

THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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 Two, *Little St. Mary's*

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 Taco Truck & Family Picnic, *Churchyard and Terrace*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

I cry at every baptism. Admittedly I am a weeper. But this started early for me. I can't tell you exactly why but for most of my life, even as a teenager, baptisms have made my feelings come out of my eyes.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

By the time we get to this part of a baptism I'm already a goner. But this part sends me over the top. We are as a community saying to the newly baptized, *We see you little one. You are a gift to this whole place, to this whole broken up world. We are going to try to share the story of love we know with you. You belong with us and we belong to you always.* If someone walked up to you this morning and held you by the shoulders and said, "I see you. You are so loved. You are just where you should be," what would you do? My feelings would come out of my eyes for certain.

But this is precisely what I hope happens for our children and youth in some way each time they come here to St. Mary's. Where else in their lives, except in their homes, do they hear they are unconditionally loved? Where no grade on a test, no ability on an athletic field, no accomplishment at all is necessary to be SEEN and LOVED. The way we treat them helps to shape their understanding of the story of God's never-ending love for them. Their sense of worth is in part informed by how we greet them and welcome them and model for them what a life lived in the knowledge of God's love looks like.

This morning at the 11:00 service there will be lots of kids leading and participating in the service. We will recognize 5th graders moving on up to the youth program. We will say goodbye to the seniors who are graduating and heading off to college and early adulthood. And we will say thank you to the many adult volunteers who are the front line of loving up our youngest members here at St. Mary's. When you see them tell them how proud you are that they are here with your words and with your smiles.

In Christ's love,
Amelia McDaniel

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.

BISHOP'S VISITATION AND RECEPTION NEXT SUNDAY

Join us in **welcoming the Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff, Bishop Associate, on Sunday, May 12** as we gladly receive the **newly baptized at the 9 a.m. service in New St. Mary's** and those who are committing and **confirming their faith at 11 a.m. service in New St. Mary's**. All are welcome at the **reception following the 11 a.m. service**. The menu looks scrumptious!

CARITAS

This week St. Mary's hosts **CARITAS**. **Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer and bring donations!** And, **we need more volunteers!** Please sign up and **deliver your donations to the kitchen area of St. Mary's**, and include your name and phone number with your delivery in the volunteer book on the counter. **If you would like to volunteer** to pack lunches and serve dinner one night or help tear down at the end of the week, **please contact Charmaine Trice** at nesting7800@yahoo.com. Thank you to everyone who is providing their time, talent, and treasures for this wonderful ministry!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Men's Spiritual Practice continues this Tuesday, May 7 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.

Noonday Prayer is back 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.

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 8 at 10 a.m. in the Library**.

FELLOWSHIP

St. Mary's Lunch & Learn is next 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.

Save the date for a special last Parish Supper before the Fall. The **Ecuador mission team is cooking** and serving up a delicious **Ecuadorian inspired meal on 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**.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Please join Ryan Tibbetts and the St. Mary's Choir for a service of Choral Evensong this evening at 5 p.m. in New St. Mary's. The Adult Choir will offer music as part of this **contemplative service of readings, prayer, and song.** Repertoire includes the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F by Herbert Sumsion, Preces and Responses by Richard Ayleward, "Tranquil Light" by Roman Hurko, and Henry Balfour Gardiner's "Evening Hymn." A prelude recital beginning at 4:30 p.m. will feature music for the season of Easter by Bach and others, and will also include a performance of Bach's Sonata for Flute in A-major, BWV 1032 with Kate Tibbetts, flute.

WORSHIP

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Group is BACK tonight for ALL ages (6th through 12th grade)! Tonight, **from 4:30-8:30 p.m.** youth will prepare, serve, and hang out with our CARITAS guests. **Please come volunteer**—you will receive **four hours of community service!**

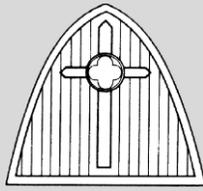
Sign up for 6th-8th grade PYM weekend! Interested in a **weekend of formation and fun with 6th-8th grade students from all over Virginia?** Join Emily Bruch for PYM at Shrine Mont Retreat on **Friday, May 10 through Sunday, May 12!** The cost is \$200 per student (\$150 fee + \$50 for transportation/chaperones). For more information, please contact Emily Bruch at ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org. As always, scholarships are available to help cover the costs.

Vacation Bible School registration is now open! 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! It's first come, first served.** For more **information or questions**, please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org.

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.

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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| Building Community |
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This Week at St. Mary's

Saturday, May 4 – Saturday, May 11

CARITAS

Sunday, May 5

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

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

Children and Youth Sunday, Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Taco Truck and Family Picnic, 12 p.m. *Churchyard and Terrace*

Tuesday, May 7

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

Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

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

Thursday, May 9

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

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

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

Friday, May 10 – Sunday, May 12

PYM 6th & 7th Grade Weekend, *Shrine Mont*

Saturday, May 11

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

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*

Coming Up

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

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

Sunday, May 19

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

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

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