

# THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome to St. Mary's! We are so glad you are here with us.



February is Black History Month, so when I was asked to write this reflection, it felt important to use this short

piece to remember Charlotte Green. Maybe you've seen the small plaque dedicated to her in the narthex of Little St. Mary's, or maybe you've read a bit about her in the Dover Lounge exhibit. I told someone recently that her plaque in Little St. Mary's is what really inspired me to research St. Mary's history. I've worked with several Black communities over the years to research their ancestry and heritage, and each time it proves equal parts fascinating and impossible. The same could be said for my attempts to learn more about Charlotte Green, fondly

known to parishioners at the time as "Aunt Charlotte."

Aunt Charlotte's parents were Henry and Sarah Thompson. We know this because of the 1866 Cohabitation Register, and because Charlotte is listed as living with them in 1866, we can deduce that she was born into slavery. We know that she married William Green/Greene, and they had a son named Lewis. She spent most of her adult life working at St. Mary's, caring not only for the building, but for its parishioners, and especially for their children. Because she cared for children while their parents went to church, I like to think of her as our first Sunday School teacher. She also served as a midwife, and delivered babies who would grow

## Welcome!

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church - we are so glad that you are here! Since the 1870s, God has gathered a beloved community of Jesus to worship and serve here, where all are welcomed. We are committed to provide a holy place for worship, Christian Formation for all ages that is compelling and life-giving, opportunities to reach out in love for those in need, and an enthusiastic hope that all who call St. Mary's their spiritual home can participate in every area of our common life in Christ. The spirit of St. Mary's is grounded in a deep sense of gratitude for God's goodness and love. We give thanks for you and for your life, and we are grateful to God for the opportunity to welcome you!

*Weekly reflection continues...*

**TODAY'S  
SCHEDULE**

**9 a.m.** Holy  
Eucharist in New  
St. Mary's

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

up at St. Mary's. We know from her death certificate that she died on April 20, 1936 from health complications, and the undertaker who helped her family was A.D. Price, Jr. at 12 East Leigh Street. Years ago, her cabin stood in what is now Randolph Square; but now, there remains no evidence of that residence. We don't know where she was buried, although it's not entirely unreasonable to wonder if she may be buried somewhere here.

We ultimately know very little about Charlotte Green, but I desperately wish we knew more. I want to see photos of her; hear stories of her work with the children of St. Mary's; understand her relationships with early parishioners here. I want to know how she came to work here. I want to retrace her daily walk between her cabin in the woods and Little St. Mary's, and I wish I had a record in her own words of what St. Mary's meant to her. As I talked with David about this reflection, he said, "We don't put up plaques for no reason," and he's right. Charlotte Green was for many years an integral part of the St. Mary's family, and I hope that we continue to wonder and learn about her life and keep her memory alive.

Elizabeth Starling



## Ministry Highlight

All youth (6th-12th Grades) are invited to be a St. Mary's Acolyte! Acolyting is an opportunity for youth to serve God and the church, and to develop leadership skills. And if you are new to acolyting, Somer Sentz and/or Kilpy Singer can meet with Acolytes before the service to walk them through the process. In a few months, there will be a training when it is safe to gather in larger groups. Please contact Kilpy Singer at [ksinger@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ksinger@stmarysgoochland.org) to learn more or to sign up.



## Outreach Opportunity

The Outreach Ministry Committee is continuing to offer an opportunity to assist GoochlandCARES in their Clothes Closet. The next volunteer opportunity at GoochlandCARES is scheduled for this today after the 11 a.m. service. No training or prior experience needed. Feel free to meet the group out there this afternoon at 2999 River Road W, Goochland, VA 23063. If you cannot help today, this volunteer opportunity is offered on the second Sunday of each month.



## CHORAL EVENSONG

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

4 P.M. PRELUDE

4:30 P.M. CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

Repertoire includes works by Herbert Murrill, Thomas Tallis, David Ashley White, and Ryan Tibbetts. At 4 p.m., organist Ryan Tibbetts and oboist Dr. Sarah Huebsch Schilling will play a prelude recital featuring works by J.S. Bach, Johann Ludwig Krebs, and Naji Hakim.





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## ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL FOOD & ESSENTIALS DRIVE

Now collecting donations through Sunday, February 20

We're partnering with St. Andrew's School to support RVA Community Fridges, who is fighting the issue of unreliable food sources, through a Food and Essentials Drive. Some items they request are: water bottles, canned soup, peanut butter, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, condiments (mustard, ketchup, BBQ sauce, mayonnaise), spices (paprika, cumin, salt, pepper, red pepper flakes), and easy snacks (popcorn, pretzels, rice cakes, chips, trail mix). We are collecting items through Sunday, February 20 in the grocery cart.

