

April 2026

# The Magnificat



## Holy Week at St. Mary's

What a beautiful Palm Sunday we celebrated together this year at St. Mary's.

The arrival of Wanda and Wallace brought such joy to our campus. I was especially grateful to Mimi for sharing the legend of the cross on the donkey's back. According to this tradition, after Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the donkey faithfully followed Him to the cross and remained there during the crucifixion. As the shadow of the cross fell upon its back, God marked it with that symbol as a sign of humble service. Since then, donkeys are said to bear this enduring mark of devotion to the Lord.

As our youth group led the donkeys in the procession of palms, I was reminded that the story we were about to hear—the Passion—was real. I pray that you felt the same sense of God's presence. Perhaps the donkeys and our youth helped connect us more deeply to this story, allowing it to come alive once again—a living story into which we are drawn.

We continue our Holy Week with the following offerings:

### **Maundy Thursday**

We commemorate the Last Supper, during which Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another (John 13:34). As we share Holy Communion, we remember how Jesus broke bread and shared the cup, establishing this sacred meal. I will be joined by our Senior Warden, Heather Lindsay, as we wash the feet of those who wish to participate—an act that reflects Christ's humility. The service will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar, during which the altar and sanctuary are cleared of all symbols of our faith, reminding us of Jesus' betrayal and abandonment as He begins His journey toward the cross. **6:00 p.m., April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

### **Good Friday**

This solemn day invites us to contemplate the crucifixion and death of our Lord. Christians throughout the world observe Good Friday with fasting, prayer, and quiet reflection on Christ's saving grace. We will gather in the church at noon for the Stations of the Cross, a service that honors the Passion through readings, art, and music. The service concludes with the Veneration of the Cross, as we are invited to meditate on its meaning.

**Noon, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **Holy Saturday**

On this day, we wait in silence and hope, remembering that Jesus' body was laid in the tomb. It is a time of stillness as we await the joy of Easter morning. That evening, we will observe the Service of the Light (a portion of the Easter Vigil). We will gather outside as new fire is kindled and our candles are lit. We will then process into the darkened church, carrying the light before us. The Paschal Candle will be lit from this blessed fire, marking the beginning of our Easter celebration. **6:00 p.m., April 4<sup>th</sup> (beginning outside the church).**

### **Easter Sunday**

We celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord! We will offer two worship services at **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m. April 5<sup>th</sup>**, with beautiful music provided by our Choir, Bell Choir and guest cellist Noah Klauss. Between services, at **10:00 a.m.**, please join us for an Easter celebration: an Easter egg hunt on the lawn, brunch in the Parish Hall, lambs, bunnies, and chicks in the garth, and a photographer available to take your Easter photos. What a joyful Resurrection Sunday this will be!

I invite you to participate in as many of these services as you are able. May the presence of God meet us in each moment of this holy journey.

**With anticipation,**

Mother Leanne+

# St Mary's Episcopal Church

# Holy Week

*Schedule*

**Palm Sunday**

**MARCH 29TH @ 9:00AM & 11:00AM**

A CELEBRATION WITH THE PROCESSION OF PALMS LED BY WANDA THE DONKEY AND HER BABY, WALLACE, FOLLOWED BY THE PASSION PLAY PRESENTED BY THE ST MARY'S YOUTH.

**Maundy Thursday**

**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> @ 6:00PM**

FOOT WASHING SERVICE WITH TAIZE MUSIC AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR  
FOOT WASHING IS OPTIONAL

**Good Friday**

**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> @ NOON**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: A DEVOTIONAL PILGRIMAGE TRACING JESUS' PASSION FROM CONDEMNATION TO BURIAL USING SCRIPTURE AND PRAYERS

**Holy Saturday**

**APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00PM**

SERVICE OF THE LIGHT: A DRAMATIC, ANCIENT LITURGY SYMBOLIZING CHRIST BRINGING LIGHT INTO DARKNESS WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

**Easter Sunday**

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> @ 9:00AM, 10:00AM, & 11:00AM**

