

ST. MARY'S FISHERMAN

April
2015

St. Mary's Fleeton Episcopal Church is a community of faith and fellowship; an open and welcoming congregation that is nurturing and supporting of one another. We respect and embrace the various backgrounds and spiritual paths of our congregants and neighbors. We share our gifts and talents to minister to the needs of our surrounding community as a reflection of God's grace and unconditional love.

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St. Mary's: where the road begins...



The Victory of Light Over Darkness

By Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori

As the Lenten season ends in Easter rejoicing, note what has been wrought in you this year. A remarkable cross-section of America has been practicing Lenten disciplines, even some who are not active Christians. There is a deep hunger in our collective psyche to re-orient our lives toward life and light, healing and peace. We share a holy hunger for clarity about what is good and life-giving, and we yearn to re-focus on what is most central and important in life.

Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death. God re-creates and redeems all life from dead, dry and destroyed bones. We are released from the bonds of self-obsession, addiction and whatever would steal away the radical freedom of God-with-us. Our lives re-center in what is most holy and creative, the new thing God is continually doing in our midst. Practicing vulnerability toward the need and hunger of others around us, we have cultivated compassionate hearts. We join in baptismal rebirth in the midst of Jesus' own passing-over.

The wonder of the resurrection is upon us once more. May we embrace God's ever-new life with every cell of our being, every yearning of our soul, and every muscle of our will. Christ is risen, death is vanquished, humanity is restored to holy and creative relationship with God's ongoing and eternal liveliness. Praise God who brings light out of darkness, life out of death, and newness out of the stale and moribund. Alleluia! Christ is risen!



St. Mary's Leadership:

Priest-in-charge:

Rev. Sandi Mizirl

Vestry:

Paul Sparks, Jr. Warden

Bud Bolger

Jan Boyd

Michael DeGroot

Randy Neal

Marguerite Slaughter

One vacancy

Treasurer:

Vacant

Assistant Treasurers:

Judith DeGroot

Betty Mountjoy

Registrar:

Alice Sparks

Parish Administrator:

Christine Nagle

Minister of Music:

Carina Harrison

Council Delegate:

Kathy Corsa

ECW President:

Marcia Adams

Thrift Shop Manager:

Joy Bolger



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PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Please ask God to grant comfort and strength to: Zachary Tucker, Arthur and Ellie Roberts, Jean and Bill Hudnall, Winifred Delano, Tris Hyde, John Collins, Linwood "Dukie" Smith, George Freund, Alene Robinson, Richard S., Patricia Hoppe, Martha Henry, Ada Williams, Cary Jones, David Williams and Bill Slaughter.

Also, please remember in your prayers the following, whose conditions are not currently acute, but who are still in need of our continued prayers: Ron Andrews, Madelyn Davis, Al & Lee Dean, Rachel Elliot, Robert Hamilton, Joan Oliver, Morty & Jeff Paulis, Grace Rice, Carol Wiley, and Alice Virginia Sparks (granddaughter).

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April Birthdays

13 Kelda Jamison
18 Cary Jones
26 Bill Slaughter

April Anniversaries

27 Paige and Charlie Biddlecomb



NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

Katie goes to St. Margaret's

It is with the greatest pleasure and parental pride that Brian, I and Roger can tell all our St. Mary's friends about Katie Bruneault being accepted into the St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, VA! The sad part is her leaving the Northumberland County Public School system where she has grown up with some very close friends. But Katie understands the importance of self-improvement, self-confidence, and doing the right thing for a brighter future.

We see this swift acceptance as a little miracle in her life. The St. Margaret's ladies have been so very kind and considerate and have done a lot of hoop-jumping to get Katie in there for the last trimester of her 9th grade. Her first day is March 25th. With all their superb support system and leadership, we gratefully look forward to being at her 9th grade graduation ceremony at the lovely riverfront location on May 30, 2015; and maybe have a picture of it for a future St. Mary's newsletter.

We wish to express our immense gratitude to Rev. Sandi for her personal touch in this application and her kind spiritual guidance with Katie. She made a huge difference, and we are humbled by her consideration. Oh, it is important to note that it was the most wonderful experiences at Shrine Mont last year that planted the seed in Katie's mind for making the switch, because she met a few girls from St. Margaret's and they all talked about what an amazing place it is. And it was our St. Mary's friends who told us about Shrine Mont. So, in a way, you all are in on this wonderful turn of events for our family, and we are truly blessed.

