



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16) August 21, 2016

A Weekly Reflection: A Word to the Church

God came among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth to show us the Way. He came to show us the Way to life, the Way to love. He came to show us the Way beyond what often can be the nightmares of our own devisings and into the dream of God's intending. That's why, when Jesus called his first followers he did it with the simple words

"Follow me."

"Follow me," he said, "and I will make you fish for people."

Follow me and love will show you how to become more than you ever dreamed you could be. Follow me and I will help you change the world from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends. Jesus came and started a movement and we are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement....

A few years ago I was in a coffee shop in Raleigh, North Carolina, just a few blocks away from our Diocesan House there. While in line I started a conversation with a gentleman who turned out to be a Mennonite pastor. He had been sent to Raleigh to organize a church in the community on the streets without walls. As we were talking over our coffee, he said something to me that I have not forgotten. He said the Mennonite community asked him to do this because they believed that in this environment in which we live, the church can no longer wait for its congregation to come to it, the church must go where the congregation is.

Now is our time to go. To go into the world to share the good news of God and Jesus Christ. To go into the world and help to be agents and instruments of God's reconciliation. To go into the world, let the world know that there is a God who loves us, a God who will not let us go, and that that love can set us all free.

This is the Jesus Movement, and we are The Episcopal Church, the Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in this world.

God bless you, and keep the faith.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

Message originally delivered at St. John the Divine in New York City on November 2, 2015. See video and full transcript at episcopalchurch.org

Nursery

We have nursery available for **infants through 4-year-olds** during the 10 a.m. service. The nursery is located in the Preschool and Sunday School Building. Our nursery leader, Meg Zehmer, and Melissa Alicea will be happy to help you get your child settled into the nursery.

Worship bags

We provide worship bags that contain a coloring page based on the Gospel reading of the day. It also has a wonderful parent-focused message on the back to help you talk about the day's reading with your child. Worship bags are located in wood bins near the entrances to the church.

Sermons available

Find past sermons available in hard copy in the narthex of New St. Mary's, or visit stmarysgoochland.org/sermons to hear audio and download print versions.

Connect with us

We would love to learn more about you! If you are a visitor, please pick up a **welcome packet** from one of our ushers.

Would you like to write for us? Contact Emily Rowell Brown at ebrown@stmarysgoochland.org to learn more.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*
11 a.m. Coffee and Cookies, *New Parish Hall*

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Visit stmarysgoochland.org/communications to sign up for weekly updates and news from us.

WELCOME! Whether it is your first Sunday at St. Mary's, or your 401st, we're glad that you're with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself to an usher or a clergy member and consider filling out an information form. We invite you to join us on future **Sundays** at 10 a.m. for Eucharist and Morning Prayer, on Wednesdays for **Noonday Prayer** at 12 p.m. in beautiful and quaint Little St. Mary's, for a **class** or **Bible study**, or for many of our other **fellowship** and **outreach** offerings. **Little St. Mary's** is also **open** Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and available to you for prayer and reflection. See the back page to get a sense of what we have going on around St. Mary's.

CHILDREN

Sing, choirs of angels. Children ages 5 and up are invited to join Assistant Choirmaster Adam Bailey for singing and playing instruments and games at **Choir Camp** from **Monday, August 22 through Thursday, August 25** from 9 a.m. to noon and a short concert on Thursday, August 25 at 7 p.m. It's **fun and free!** To register, email Lori Smiley at lsmiley@stmarysgoochland.org. St. Mary's Children's Choir practices resume Wednesday, September 14.

Blessing of the Backpacks – September 4, 2016 at the 10:00 Service. Students and Teachers are invited to bring their back to school bags for a special blessing during our 10:00 service. We will be offering prayers for a year filled with learning and love for all of our St. Mary's learners and teachers.

Sunday School 2016-17.... We are still looking for several Sunday School **teachers** for the upcoming year. There is much excitement and enthusiasm about what we are planning for our youngest parishioners this academic year, but we need leaders to **help make those plans come to life**. We are specifically looking to fill spots in our 1st and 2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade and our newly formed 5th grade class. Interested? Contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org.

YOUTH

Back-to-School Bash: To celebrate the end of summer, **St. Mary's Youth Group** will be going to **Busch Gardens** on **Sunday, August 28!** We will meet in the church parking lot after the 10 a.m. service and will caravan down to Busch Gardens for a day for rides and fun. This event is open to all youth (rising 6th – rising 12th grades). The ticket price for Busch Gardens is \$77. **Please don't let cost be a deterrent!** We can always help cover the cost. **We also need chaperones!** If you would like to join, or to help chaperone, please email Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

HOSPITALITY

It's not too late to participate in our hospitality and greeter ministry! The first faces visitors see when coming to St. Mary's are often some of the most important. We are establishing **teams of greeters** who will be intentional about **welcoming people on Sunday mornings**. If you would like to be involved in this hospitality and greeter ministry, please **join us for a meeting next Sunday, August 28 following the service** and contact Associate Rector Emily Rowell Brown at ebrown@stmarysgoochland.org.