**ALLELUIA! HE LIVES!**

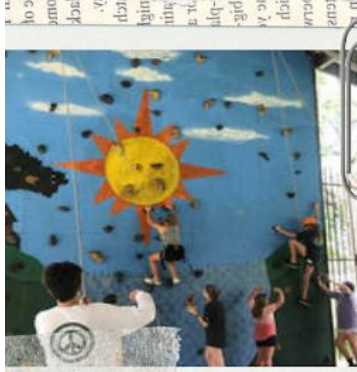
9:00AM & 11:00AM: WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00AM: EASTER BRUNCH PROVIDED BY ST MARY'S

10:00AM: EASTER EGG HUNT, AND PICTURES WITH LAMBS, BUNNIES, & CHICKS

*All are welcome!*





**ST MARY'S YOUTH,  
EXPERIENCE AN  
UNFORGETTABLE  
SUMMER!**



*Thanks to a generous donation, St Mary's youth are invited to attend Summer Camp at Camp Beckwith at no cost to their families. Come, experience the summer of a lifetime!*

*For more info, contact the St Mary's Office.*

*Hurry, reservations fill up quickly!*

*<https://www.beckwithal.com/summercamp.html>*

**Attention Youth Families:** Before dates fills up--register your Youth NOW for Summer Camp at <https://www.beckwithal.com/summercamp.html>

**You may have noticed this QR code in the church bulletin, newsletters, posters, and on our website. This is an easy and secure way to give pledges, donations, register for events, etc.**

## **2 WAYS TO GIVE ONLINE**

Simply point your phone's camera at the QR code above and click on the link or go to our website: [www.stmarysmilton.org](http://www.stmarysmilton.org) and click on the "Donate" button at the bottom of the screen.

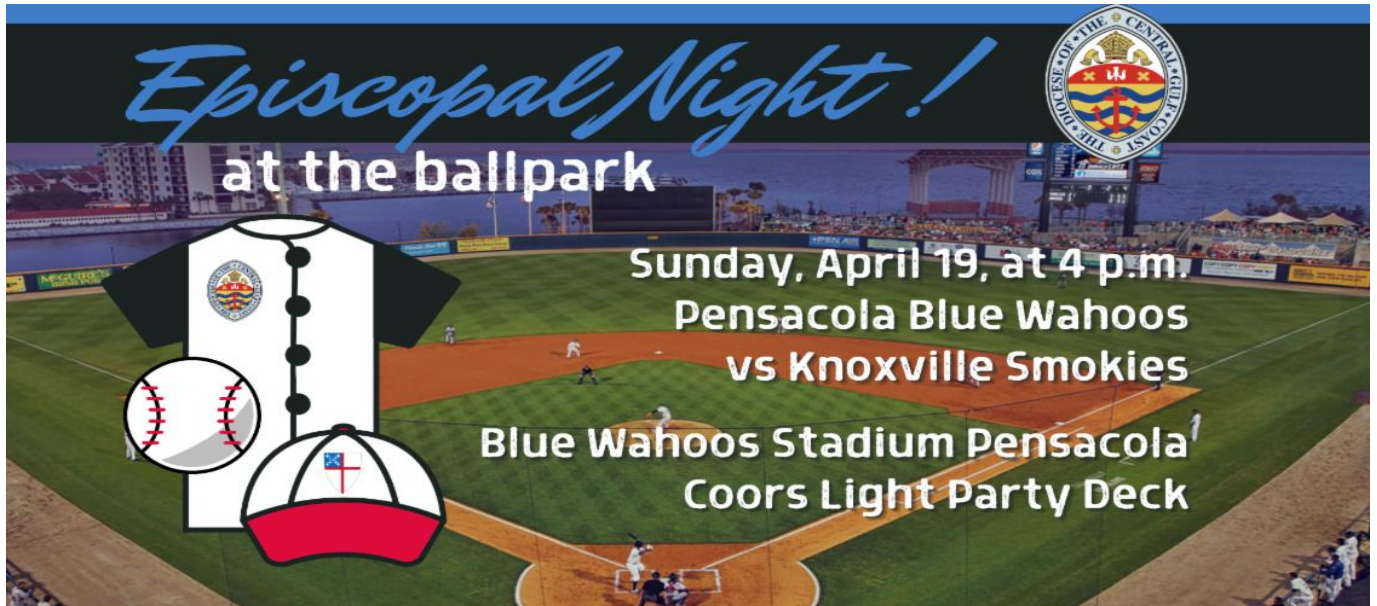
**THANK YOU  
FOR GIVING**



## Episcopal Night at the Wahoos!

St. Mary's will be joining other Episcopal churches at the Wahoos Stadium!

