



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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 with Holy Baptism, *New St. Mary's*

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

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

Noon Bishop's Reception, *Parish Hall*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Last week, I met with the Confirmation Class for our final meeting. You should know, they are wonderful, wonderful young people. They are – as far as I'm concerned – the apple of God's eye. What I appreciate most about them is the way you can see in them – here and there – a little glimpse of who they are as well as *who they are becoming*.

They're finishing up eighth grade which I personally remember being 'a challenging year'. For me at least, it was that time where it became clear that I was definitely not a child anymore, but I sure wasn't an adult yet either. So, if you're not a child anymore, but you're not quite an adult, what does that make you? Well, that's the big question at that age: who am I and what will I be? I remember trying on all kinds of answers: I'll be a veterinarian, no, an oceanographer like Jacques Cousteau. No, I'll be a forest ranger. For me, it was a long list!

Part of the gift these wonderful young people give to us is a reminder of the *possibilities* that life holds open for each of us whatever our age and however settled we think we might be. Of course, some things aren't possibilities anymore. I'm past dreaming that I'll be an astronaut someday, and maybe you are too. But I am sure that God is never done with us, never. In fact, God is much more interested in what we are becoming than in what we were. A wise friend said to me once, 'God couldn't care less about your past. But your future, now that is something that God is very interested in.' Spending time with these beautiful young people has kept me close to that insight.

It has been a gift to be a part of our confirmands' journey over these past months. I find them inspiring, smart, funny, intriguing, and good-hearted. And today, for who they are and what they are becoming, we surround them with our love, prayers, and encouragement. I hope that you find a way to say 'thank you' and 'we love you' to them. Their lives are already a great gift of our parish, for who we are, and for who we are becoming.

David May

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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.

PICTURE YOURSELF AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Don't miss one of the best weeks of the whole summer, June 24-28! Jonah's story is one of the greats, full of plot twists. **Jonah struggles to follow God and then to understand just how big God's love really is.** We have a week planned full of fun to dive into learning Jonah's story. There will be **lots of water play, yoga practices** to help us be calm even when we get mad or scared like Jonah, **plenty of fun crafts and games and delicious snacks.** What better way to spend a week in the summer?!

The week, **June 24-28, is open to all children ages 3 years old to rising 3rd graders.** The cost is \$40 per child or \$100 maximum per family. **Fill out your registration form and return to St. Mary's by May 31.** It is first come, first served and some age groups are filling up quickly! Please contact Amelia McDaniel at 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 6th grade – Senior High School students are invited to volunteer.** Please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org if you are interested in volunteering for a day, two days, or more.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Men's Spiritual Practice continues this Tuesday, May 14 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.

Lectionary Bible Study continues throughout the summer. 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, May 15 at 10 a.m. in the Library.**

Women's Book Study is back this month and you aren't going to want to miss this! Gather on Tracey Ragsdale's porch on **Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m.** to discuss *Tell Me More* by Kelly Corrigan. *Tell Me More: Stories about the 12 Hardest Things I am Learning to Say* helps open up real conversations about our daily lives, where messiness and sadness coexist with wonder and love and belly laughs. Order the book online or pick up a copy in the Café area.

FELLOWSHIP

St. Mary's Lunch & Learn is this Tuesday, May 14 at 12 p.m. in the New Parish Hall. This month features **Mr. J. Bolling Williamson, a 1960 graduate of VMI and a veteran commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.** He served on active duty for seven years, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. His book, *On the Field of Honor*, attempts to capture the highlights of the many accomplishments and contributions made by VMI alumni while serving in the military. 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 Ecuador Mission Team hosts a special last Parish Supper before the Fall. They are **cooking** and serving up a delicious **Ecuadorian inspired meal this Wednesday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m.** Take the night off from cooking and come break bread with your fellow St. Mary's parishioners. In addition, the team will show a **special presentation with photos and videos from the most recent mission.**

WORSHIP

This morning we **welcome the Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff, Bishop Associate**, as we gladly receive the **newly baptized at the 9 a.m. service** and those who are committing and **confirming their faith at 11 a.m. service.** All are welcome at the **reception following the 11 a.m. service.** The menu looks scrumptious!

Do you speak another language? Pentecost is one of the church's great feast days. It tells the story of the **Holy Spirit descending onto the apostles** and other early followers of Jesus. They were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel and went out onto the streets. Not only did they preach with boldness and vigor, "**but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages** of the people present." To represent this, **David wants to know if you speak another language.** If so, will you read part of the Gospel on Sunday, June 9? Contact **David May** with your language gifts or with any questions.

There's a change this year to the summer schedule. It will begin after Pentecost **on Sunday, June 16** and until September, St. Mary's will worship at **10 a.m. in New St. Mary's.** Please note St. Mary's will **hold regular 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist services on Sundays, May 19 and 26, and June 2 and 9.** Morning Prayer returns on Sunday, June 23 at 10 a.m.

Noonday Prayer is continues this **Wednesday at 12 p.m. in Little St. Mary's.** Join parishioners for a time of stilling your body, mind, and spirit during this time in the middle of the week.

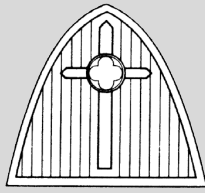
CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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 is also open. **Join Catherine Ashman**, a St. Mary's member and 5th grade teacher, **as she leads St. Mary's rising 4th and 5th graders around Richmond.** They will learn who their neighbor is by **serving others at local non-profits such as Peter Paul Development Center, Shalom Farms, GoochlandCares**, and more! **For more information or questions**, please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org.

Can you believe the end of the program year is almost here? **Next Sunday, May 19 is the last day of Sunday School** until the fall. **Please take time to say thank you** to the many Sunday School Teachers who are the front line of loving on our youngest members here at St. Mary's.

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**



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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, May 12, Bishop's Visitation

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

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

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

Bishop's Reception, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

Tuesday, May 14

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, May 15

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*

Ecuadorian Parish Supper with Presentation, 5:30 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Thursday, May 16

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

Saturday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 19

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

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

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

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

Coming Up

Tuesday, May 21

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

Wednesday, May 22

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

Thursday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 26

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

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

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

Monday, May 27

Church Office Closed