

THE ANNUNCIATION

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The men affectionately known as "Geoff's chefs"

David expressed a desire for a Meal Ministry—to fill the freezer with food that could be delivered by the Pastoral Care team. I thought, "That's easy. I'll just recruit some old, retired guys like me, plan some meals, buy some groceries." I saw it as a series of tasks.

We quickly learned that our Men's Meal Ministry is so much more than tasks. Meeting and cooking together has turned into an incredibly wonderful fellowship, filled with friendship and spirituality. When I came home from our last cooking session, I said to my wife Patsy, "It's a lot of fun! Everyone is in a really good mood."

Others feel the same way:
"Ten or so men, bumbling around the kitchen, slicing

measuring, jockeying for room to stir at the stove, but all with good humor. Fraternity and ministry in action. What a joy!"

"As a relative newcomer to St. Mary's, my time in the kitchen with other members of the Men's Spiritual Practice Group has become so much more to me than a great meal ministry. Working hand-in-hand with these men has enabled me to develop relationships in a few months that would not have been possible with an occasional handshake at church on Sundays. It is great to know that we are helping others in their time of need, and I look forward each time to seeing what we are going to prepare."

"We have cooked up a bond of fellowship, composed of many

Weekly reflection continues...

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!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Little St. Mary's

10 a.m. Adult Forum in the Parish Hall

10 a.m. Sunday School in the Block Room

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

12 p.m. Cookies and coffee in the Parish Hall

5 p.m. Family Eucharist and potluck in New St. Mary's & Parish Hall

5 p.m. Youth Group in the Education Building

different personalities to go beyond a simple recipe. It's surely an honor to be a very small part of this ministry."

- “I love to cook, and I love the opportunity to get together with the Men’s Spiritual Practice Group to prepare meals for the parish and the community. It’s all very fluid—we walk in, and the miracle happens. Kinda reminds me of the loaves and fishes!”
- “I really enjoy meeting with the group and talking to folks I wouldn’t otherwise be chatting with. The recipe facilitates a lot of food production ... win win! What a wonderful experience.”
- “There is something about working together in the kitchen. We actually produce goodness for pastoral care while having a wonderful time doing it.”
- “While adding to the feelings of camaraderie and contribution, I am also learning. I am happy and grateful to be included.”
- “With varied levels of experience in the kitchen, we tie on our aprons and put on ‘surgical gloves’ and then start with prayer. Regardless of the level of experience, we’re there to support each other. Despite the humor and fellowship in the kitchen, we never forget the purpose is to help others with what we hope is a tasty meal.”
- “I am grateful for the camaraderie that I enjoy.”
- “We may not be feeding the 5,000 with fish and loaves of bread, but we take delight in preparing and offering nutritional and tasty meals for parishioners of St. Mary’s at their time of need.”
- “It is so much fun spending time and getting to know people that we may see from a distance on Sunday morning or in a Zoom call. Whether slicing, stirring, packaging, or cleaning up, the quality time we have together is great. The real bonus is that the result of our time together provides a home-cooked meal to someone in need.”
- “The food is a blessing! But then so is the camaraderie of uniting for a single purpose, the purpose of sharing God’s love through homemade meals. It is hard to say who benefits the most, the cooking team or the community recipients.”
- “God’s work in real time.”

Geoff Simril, Al Rider, Mike Allen, Scott Pettit, Dick Luck, Martin Betts, Wayne Dementi, Bill Lagos, Bruce Keeney, Danny Williams, Harry Baldwin, Joe Cheely, Hatley Mason, Bobby Whitten

CMSCVA PRESENTS "ILLUMINATION" MARCH 3

The magical qualities of light formed the inspiration for this Chamber Music Society of Central Virginia program. Haydn’s famous “Sunrise” quartet and Ravel’s impressionist “Introduction and Allegro” pair with Gilad Cohen’s “Firefly Elegy” – a musical portrait of the life of a lightning bug – and a premiere by Zachary Wadsworth. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Discounted \$10 tickets for this March 3 concert at 4 p.m. are available to the St Mary’s community (students attend free of charge). To access this discount, visit the event page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/illumination-tickets-622788847207>. Click "Get Tickets," enter the promo code "StMarys" and click apply.



Ministry Highlight

Visit our Lenten resource table in the café to find a variety of items to help you and your family choose some spiritual practices to enhance your experience of the 40 days of Lent as you prepare for the resurrection of Jesus.

Pick up your guide to the season and choose from several different printed devotionals. If you have younger family members, grab a family pail filled with prayer cards, discussion starters, and a mite box for collecting coins throughout the season.

EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY NEEDED

Please bring in a bag of individually wrapped candies (PLEASE NOTHING WITH NUTS) by Sunday, March 10. We will be stuffing the eggs in the Parish Hall during Parish Breakfast. You can bring them to the church office during the week or drop them off in the appointed box in the Dover Lounge.

HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILING TODAY

The Goochland County Historical Society invites you to the unveiling of the Freedom of Choice historical marker today, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. The marker honors the 14 Black students who integrated Goochland High School in 1965, ending racial segregation in the county’s public schools. The event will take place at the Goochland County Administration Building (the former high school) at 1800 Sandy Hook Rd.