~ Ann Wood

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THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE May 2015 NEWSLETTER IS April 24, 2015. Please e-mail articles to Christine Nagle at stmarysfleeton@gmail.com or to Joy Bolger at jbolger@nnwif.com, call them in at 453-6712, or drop them off at the church office.

FREDERICK PETERS COLE



At a memorial service on Saturday, March 21st, we said goodbye to our dear friend and long-time St. Mary's member Fred Cole, who left this life on February 22nd, at Rappahannock General Hospital, with his daughter Lisa and son Christopher at his bedside. In addition to faithfully serving our church in a variety of ways over the years, Fred was also very active in our community. He was well-liked and respected by many; and over one hundred and fifty attended the memorial service.

After living many years and pursuing his career in New York, Fred and his wife Carol retired to Fleeton Point. He served on the board of the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, the Bay Trust advisory board, and the Rappahannock General Hospital board of directors. In addition to his family and many close friends, Fred loved his late yellow lab Cleo, jazz, sports cars, good food, relaxing at the beach, and the New York Jets.

Fred is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol; his daughter Lisa Cole Mitchell (George); his son Christopher Peters Cole (Kerry); and grandchildren Andrew, Matthew, Paige and Douglas. He will be greatly missed; but we can be comforted in the sure knowledge that he lives on in perfect peace and joy in God's presence.



Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

*Let us enter the city with God today,
Let us sing hosanna to our king.
To the son of God riding on a donkey
With shepherds, tax collectors and prostitutes,
With the blind, the lame and the leper
With the abused, abandoned, and oppressed.
Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming,
And follow the One who welcomes the sinner and dines with the outcast.
Let us touch and see as God draws near,
Riding in triumph, towards the Cross.*

News of the Congregation (continued)

Bolgers Onboard

Bud and I recently enjoyed a wonderful cruise to the Southern Caribbean., that sailed out of Fort Lauderdale on February 23rd. Our first stop was Half Moon Cay, Holland America’s private island in the Bahamas, where we spent a day on the beautiful white sand beach. We had planned to rent snorkeling equipment there, but really didn’t need to, because the water was so clear, we could see all the beautiful tropical fish just by standing in the water and looking down.

Our second port of call was Oranjestad, Aruba, where we went on an exciting sailing and snorkeling excursion. The next day we stopped in Willemstad, Curacao, and enjoyed a day touring on foot and shopping in the downtown area.

After a day at sea, we arrived in Cartagena, Colombia. We had initially planned not to leave the ship there, but changed our minds at the last minute, and ended up going on a wonderful bus tour of the city. That evening our ship headed toward the Panama Canal, which we entered early the next morning.

We enjoyed the unique experience of traveling through two locks of the Panama Canal to get to Gatun Lake located in the middle of the canal. From there, we went on a “monkey watch” boat ride through the jungle area around the lake. Our tour guide brought along plenty of bananas to feed the monkeys, who eagerly came down to the boat to retrieve them and put on a hilarious show for us. Meanwhile, our ship had turned around and gone back out of the canal to Colon, Panama, to which we were taken by bus to reboard.

The next stop was Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, where we had one of our best experiences when we went to visit the Sloth Sanctuary. Our guide there was very knowledgeable about these unique fascinating creatures, and we got to encounter them up close and (almost) personal. Then we spent two pleasant days at sea heading back to Fort Lauderdale, where we disembarked on March 6th.

We thoroughly enjoyed our 11-day escape from reality; but, then, there’s really no place like home – especially if it’s here in Reedville.

~ Joy Bolger



MARCH VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Assistant Treasurer Judith DeGroot reported that the church showed a deficit of \$5,287 for the month of February; that a letter was sent to the diocese requesting the use of money from our investment account to cover the \$35,000 shortfall for all of 2015; and that only four pledge letters have been returned with an increase in pledge.

Priest-in-Charge Sandi Mizirl recognized Marguerite Slaughter for her work on the presentation for the church's 100+ years celebration. The members approved a motion to thank Marguerite for this work.

Rev. Sandi reported that Bishop Gulick's visit and confirmation service have been rescheduled to Sunday, April 26; and that the Pancake Supper has been rescheduled for April 7, to be called "Fast is Over Pancake Supper".

It was announced that a memorial service for Fred Cole will be held on March 21st at 3pm, and will be followed by a reception in the parish hall, which Janet Lewis and Alice Sparks are organizing.

A motion to approve a 2015 housing allowance of \$22,000 for Rev. Sandi was passed unanimously.