Sunday, April 19, 4pm, on the Coors Light Party Deck at the Blue Wahoos Stadium for a fun evening of baseball and Episcopal fellowship. Wear your Episcopal gear!



Tickets must be purchased in advance. Price of ticket includes admission, food, and non-alcoholic beverage. Tickets will be available for pick-up on the day of the event at Group Entrance to the stadium. We sell out quickly so get your tickets today!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/episcopal-night-at-the-ballpark>

A vaccine advertisement with a teal and white color scheme. On the left, a hand in a blue glove holds a syringe. Below it is a shield icon with a cross. The word 'Vaccines' is in a large blue font inside a teal circle. To the right is a grid of dots. The 'CVS Shot Clinic' logo is in red. The event details are in blue: 'Sunday, 4/26 between services in Parish Hall'. The list of vaccines is in red: '1st Covid', '2nd Covid', 'Flu', and 'Shingles (55 & over) will be available'.

# Vaccines

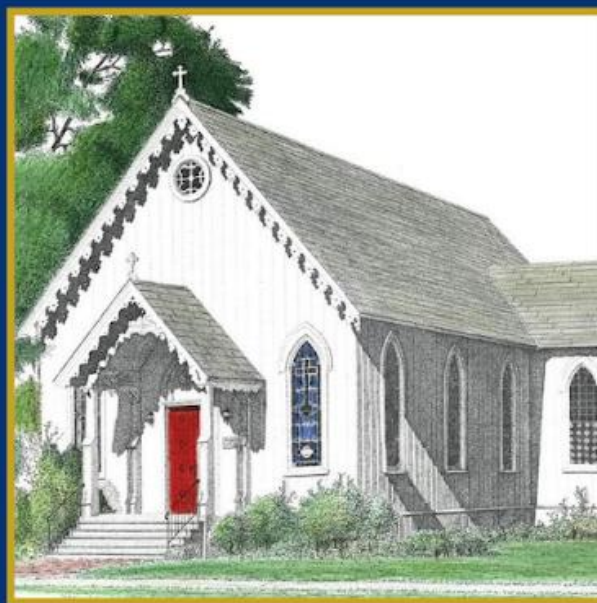
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**2nd Covid**  
**Flu**  
**Shingles (55 & over)**  
**will be available**

St. Mary's family and the Milton community will enjoy a morning of walking through the historic district of our beautiful town on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We invite you to participate, bring your families, strollers, friends, co-workers, and pets on a leash to walk in the fun! T-shirts will be available at the registration.

Click the facebook event link or the website link for more information! We hope you and your friends attend this fun event!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DmnkfVqZk/stmarysmilton.org>



## ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Come, join us for our

### 1st Annual Historic Walk

Beginning and ending at historic St Mary's, the Walk will highlight various historic sites in Milton.

Individual \$15 or Family \$30 (same household)

**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 9:00AM**

6841 Oak Street, Milton

Register for "Historic Walk" @ [www.stmarysmilton.org](http://www.stmarysmilton.org)

