St. Mary's Episcopal Church | February 16, 2025 PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for Stephen, the Interim Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle and Bud, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

We pray for all those involved in mission: the Church in Jerusalem; for the Church and the people of Haiti; San Lucas in Honduras; St. Mary's and St. Andrew's in Tanzania, St. Matthew's Cathedral in Renk, South Sudan; for the Episcopal parishes of Hanover-with-Brunswick in King George, St. Anne's in Scottsville, St. John's in Tappahannock, and Santa Maria in Falls Church, and for St. Mary's Path Forward ministry;

We pray for the care of our planet and for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and throughout the world;

We pray for Cosette, Reynolds Young, Louisa McClanahan, John Boswell, Mildred Busch, and Phyllis & Rupert Treadway. We pray for all who work for the federal government in this time of uncertainty;

We give thanks for the birthdays of Fr. Andrew and Cameron's granddaughter, Eliot, and Henry & Teddy Hotra. We also give thanks for the continued healing of Nancy Brooks and Susan Williams.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Elizabeth Burroughs, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The altar flowers are given by
Cameron and Fr. Andrew Merrow
to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving
for their granddaughter Eliot's 10th birthday.

Thank you Path Forward Ministry Volunteers

Path Forward meets on the second Monday of each month from 9:30 am to 11 am to prepare sandwiches for the homeless community. If you would like to help, contact Marjorie Barclay or The Rev. Janettarose. Find out more about Path Forward at pfva.org and see photos on this week's "Ministry spotlight section" on the Paca Hall bulletin board.

Today at 9 am Faith Formation Dr. Stephen Cook presents "Jeremiah Meets Art"

Dr. Stephen Cook will present today on the intersection between scripture and art.

This adult forum will go exploring the visual interpretation of Scripture through the lens of the prophet Jeremiah. Led by VTS professor and St. Mary's parishioner Stephen Cook, this session will examine how artists including Rembrandt, Marc Chagall, Marin van Meytens, Claus Sluter, Donatello, and Michelangelo brought Jeremiah's prophetic witness to life. "Visual interpretation" helps us see both scripture and masterworks of art in powerful new ways. Whether you are an art lover, a Bible student, or simply curious, this forum will deepen your spiritual vision.

Dr. Cook is the Catherine N. McBurney Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature at VTS.

TODAY: Job Anxiety w/ Fr. Andrew Paca Hall, 1-2:30 pm

All are welcome to this conversation.

A St. Mary's Potluck Dinner for Violette Mubarak is planned for February 21 at 6 pm in Paca Hall. All are welcome!





See the write-up on pg. 7 in the February Messenger to learn more details about this amazing woman who is the General Director of the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre. The sign-up is on the Parish Hub.

Vestry Nomination Box in Paca Hall

There is a small black box on the table in Paca Hall for vestry nominations. Please make sure nominees are in good standing and agree to run. Although there is no guarantee of being chosen, we hope all who desire to run will do so. A slate will be formed by March 15 and the vote will take place on April 27, in person at the Annual Meeting.



Welcome to our new Finance Manager, Kelly Marcellus!

We are happy to announce the newest addition to the St. Mary's Staff.

Kelly would enjoy meeting you! Please stop by and say hello if you are able. Kelly is the go-to person for all things financial. She may be reached at kelly.marcellus@stmarysarlington.org or by phone at 703-527-6800, ext. 307.

ADULT FAITH FORUMS IN PACA HALL

Sundays at 9 am

February 23

Reception for Bishop Harris after 8 am Reception for Newly Baptized after 10 am

March 2

World Mission Sunday Updates on our mission partner parishes



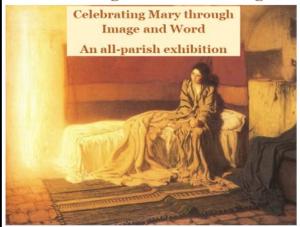
Black History Month Hymn No. 676

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

The Balm of Gilead mentioned in Jeremiah 8:22 is a fragrant resin used for healing. The words of this African American spiritual focus on physical and spiritual healing, a remedy for suffering, offering hope and comfort in the face of hardship. Its message of hope and healing resonates deeply with those experiencing oppression and injustice, providing solace and strength during difficult times.