It was reported that Bud Bolger will be in charge of coordinating this year's Blessing of the Fleet event

The members agreed that the vestry will assist Thrift Shop Manager Joy Bolger and ECW President Marcia Adams with recruitment of additional volunteers, to include interested men.

Vestry nominations for the Senior Warden position were postponed until April.

ST. MARY'S HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Monday, March 30; Tuesday, March 31; Wednesday, April 1 — 12 Noon — Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2 — 7 PM — Maundy Thursday Service, followed by stripping of the altar.

Friday, April 3 — 4 PM — Good Friday Liturgy



EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 — 10:30—11:00 AM — Flowering of the Cross
11:00 AM — Holy Eucharist Service

After the Easter service there will be an Easter Pascal Feast at Rev. Sandi's house for all singles who do not have plans to dine with family or other friends. Sandi will provide the lamb. You are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or beverage of your choice to share. Please let Sandi know by Wednesday, April 1st if you plan to attend.

“FASTING IS OVER” PANCAKE SUPPER

Plan now to attend our Yearly Pancake Supper on Tuesday April 7 renamed FASTING IS OVER PANCAKE SUPPER. And if you are of the male gender you are invited to help with the event. We will gather at different times (for different assignments) starting at 1.00 PM. Paul Sparks and I will put up SIGN-UP sheets on a table in the parish hall. It is a fun event and will provide a small contribution to the Vestry with no strings attached.



Invite your friends and neighbors.

~ Randy

FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum continues the 2015 Winter/Spring Lecture Series with Dr. James "Bud" Robertson's discussion of Virginia and the Civil War Sesquicentennial on Monday, April 6th at 7:00 PM held at Festival Halle, 177 Main Street, Reedville. Dr. Robertson thought a lot of people would be surprised at how much the state has accomplished during the 150th anniversary of the war.

Dr. Robertson is the nation's leading authority on America's Civil War, the author of over twenty books and hundreds of articles, and recipient of every major award in the field of Civil War history. Dr. Robertson's highly acclaimed book on Stonewall Jackson is considered the definitive biography of the general. The movie, *Gods and Generals*, was based on that book, with Dr. Robertson serving as historical consultant in the making of the epic production.

Dr. Robertson was Executive Director of the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission and worked with Presidents Truman, Kennedy, and Johnson in marking the war's 100th anniversary. He is an Alumni Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus at Virginia Tech, one of ten such honorees among Virginia Tech's faculty. In addition, Dr. Robertson is the Founding Executive Director of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies (www.civilwar.vt.edu), created by the University in 1999. Dr. Robertson retired in the spring of 2011, after 43 years in the classroom, having taught about 22,000 Hokies. Currently, Dr. Robertson serves on the Executive Committee of Virginia's Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

A native of Danville, VA, Dr. Robertson is the great-grandson of a Confederate soldier who served in the 57th Virginia Infantry. He received his Ph.D. degree from Emory University and honorary doctorates from Randolph-Macon College and Shenandoah University.

There will be a question and answer period following the lecture. There will be copies of this book for purchase and Dr. Robertson will be available for signing at the end of the meeting.

The Lecture Series is held on First Mondays through May corresponding with the monthly Monday night fried chicken dinners between 5:00 and 6:30 offered by the American Legion No. 117 next door. This gives patrons a unique opportunity in Reedville to enjoy an evening of food and entertainment.

The lecture will begin at 7:00 PM, April 6th and the museum politely requests a \$5.00 donation. Light refreshments will be served. We welcome everyone across the Northern Neck and beyond to join us for another memorable evening. **For more information, call 804-453-6529 or go to www.rfmuseum.org**

~ Betty Mountjoy

There will be another installment of the Lecture Series on May 4th, featuring Joe Wolfinger. (See flyer in Upcoming Events.)

BISHOP GULICK TO VISIT APRIL 26

The visit of the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. “Ted” Gulick, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia originally scheduled for February 15, has been re-scheduled for April 26. Instead of our usual 11 am service that day, the Bishop will lead a Service of Holy Eucharist at 2:30 in the afternoon. There will be one confirmation celebrated during the service.

Following the service there will be a celebration of St. Mary’s 100th anniversary and a tea reception in the Parish Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet for all who wish to contribute light finger foods; e.g., small sandwiches, scones, cookies, etc. Tea and coffee will be served.

Please plan to attend the afternoon service and reception on the 26th, and give Bishop Gulick a warm welcome.

~ Joy Bolger

ECW & THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The next meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of St. Mary’s will be on Thursday, April 16 at 10:30 AM. The focus of the meeting will be the Thrift Shop and all volunteers are urged to attend. Even if you do not regularly attend ECW meetings, please come to this one.