ADULT FORUM LOOKS AT PRAYER

10 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Our Lenten Adult Forum series on prayer continues today in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m. The Rev. John Ohmer is speaking about Ignatian prayer. Elnora Allen will complete the series on March 3 & 17. Attending this series would make a great Lenten discipline!

SUPPER SERIES: WHAT DOES GOD MEAN BY JUSTICE?

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Old Testament scholar Dr. Melissa Jackson leads our Lenten suppers, offering teachings on *What does God mean by justice?* The series began Wednesday and continues on Feb. 28 and March 6 & 13. We meet in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. for supper together followed by Melissa's program. The evening concludes by 7 p.m. with Compline, and there is children's programming.

FAMILY WORSHIP & POTLUCK TONIGHT

5 p.m. in New St. Mary's & Parish Hall

This month's family worship begins at 5 p.m. this evening in New St. Mary's. At the potluck supper that follows in the parish hall, we'll serve Ukrop's chicken pot pie as our main dish. This is, as always, a casual evening; the worship service is one where our youngest members can come as they are!

STORYCORPS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Are you concerned about the deepening divisiveness and animosity within our country? How can we fulfill Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors when we all seem so far apart? In an effort to build bridges within our community, this April St. Mary's will partner with StoryCorps to host a *One Small Step* event open to all. *One Small Step* brings strangers with different political views together to have a 40-minute facilitated conversation. We will not debate politics, but we will talk about our lives and learn who we are as people. We will create space for sharing stories and experiences that have shaped our respective worldviews. The goal is to remind ourselves of the humanity in all of us, even those with whom we disagree.

While StoryCorps is handling most of the logistics, we need your help promoting the event to the wider surrounding community. If you have ideas, are interested in helping promote the event, want to help in other ways or just have questions, please reach out to Allison Dunaway at allison.dunaway@gmail.com or 804-497-9852.

INQUIRERS CLASS FORMING

An Inquirers class is especially appropriate if you are new to the Episcopal Church, you are new to St. Mary's Church, you are newly back to church after some time away, you are new to attending church, or you would love an opportunity to ask questions about the Christian faith in general and the Episcopal Church in particular in the company of others. The class will meet Friday, March 22, and Thursdays, April 11-May 9; the time is TBD. Contact dmay@stmarysgoochland.org by February 29 to sign up.

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SUNDAYS AT ST. MARY'S

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Little St. Mary's
10 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist or 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

Nursery is offered for infants to four-year-olds every Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. As a part of nursery time, the toddlers will hear a Bible story, sing, and play games.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is offered for four-year-olds to 5th graders at 10 a.m. Each week the children learn the stories of the Bible through singing and storytelling. Sunday School for 6th-12th graders meets in the youth lounge at 10 a.m.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum gathers on Sundays in the Parish Hall during the 10 o'clock hour. All adults are welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the 11 a.m. service, children (age four to 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 passing of the peace.

OCCURRING WEEKLY

MEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Tuesdays at 8 a.m. via Zoom

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library and via Zoom

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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

CENTERING PRAYER

Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the Narthex

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 for updates.

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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, February 25

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Block Room*
 Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Cookies and coffee, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*
 Family worship & potluck supper, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's & Parish Hall*
 Youth Group, 5 p.m., *Education Building*

Monday, February 26

Pastoral Care Team #4, 9 a.m., *Library*
 Welcomers Committee, 5:15 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Tuesday, February 27

Men's Spiritual Practice, 8 a.m., *via Zoom*
 Staff meeting, 10 a.m., *Church Office*
 Book Group, 1:30 p.m., *Parish Hall*
 Vestry meeting, 5 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Wednesday, February 28

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
 Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Lenten Supper and Speaker Series, 5:30 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Thursday, February 29

Centering Prayer, 11 a.m., *Narthex*
 Sacred Ground, 5:30 p.m., *Education Building*
 Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Friday, March 1

Pastoral Care Team #1, 10 a.m., *Library*
 Book Group, 10:30 a.m., *Library*

Saturday, March 2

New Beginnings AA, 8:30 a.m., *Education Building*

Sunday, March 3

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Block Room*
 Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Birthday cake and coffee, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*
 Chamber Music Society of Virginia concert, 4 p.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Confirmation session IV, 2 p.m., *Education Building*

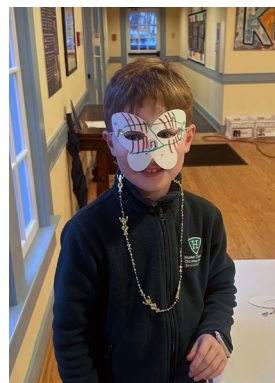
New Here? Be sure to fill out a welcome card located in the pews and in the narthex. Place it in the offering plate or bring it to an usher or clergy to learn more about the life and ministry of St. Mary's.

Need to Reach Someone? Please call the church office at (804) 784-5678. Or visit www.stmarysgoochland.org/staff to find contact information.

A PART OF OUR STORY...



Participants of all ages let the good times roll on Shrove Tuesday, when we raised \$1,200 – more than enough to "pie" our priests!



NEW TO ST. MARY'S?



We're so glad you're here!
 Scan the code or visit stmarysgoochland.org/welcome to let us know you're here and help us stay in touch!



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