ST. MARY'S ART SHOW

March 2 - Opening reception following Choral Evensong



Annunciation, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1898, Philadelphia Museum of Art







Scan for Entry form

How do you imagine Mary? The Arts Committee invites you to respond with your images or words. Entries are invited from parishioners of all ages. Click on the QR code above to download all the

scripture passages featuring Mary and some questions to help you reflect on ways you might depict Mary in word or



St. Mary's Weekly Calendar (online at stmarysarlington.org/events-calendar)

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Sun., Feb. 16 Epiphany VI	8:00 am 8:30-11:30 am 9:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, said Nursery is open (Downstairs Nursery) Adult Forum: Dr. Stephen Cook: "Jeremiah Meets Art" Sunday School & Youth Forums		
	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 11:00 am	St. Mary's Choir (Choir Room/Nave) Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with music Wilderness Church (Zachary Taylor Park) Coffee Hour		
	1:2:30 pm	"Job Anxiety" Talk with Fr. Andrew (Paca)		
	2:00 pm	Walking the Mourner's Path (Vestry)		
	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, said		
Mon., Feb. 17	Presidents' Day—Offices Closed			
	6:30 pm	Seminarian Lay Committee (MFC)		
Tues., Feb. 18	7:00 am	Men's Online Book Study		
	10:15 am-Noon	Staff Meeting		
	Noon	Noonday Prayer (Chapel)		
	1:00 pm	Santa Maria Food Distribution (Santa Maria)		
	7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Chapel)		
Wed., Feb. 19	7:00 am	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)		
	6:30 pm	Treble Choir		
	7:00 pm	Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group (Paca Hall)		
	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Meeting (4th Grade Classroom)		
	7:00 pm	Study on 1st Corinthians with Canon Heard (Vestry)		
Thurs., Feb. 20	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist, with healing (Chapel)		
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	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal		
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Fri., Feb. 21	Noon 5:00 om	Fri. Book Group (Zoom)		
	5:00 pm	American Friends of the Episcopal Dio. of Jerusalem (Vestry)		
	6:00 pm	Potluck Supper with Violette Muburak (Paca Hall)		
Sat., Feb. 22	8:30 am	Altar and Flower Guilds (Nave)		
	5:00 pm	Rehearsal for Baptism/Confirmation/Bishop's Visit (Nave)		
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Fellowship Dinner (Paca Hall)		
Sun., Feb. 23	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, said		
Epiphany VII	8:30-11:30 am	Nursery is open (Downstairs Nursery)		
	9:00 am	Coffee Hour with Bishop Harris		
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THE DIOCESE AND THE VESTRY

The Right Reverend E. Mark Stevenson The Right Reverend Gayle Elizabeth Harris The Right Reverend James Joseph "Bud" Shand Bishop of Virginia Assistant Bishop of Virginia Visiting Bishop

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Campbell Hutton (2027)
Michael Devine (2027)

Melissa Wiley (2026) FULL-TIME AND VOLUNTEER STAFF

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Ushers	8 am Bill Ticknor	❖ Thank You for Serving Today ❖ 10 am Maria DiPasquantonio, Val Dugie, Necolle Eimas, Meg Marks	5 pm Jay Hamilton	
Layreaders	Dana Martin Carol George	Ned Leonard, Val Dugie Peggy Parker	Sarah Sheafor Tom Welch	
CHALICE	Dana Martin	Geoff Sheffer Ned Leonard	Tom Welch Sarah Sheafor	
ACOLYTES AT 10 AM Declan Stroup Lanier Hutton Rose Gola Chris Devine Ruby Gola				