of the Vice President**. He will share on the "requirements of a career in public service." His story is an exciting one! Please come, listen, and learn, but first contact **Elizabeth Baker** at the church office (804-784-5678) to reserve a seat for a delicious lunch. **Adults of all ages are welcome**, and their guests.

The final Lenten Soup supper is **this Wednesday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. Join your St. Mary's family for a simple supper** before Stations of the Cross service. **Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. This Wednesday's menu includes** turkey chili, beef chili, salad, corn bread, and, of course, mac and cheese and nuggets for the kids.

**Parish Breakfast is served next Sunday, April 14** beginning at 9:30 a.m. While you enjoy a delicious meal join us for a **churchwide stuffing party!** Please grab some candy and plastic eggs to assemble in the Parish Hall. **Your assistance in this wonderful event for our children is greatly appreciated!**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

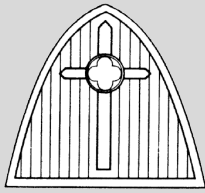
**St. Mary's Easter Egg Hunt is a longstanding tradition on Easter Sunday morning**. This year, **St. Mary's needs your help in making this happen!** ALL are invited to **bring in a bag of Easter candy** preferably individually wrapped candies. Please **NO PEANUT or TREE NUT** candy or treats. Some suggestions are M&Ms, Skittles, Starburst, Tootsie Rolls, etc. **Drop off the candy at Amelia McDaniel's office or in the collection box in the Dover Lounge by Sunday, April 14.**

**Vacation Bible School registration opens today!** Gather for a fun week "at sea" with Jonah and the Whale! The week has changed this year to **June 24 - 28 and is open to all children ages 3 to rising 3rd grade**. Pick up your registration form this Sunday in the Dover Lounge. **Space is limited so sign up early!**

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**. Registration for this camp also opens today.

### 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](mailto: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, April 7, Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

Adult Forum: "Wonder of Years", 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*

Spiritual Practice with Bob, 10 a.m., *Parish Office*

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

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

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

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 12:15 p.m., *Parish Office*

**Tuesday, April 9**

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

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

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

**Wednesday, April 10**

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

Holy Eucharist with Prayers of Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

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

Stations of the Cross, 6:15 p.m., *Parish Hall*

**Thursday, April 11**

Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Parish Office*

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

**Friday, April 12**

Palm Cross Making, 10 a.m., *Parish Office*

**Saturday, April 13**

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

Youth Fishing Club, 4 p.m., *Forest Hill Park*

**Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday**

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

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

Spiritual Practice with Bob, 10 a.m., *Parish Office*

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

Procession of the Palms, 10:50 a.m., *Terrace*

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

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

**Coming Up**

**Thursday, April 18, Maundy Thursday**

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

Maundy Thursday Service, 5:30 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

**Friday, April 19, Good Friday**

Good Friday Service, 12 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Good Friday Service, 5:30 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

**Saturday, April 20**

Great Easter Vigil, 7 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

**Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday**

Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Easter Egg Hunt, 12:15 p.m., *Terrace and Churchyard*