FELLOWSHIP

Come for worship, stay for coffee. Fellowship after the service does not happen only once a month! We love Lemonade on the Lawn Sundays, but we have begun offering **cookies** and **coffee** every Sunday after the Service in the New Parish Hall and invite you to come for conversation.

Celebrate good times. Beginning the **first Sunday of October**, we will **celebrate birthdays** and **anniversaries following the 11 a.m. service**. Join us for **cake** to accompany the coffee and wish fellow parishioners a happy birthday or anniversary.

STEWARDSHIP

Walk in love. **Jane duFrane, Fay Lohr, and Tom Slater** are the co-chairs of **“Walk in Love,”** our stewardship focus for 2017. Meanwhile, **thank you** to everyone who has contributed to our 2016 stewardship campaign. If you would like to help us finish up 2016 strong, either by making a **new** pledge or by **supplementing** your existing pledge, you can pledge online at stmarysgoochland.org/pledge, email Gina Alexander at galexander@stmarysgoochland.org or call 804-784-5678. Thank you!

SERVE

Give us (all) our daily bread. **CARITAS** is in need of some meal assistance and donations of miscellaneous items to be used the week of August 27-September 3 at St. James Episcopal Church, the host church for men that week. **Please contact Margaret Mickel at margaretmickel@gmail.com if you would like to prepare a meal, serve a meal, or donate any miscellaneous items listed:**

- ❖ 250 paper plates and cups
- ❖ 250 Napkins and plastic utensils
- ❖ 62 Nutri-grain or granola breakfast bars
- ❖ Bag of oranges
- ❖ Bag of grapefruit
- ❖ 62 Carnation breakfast shakes
- ❖ Individual packets of sugar
- ❖ Individual packets of Splenda

These items can be dropped off in the St. Mary's kitchen prior to **August 27**.

DON'T MISS KICKOFF SUNDAY!

After a lovely summer at St. Mary's, we return to **our regular schedule** on **Sunday, September 11**. We'll have Holy Eucharist Rite One at 9 a.m. in Little St. Mary's and Morning Prayer Rite One, followed by optional Holy Communion, at 11 a.m. in New St. Mary's. In between the two services, find out about the many opportunities to participate in the vibrant life of St. Mary's at our Kickoff Sunday **Open House**. Children and youth will have the opportunity to meet their teachers for the year in preparation for the beginning of classes on the following Sunday. After the 11 a.m. service, we'll celebrate the new year with a

This Week at St. Mary's

**Sunday, August 21, 14th Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 16)**

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Coffee and Cookies, 11 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Monday, August 22

Children's Choir Camp, 9 a.m.-noon, *Choir Suite*
Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Tuesday, August 23

Children's Choir Camp, 9 a.m.-noon, *Choir Suite*
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Wednesday, August 24

Children's Choir Camp, 9 a.m.-noon, *Choir Suite*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, August 25

Children's Choir Camp, 9 a.m.-noon, *Choir Suite*
Children's Choir Camp Concert, 7:00 p.m., *TBA*

Saturday, August 27

A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

**Sunday, August 28, 15th Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 17)**

Morning Prayer Rite One, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Hospitality and Greeter Ministry Meeting, 11 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Youth Group Back-to-School Bash, *Busch Gardens*

Coming Up

**Sunday, September 4, 16th Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 18)**

Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Blessing of the
Backpacks, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Lemonade on the Lawn, 11 a.m., *Patio*

Coming Soon

**Sunday, September 11, 17th Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 19)**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Kickoff Sunday Celebration and Open House, 10 a.m.,
New Parish Hall

Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Parish Picnic, noon, *New Parish Hall and Patio*

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Charmaine Trice, *Register*

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Tracey Ragsdale, Betsy Rawles, Bruin Richardson,

David Rose, and Tom Slater

HELP US HELP YOU!

A foundational piece of serving you well is having up to date information about you and your family. Over the summer, we will be **updating our data bases to reflect the most current information** about our St. Mary's community. Please fill out the **enclosed information sheet**, which you can drop off in designated boxes in the narthex (the entry hall on the way into the church), the Café in the New Parish Hall adjoining the church, or the church office in the Old Parish Hall. Or you can email the information to info@stmarysgoochland.org. The information is solely for St. Mary's and will not be shared with any unrelated organization.