We are happy to announce that St. Mary’s Thrift Shop will be included in a new Northern Neck shopping guide, to be published in April by the Northumberland County Economic Development Commission (NCEDC). Since the beginning of the year, I have been coordinating with Theresa Lambert, Executive Director of the NCEDC, in order to bring this about. The guide, in brochure form, will include brief descriptions and possibly photos of area antique shops, consignment and thrift shops. Distribution of the brochure will kick off at the first Heathsville Farmers Market of the season on April 18th. Following is the description of the shop that will appear in the brochure:

“Run by the women of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, our shop is the oldest church thrift shop in the area, having been in operation for over 60 years. Recipient of a “Certificate of Congressional Recognition for Outstanding Community Service,” the shop offers a wide variety of quality merchandise including clothing, household necessities, books, decorative items and furniture at bargain prices; and there are monthly clothing sales and marked-down items everyday.”

~ Joy Bolger

MEALS ON WHEELS DATES

St. Mary’s is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels on the following dates:

Monday, March 30: Paul and Alice Sparks

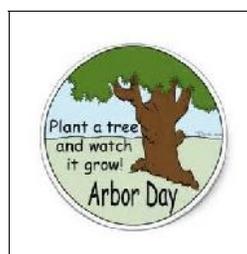
Wednesday, April 1

Friday, April 3: Randy Neal

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS NAGLE IF YOU CAN DELIVER MEALS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1.



April 22



April 24

BLESSING OF THE FLEET COMING UP

The 45th annual Blessing of the Fleet will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3rd, at 4:00 P.M., on the Omega Protein site by the stack. The St. Mary's organizing committee, made up of Janet Lewis, Paul Sparks, and Bud Bolger, are in the process of coordinating the many facets of this event.

The speaker this year will be Bret Scholtes, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Omega Protein Corporation based in Houston, Texas. Our own Rev. Sandi will serve as the spiritual leader of the event, and a number of other area ministers will take part in the program to offer blessings for a successful and safe fishing season this year.

The committee also plans to pay tribute to Fred Biddlecomb for his dedication over the years in organizing this program. His sons Charlie and Joseph will serve as Harbor Masters and will cast the memorial wreath (made by Fred's wife Beverly) into the water.

Carina Harrison is organizing the music portion of the program, which will include the wonderful St. Mary's Choir, along with other area singers.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this popular celebration. If you would like to help in organizing this event, please contact any member of the St. Mary's Blessing of the Fleet Committee.

~ Bud Bolger



APRIL MOVIE LINEUP

Admission Free; Doors Open at 7:00 PM on Fridays; Movie Starts at 7:30; Popcorn and Soft Drinks at a Nominal Charge.

April 3 — Movie Night cancelled due to Good Friday

April 10 — Fury — 2014 (R)

April, 1945. As the Allies make their final push in the European Theatre, a battle-hardened army sergeant named Wardaddy (Brad Pitt) commands a Sherman tank and her five-man crew on a deadly mission behind enemy lines. Outnumbered and outgunned, Wardaddy and his men face overwhelming odds in their heroic attempts to strike at the heart of Nazi Germany.

~ Amazon

April 17 — St. Vincent — 2013 (PG-13)

Maggie (Melissa McCarthy), a single mother, moves into a new home in Brooklyn with her 12-year old son, Oliver (Jaeden Lieberher). Forced to work long hours, she has no choice but to leave Oliver in the care of their new neighbor, Vincent (Bill Murray), a retired curmudgeon with a penchant for alcohol and gambling. An odd friendship soon blossoms between the improbable pair. Together with a pregnant stripper named Daka (Naomi Watts), Vincent brings Oliver along on all the stops that make up his daily routine – the race track, a strip club, and the local dive bar. Vincent helps Oliver grow to become a man, while Oliver begins to see in Vincent something that no one else is able to: a misunderstood man with a good heart. ~ Amazon

April 24 — Field of Lost Shoes — 2013 (PG-13)

Based on a true story of the American Civil War, culminating at the Battle of New Market, May 1864. A group of teenage cadets sheltered from war at the Virginia Military Institute must confront the horrors of an adult world when they are called upon to defend the Shenandoah Valley. Leaving behind their youth, these cadets must decide what they are fighting for.

~ Amazon



ST MARY'S MOVIE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

We have been serving our local community with good movies for several years. We usually entertain an average of about 20 people every Friday night.

