



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 19, 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, *New St. Mary's*

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

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

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

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

**1 John 3:18** *"Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."*

Recently, I saw a good news story. As a mother and her young son were about to leave an outdoor concert, he began to randomly hug other concertgoers. While his mother kept close watch, the toddler hugged everyone nearby. Initially some people were taken by surprise, but before this little one was done, people were happily opening their arms to him.

Before children learn to speak, they satisfy curiosity and express affection through touch and sound. They cradle faces with tiny hands and give big, sloppy kisses even before they can pucker. They giggle and coo. They give hugs.

Could it be that instinct leads us to express our love in unmistakable ways before we are able to articulate it? Maybe the true love emanating from the heart of God is always looking for ways to express itself beyond words, in ways that draw people closer to one another and to God.

**Moving Forward:** *Make a choice to love with your whole self today.*

*Kathy Hood Culmer*

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**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.

### 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Senior High School students are invited to volunteer.** Please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto: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 21** 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** on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. 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.

**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.

As a follow up to the *Wonder of Years* Lenten Forum Series, St. Mary's is pleased to **offer a movie night in May.** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.** to watch and discuss the **Danish movie *Babette's Feast*** (English subtitles). David May referred to this movie during one of his Lenten sermons and sometimes refers to it as the Fifth Gospel. It **addresses many issues, including aging, faith and change,** which should spark some interesting conversation afterwards. **Movie snacks will be provided!**

## WORSHIP

**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.

**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.

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Prayers of Healing returns on Wednesday, June 12 at 12 p.m. in Little St. Mary's.** Take time during your week to be fed by God's goodness and renewed in body, mind, and spirit. Also, this is a **perfect time and place to bring someone** who may need to be loved on by God's healing presence.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee** (chair Cathy Keiger and Committee members and helpers Dede and Hobie Andrews, Jeannie and Harry Baldwin, Dianne Dementi, Jane Fawley, Ralph Fisher, Bill Gooch, Mary Taliaferro Keeney, Michelle Lewis, Fay Lohr, Kay Lowe, Sarah and Bruin Richardson, Missy Roberts, Susie Salsitz, Michele Shepherd, Geoff and Patsy Simril, Karen and Scott Stephens, Lurline Wagner, Mary-Elliott Wheeler, and Joan Wilkins) for the **time and talent that went into this year's parish breakfasts and parish suppers.** They were a great success and brought parishioners together for engaging conversations and delicious food. Also, a **big thanks to chef Michelle Lewis for this year's lunches for St. Mary's Lunch & Learn.** We look forward to many more fellowship events to come! And a **special thanks to Bill Gooch** for spearheading the amazing Bishop's Reception this past Sunday!

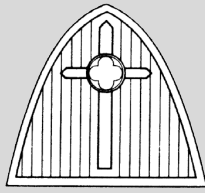
## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**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 neighbors are 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](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

Can you believe the end of the program year is here? **Today 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 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*

**Tuesday, May 21**

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

Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Office*

**Wednesday, May 22**

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*

**Thursday, May 23**

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

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

**Saturday, May 25**

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

**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*

**Coming Up**

**Monday, May 27**

*Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, May 28**

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

Vestry, 5 p.m., *Parish Hall*

**Wednesday, May 29**

Faith and Film with Eleanor, 6:30 p.m., *Dover Lounge*

**Sunday, June 2**

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*