



## Announcements for February 14, 2021



### Newcomers Welcome!

If you are new to St. Margaret's, we offer a special welcome. Our parish is very dynamic where service is a priority, where you can question your own faith journey, and where everyone is welcome to receive communion. If you would like to know more about our church, please contact us by emailing our Rector Peter W. Mayer at [peter@st-margarets.org](mailto:peter@st-margarets.org).

### Office/Service Changes

Due to the high rates of Covid-19 related cases, St. Margaret's will not conduct in-person worship services for the foreseeable future. Should you wish to communicate with a staff member, please email them. If you need to get into the office, please make an appointment with staff. As a reminder, masks are required when on campus.

### Lent @ St. Margaret's

#### Ash Wednesday on February 17

In light of the pandemic situation, our Ash Wednesday offerings will be a little different. We will offer drive through **Ashes to Go** on campus (safely) from **9:30 to 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.** Simply enter our campus parking lot and clergy will be ready to proceed. An **Ash Wednesday service** will be posted online that evening at **7:00 p.m.** on our Facebook public page, YouTube Channel, and website.

#### Lent Monday Evening Study starts Feb. 22

Join us for a Lenten Zoom Monday evening of study focused on Timothy Perry's book *Blessed is She: Living Lent with Mary*. The book explores what Mary means through the life and death of the crucified and risen Jesus. The study will be held on Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to participate, please email the Rev. Patti Sachs at [patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:patti@st-margarets.org). A small number of the books are available in the church office. Contact [Patti](#) to reserve. Otherwise go to Amazon.com.

#### Lenten Prayer Challenge Booklets

We are offering busy SMC parishioners a simple yet effective way to honor the season of Lent in the time of Covid. A **40-Day Challenge for Lent** begins this Wednesday. Booklets have been created that will encourage participants to commit to offering prayers for a different group or topic each day in Lent. There will be booklets for individuals and for families. Whether it is during breakfast or dinner or bedtime, the booklet will have a prayer for every day (and illustrations for children to complete). Booklets are now loaded on the [Lent page of the church website](#) and in print form in the narthex and church office.

#### Lenten Quiet Day

Join the Rev. Patti Sachs for an intentional time of quiet refreshment, meditation and prayer on **Friday, March 12, at 10 a.m.** The beginning and ending will be on our Facebook public page – reminder that you don't need to be a FB member to join ([www.facebook.com/smcannapolis](http://www.facebook.com/smcannapolis)). Participants will spend two hours being focused on the presence of God - in their lives, in nature, in their midst. To really focus on God, participants will need to remove themselves from as many distractions as able. For more information, go to our website ([www.st-margarets.org](http://www.st-margarets.org)) and click on the Lent tab at the top.

#### Social Justice and Reconciliation

Bishop Sutton has asked all Maryland churches to participate in the Diocese's Trust and Reconciliation work. SMC formed a committee of interested congregants has begun this important work. The committee meets once a month on the first Wednesday evening of the month at 6:45 p.m. through Zoom. To learn more about the topic, visit our diocesan website at <https://episcopalmaryland.org/social-justice-and-reconciliation/>. If you are ready to begin this journey, please contact parishioner Beth Kopack @ 410-279-5136 or at [esolchamp@icloud.com](mailto:esolchamp@icloud.com).

#### Black History Month – SMC on Facebook

February is Black History Month and we will be noting it on posts on our Facebook public page ([www.facebook.com/smcannapolis](http://www.facebook.com/smcannapolis)). On Wednesday afternoons, Jim Douglas, our Director of Music, will be highlighting several beloved folk and gospel selections from the Civil Rights Movement. And we offer Saturday Sermons from powerful nationally recognized black pastors, including William Barber Michael Eric Dyson, and Presiding Bishop Curry.

#### Communion Kits to go

St. Margaret's will be offering communion kits that parishioners can pick up and take home to **use for the March 7th Sunday service**. The kit will include pre-consecrated bread and wine and will be available in the narthex for easy pick-up starting March 1.

### Film Year in Review on Feb. 21

Are you a film lover like the Rev. Peter? Join him and fellow film lover and parishioner Joan Rich in a discussion of 2020's best productions on Sunday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. on our Facebook public page, YouTube Channel, and website homepage. Have a suggestion for them to review? Email [Peter@st-margarets.org](mailto:Peter@st-margarets.org).

### Covid-19 Vaccinations

To learn about how the country is following guidelines and implementing the process, go to: <https://ahealth.org/covidvaccines/>.

### Pop Up Pantry Needs

The West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry is a drive-through food aid effort that occurs each Thursday evening at Annapolis Evangelical Presbyterian Church, providing families who drive through with four to five bags of groceries. To date, they fed more than 20,000 people and delivered thousands of meals. Volunteers and donations are needed. Go to: <https://www.marshallhope.org/>.

### Order Easter Lilies

If you would like to order Easter lilies to decorate the front altar of the church for Easter services in honor or in memory of loved ones, please choose from the following options:

\*Fill out the Easter Lilies Form in Dragon Tales and send in a check to the office;

\*Pay by credit card on Realm. Once in the giving section, choose the Flower Fund option and email [Laura@st-margarets.org](mailto:Laura@st-margarets.org) to provide your donation information; or

\*Send in the donation by text: GIVESMC to 73256.

**Orders due by March 28. Cost is \$35.** Donations will be notated in the Easter bulletin.

### MD Episcopal Public Policy Network

As we enter the new year, the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) is excited to announce an online advocacy program to allow Episcopalians to become active participants this legislative session.

**SAVE THE DATE: Virtual Episcopal Advocacy Day is March 4th!** For more information, go to

<https://marylandepiscopalian.org/2021/01/19/join-us-in-advocacy-for-the-2021-maryland-legislative-session/>.

### Planning for Easter

As Lent moves on to Holy Week and Easter, we are planning a variety of programs including:

\*A **drive thru Easter Egg Hunt** assisted by our youth and sponsored by the St. Margaret's Women's Guild;

\*Pre-recorded **Holy Week morning prayers** led by clergy on Monday-Wednesday

\*A **family Stations of the Cross** program led by clergy with participation of SMC children

And we will offer services (pre-recorded) for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter morning.

### Prayers of the People

**Pray for:** Jane, Charlie and Nancy, Suzie, Joe, Jan, Amanda, Gerry, Jim, Vanessa, Gibby, Gerrett, Michael, Aimee, Rosalie, Dorothy, Jerry, Olga, Nancy White, Ruth, the Edson family, Marcia Bird, David, Eric Wilde, Michael, Patricia, Jonah, Bill, Kristin and Ben Reynolds.

**Those who have died:** Fran, Walker.

To request someone be put on the prayer list, you can fill out the [prayer request form on our website](#) or email/call the Rev. Peter W. Mayer ([peter@st-margarets.org](mailto:peter@st-margarets.org)) or the Rev. Patti Sachs ([patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:patti@st-margarets.org)). As a reminder, if you have a pastoral **emergency** and need to reach clergy, call 443-837-5463.

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