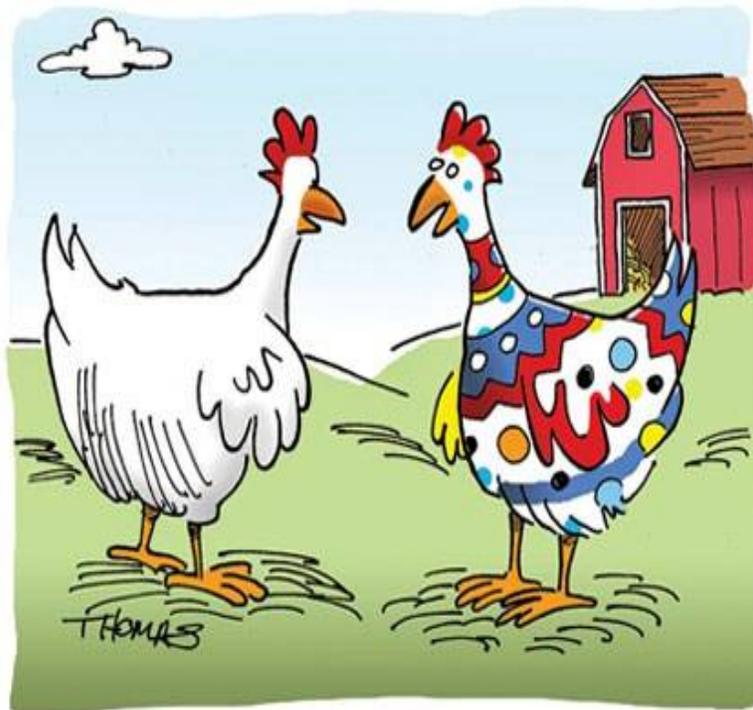
We serve them popcorn and sodas from 7:00 to 7:30. Then we turn on the movie. Most nights one of our regular guests brings cookies for all.

Our members are also responsible for setting up our projector, putting up curtains, and introducing the movie. But we need some help from church members.

All we ask of you would be an hour & 15 minutes on movie nights to help serve our snacks. Then you could go home or do whatever you like. Starting soon, you will be able to leave before dark. We will train you and be with you until you are comfortable in the work. We would love to have as many as want to help in this community project.

Please see Michael or Dennis or Randy or Aubrey or Linda for an explanation of the assignment.

~ Randy Neal



"I was an Easter egg."

UPCOMING EVENTS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
MONDAY 3/30; TUESDAY 3/31; AND WEDNESDAY, 4/1
12 NOON**

**VESTRY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 5 PM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 7 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 4 PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERING OF THE CROSS
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
EASTER SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 5 —11 AM**

**MOVIE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 11 AM**

“FASTING IS OVER” PANCAKE SUPPER

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015
5 - 7 PM**



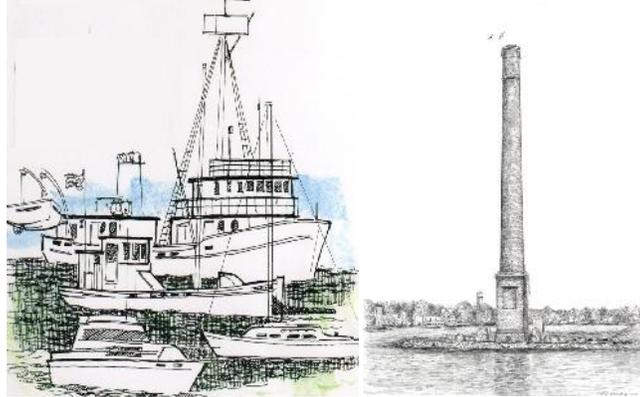
**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FLEETON
Adults - \$6.00 Children - \$4.00**

**ECW/THRIFT SHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 10:30 AM**

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

BISHOP GULICK VISITATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2:30 PM
FOLLOWED BY 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND RECEPTION
(See article on page 7)

45th Annual Blessing of the Fleet



SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015
at
Omega Protein, Inc., Reedville

PARADE OF BOATS 3:30 PM
BLESSING SERVICE 4:00 PM

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum
Presents

2015 Spring Lecture Series
Dr. James Robertson
Virginia and the Civil War
Sesquicentennial



Monday, April 6th – 7:00 PM
at
Festival Halle



The Reedville Fishermen's Museum
Presents

2015 Winter/Spring Lecture Series
Joe Wolfinger
Catching Spy John Walker



Monday, May 4th – 7:00 PM
at
Festival Halle

