



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 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, *New St. Mary's*

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

Noon Cookies and Coffee, *Café and Parish Hall*

Do you receive email from us?

Visit stmarysgoochland.org/communications to sign up for weekly updates and news from us.

A WEEKLY REFLECTION

"A strong support system is vital to any person's success. You are part of the support system for our neighbors in need when crisis hits. Thank you for hosting guests this past week. You provide hope and resources as they make it through one of the most difficult times in their lives." - Jennifer Patterson, CARITAS, Women's Shelter Program Manager

Your contributions enabled St. Mary's to provide shelter, nutritious meals, and a loving, peaceful environment to 28 homeless women this May. One woman approached Margaret Mickel, St. Mary's CARITAS committee member, on the second evening of her stay with us and said, "We feel so blessed by St. Mary's."

Thank you for showing up and leaning in. David May identified the joy we receive in caring for others as *alterity*. It means *other regardedness*, a fundamental disposition of your soul to give. And in this life-giving way, we see the face of Jesus.

Change is on the way for CARITAS as construction of the permanent women's shelter will be complete by Summer 2020. Serving as a mobile shelter to the people of CARITAS is one example of outreach that exemplifies the energy, life, and joy of this congregation in giving to and serving others, respecting the dignity of every human being.

As we renew our Outreach ministry and mission, we look to these opportunities where there is *energy, life and joy*. How appropriate that we are approaching the year 2020—20/20 visual acuity, meaning *sharpness or keenness of thought, vision, or hearing*. Let us listen, reflect, and act on where God is calling us to serve. How can we make people feel loved?

Thanks to the hard work of the Date with the Daffodils Committee, and the generous contributions of our congregation to this lovely Outreach event, St. Mary's was able to provide support in the way of grants to seven ministries, CARITAS included. There are many ways we can continue to serve CARITAS, including another host week Spring 2020. Stay tuned!

*Thank you again for all your contributions,
Charmaine Trice and Seth Schaeffer*

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.

FAITH & FILM WITH ELEANOR

As a follow up to the *Wonder of Years Lenten Forum Series*, St. Mary's is pleased to **offer a movie night** this week. Join the group this **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!**

Babette's Feast takes place in a remote 19th-century Danish village. The summary says, "two sisters lead a rigid life centered around their father, the local minister, and their church. Many years later - their father is now deceased - they take in French refugee, Babette Hersant, who agrees to work as their servant. After winning the lottery, Babette wants to repay the sisters for their kindness and offers to cook a French meal for them and their friends on the 100th anniversary of their father's birth. It **proves to be an eye-opening experience for everyone.**"

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Men's Spiritual Practice continues this Tuesday, May 27 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. There are only two more gatherings before they break for the Summer.

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.

WORSHIP

There's a change this year to the summer schedule. Beginning 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 for 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday is the deadline to sign up for Vacation Bible School this Summer! **Don't miss one of the best weeks of the whole summer, June 24-28!** The week 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 there are limited spaces left!** Please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org for more information.

Many hands are needed to make Vacation Bible School run smoothly. It runs from **Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Please remember this isn't just for moms, **friends of all ages are 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.

VBS On-the-Go Camp for rising 4th and 5th graders is FULL! We are so excited that 17 kids will be out in our community learning who their neighbors are by **serving others at local non-profits such as Peter Paul Development Center, Shalom Farms, GoochlandCares, and more!**

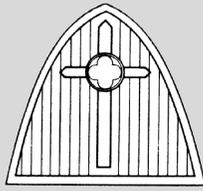
YOUTH

Calling all Acolytes! We are truly grateful for your contribution to our worship services throughout the year. The **Acolyte Committee is organizing the summer schedule** and we need your help! Thank you for being part of this important ministry. **Please sign up by emailing** Beth Stephens at bethpstephens@gmail.com.

Save the Date! Summer is coming and what better way to kick it off then a day by the water? **High School Youth Group will go to Virginia Beach** for a day trip **on Saturday, June 15.** After church on **Sunday, June 16** the **Middle School Youth Group will head to the James River** for a picnic and an afternoon of fun. More information to come!

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 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

Tuesday, May 28

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 29

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

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

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

Saturday, June 1

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

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*

Coming Up

Tuesday, June 4

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

Friday, June 7

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

Sunday, June 9, Pentecost

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

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

Ice Cream Social, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish Hall*