# Catch St. Mary's on the following media platforms!



## April, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>No morning offerings</u>  <u>5:30pm</u> Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Bells	Maundy Thursday 2 <u>8-9am</u> Food Pantry  <u>6pm</u> —Worship/ Footwashing/ Stripping of the Altar	Good Friday 3 Noon: Stations of the Cross	Holy Saturday 4  <u>6pm</u> Service of Light
Easter Sunday 5 <u>9am</u> Worship <u>10am</u> Easter brunch Easter Egg Hunt Photos with lambs and bunnies. <u>11am</u> Worship II	6 Office Closed Easter Monday	7	8 <u>10:15am</u> Center Prayer <u>11am</u> Bible Study <u>NOON</u> Worship  <u>5:30pm</u> Youth Grp. <u>5:30pm</u> Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Bells	9 <u>8-9am</u> Food Pantry	10 School for Ministry	11 School for Ministry  Pastoral Care Lay Class S. Rollins
12 <u>9am</u> Worship Rt II <u>10am</u> ECW Host breakfast <u>11am</u> Worship Rt II	13	14 <u>10am</u> DIOCGC Wineskins	15 <u>10:00am</u> Center Prayer <u>11am</u> Bible Study <u>NOON</u> Worship  <u>NO YOUTH GROUP</u> <u>5:30pm</u> Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Bells	16 <u>8-9am</u> Food Pantry	17	18
19 <u>9am</u> Worship Communion Under Special Circumstances <i>Theresa Everett &amp; Ann Cole</i> <u>10am</u> Potluck breakfast <u>11am</u> Communion Under Special Circumstances <u>1-4pm</u> Evangelism Lay Class	20	21	22 <u>10:00am</u> Center Prayer <u>11am</u> Bible Study <u>NOON</u> Worship  <u>5:30pm</u> Youth Grp. <u>5:30pm</u> Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Bells	23 <u>8-9am</u> Food Pantry	24	25 Dr. Campbell Lay Class
26 <u>9am</u> worship <u>10am</u> Vestry/DOK host Breakfast CVS Shot Clinic <u>11am</u> Worship	27	28 <u>5:30pm</u> Vestry meeting	29 <u>10:00am</u> Center Prayer <u>11am</u> Bible Study <u>NOON</u> Worship  <u>5:30pm</u> Youth Grp. <u>5:30pm</u> Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Bells	30 <u>8-9am</u> Food Pantry		

Easter Monday—the church office will be closed, April 6, 2026.

*Prayer Requests*

Family

Beth & Emma Reeves  
Betty McCarthy  
Beverly Samuelson  
Carol Culton  
Charles Lertch  
Chris & Kendall Taylor  
Glennnda Artinger  
Gina Braswell  
Jessica Morawski  
J. Moss  
Jim Johnson  
Jim Longshore  
Jesse & Jennifer Reeves  
Jeanne Zak  
Lior Habib  
Mark Howard  
Paul McCarthy, Jr  
Peggy Howard & family  
Phillip Odom  
Rev. Clyde Harris  
Robert Lenzo  
Sam Klauss  
Scott DeLoatch  
Scott Boulton  
Teddy Taylor  
Trish Cusack  
Vicki Blackmon  
Vincent Lacharray

Our Friends

Charles Thomas  
Jeff Lowery  
Kay Dutcher  
Keith  
The Lay Family  
Lauren Drake  
Phil Rollo  
Rachel Kaiser  
Rhonda Watson  
Thomas Atwell

Military

Bradley James  
Cade Campbell  
Colin Cline  
Gabriel Bustillo  
Caleb Parks  
Edward Estrada  
Fischer Morgan Lay  
Gage  
Kevin Murphy  
Lena Ryan  
Leo  
Lou Andrade  
Phillip Holmes  
Taylor Emerson  
Tyler Hart  
Tom Ryan

*April Birthdays*

4/04 Bryson Dunn  
4/06 Alex Samaha  
4/07 Jim Longshore  
4/09 Karen Plemmons  
Aubrey McCray  
4/10 Beverly Younce  
4/11 Mandie Reese  
4/14 Tom Jessiman  
4/18 Laraine Sturtevant  
4/24 Izzy Presley  
4/26 Marleigh Nester  
4/27 Sydney English

*April Anniversaries*

4/10 Julie & Peter Hotmer-  
Drao  
4/14 Patricia Forrest & Tom  
Jessiman  
4/29 Mary & Mark Starr

Names on the prayer list will  
Remain on the list for 30 days.  
Names may be re-submitted  
if necessary.

The prayer list will be read aloud  
at The Healing and Prayer service  
held each Wednesday at noon.  
You are Invited to join us!

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Sunday Services at 9am & 11am  
Wednesday Service at Noon  
*"To build up one another in Christ"*