## UPCOMING WOMEN'S BOOK STUDIES

### Three Opportunities in February and March

There are several different offerings for the Women's Book Study Group this winter. Please check out the options below. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

- **Tuesdays, February 22 and March 1 at 1:30 p.m.** – *Miracles and other Reasonable Things* by Sarah Bessey - This book is a memoir of miraculous healing and everyday life. "A grown up, clear-eyed story of faith, told with so much soul and laughter and grit and elegance and plainspoken truth that it leaps of the page, straight into your heart." Shauna Niequist
- **Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 1:30 p.m.** – *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans - Jeff Chu took the book that Rachel Held Evans was working on at her death and completed work. "Rachel Held Evans was one of the most formidable figures in contemporary Christianity." The New Yorker
- **Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 1:00 p.m.** – *Sermon on the Mount* by AJ Levine - During Lent, taking a closer look at the Sermon on the Mount is a beneficial way of remembering what Jesus came to teach us. "Reading [the Sermon on the Mount] with Amy Jill Levine has been a born-again experience, renewing my faith that scripture always has more to reveal to me..." Barbara Brown Taylor

## JOIN THE ECUADOR MISSION TEAM

April 19-26, 2022

Consider joining the Hope on the Ground Short-Term Mission Experience with Education Equals Hope (E=H) to Quito, Ecuador in 2022. A Hope on the Ground experience gives you the opportunity to become the "hands and feet" of Education Equals Hope. As E=H says, "All our Short-Term Missions Experiences give participants a chance to develop a deeper level of compassion and servant hearts." The dates are April 19-26, 2022. If you would like to say 'yes!' to this experience, email Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org) to learn about next steps and more details.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS SUNDAY, MARCH 6

We are excited to gather again for Sunday School for 4-years-olds through 5th Graders beginning Sunday, March 6 at 10 a.m. If the temperature is 55 degrees and above and the weather is dry, we will hold Sunday School outdoors in the breezeway between the education buildings. If it is chilly or rainy we will gather in the large classroom in the Youth Education Building.

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## SUNDAYS AT ST. MARY'S

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**9 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in New St. Mary's  
**10 a.m.** Sunday School & Adult Forum  
**11 a.m.** Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer in New St. Mary's\*

\*We have first, third, and fifth Sunday Holy Eucharist at both services. Second and fourth Sundays will have Morning Prayer, except during Advent, Lent and Easter.

### NURSERY ON PAUSE

Nursery is typically offered for infants - 4 year olds every Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. But due to COVID, it is currently not being offered.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL IN LENT

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, March 6 for children 4 years old - 5th grade at 10 a.m. Each week the children will learn the stories of Jesus' life and the stories He told through singing and storytelling. Details on Sunday School for 6th-12th graders will be announced soon.

### ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum gathers on Sundays in the Parish Hall during the 10 o'clock hour. All adults are welcome! A forum series with David May will begin on Sunday, March 20 and continue for three weeks.

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the 11 a.m. service, children (ages 4 years old - 5th grade) are invited to come forward during the Gospel hymn and go to the Block Room together. There, they hear the Gospel story, talk about it, and sing together. They return to the service during the Peace.

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## OCCURRING WEEKLY

### MEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. via ZOOM

### LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. via ZOOM

### HOLY EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in Little St. Mary's

### WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Thursdays at 8 a.m. via ZOOM

### NEW BEGINNINGS

Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Education Building (open A.A. meeting)

\*Events are subject to change. Please visit [www.stmarysgoochland.org](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org) for updates.

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## This Week at St. Mary's

### Sunday, February 13

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 11 a.m.,  
*New St. Mary's*

### Tuesday, February 15

Men's Spiritual Practice, 8 a.m., *via ZOOM*  
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Parish Offices*

### Wednesday, February 16

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *via ZOOM*  
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12  
p.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Pastoral Care Team 3, 5 p.m., *Library*  
Parish Take Home Supper, 5:30 p.m., *Kitchen*

### Thursday, February 17

Women's Spiritual Practice, 8 a.m., *via ZOOM*  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

### Sunday, February 20

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

### Monday, February 21

*Church Office Closed*



## Contact Us

**New Here?** Be sure to fill out a welcome card located in the pews and in the narthex. Place it in the offering plate or bring it to an usher or clergy to learn more about the life and ministry of St. Mary's.

**Need to Reach Someone?** Please call the Church Office at (804) 784-5678. Or visit [www.stmarysgoochland.org/staff](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org/staff) to find contact information.

**Want to Learn More?** Please visit St. Mary's website for the most up to date information: [www.stmarysgoochland.org](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org)

## A PART OF OUR STORY...



Amelia recently filmed two new Storytime videos that relate to 1 Corinthians 13 in honor of Valentine's Day. They are available to watch on St. Mary's YouTube Channel.



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