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# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22) October 2, 2016

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## A Weekly Reflection

The theme of the 2017 Stewardship Campaign that will impact the future life of our parish is "Walk in Love." "Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us in offering and sacrifice to God," is spoken in the middle of the service to define the connection between how Jesus Christ offers himself to us and how we in return offer ourselves to God and to doing God's work among us. For many of us, it is a signal that it's time to get quiet again after sharing the Peace and hearing announcements about the enriching ministries happening at St. Mary's.

These words connect us to how God teaches us through the Bible lessons and sermons, to how God feeds us through Holy Communion, and to how God sends us out into the world to build God's Kingdom. These are just a few of the action verbs that describe how God empowers us to go out and do God's work.

Here at St. Mary's:

- ❖ We teach our children they are not only known, loved and belong to St. Mary's community, but also known, loved and belong to God, through Sunday School classes.
- ❖ We feed one another through Lay Eucharistic ministry, and parish breakfasts and suppers.
- ❖ We are sent out in Pastoral Care teams to tend to the sick and needy.

This fall we invite you to hear "Walk in Love" in a different way. We invite you to hear these words as an invitation to connect. It's an invitation for you to say, "yes" to walking, moving, loving and doing as Christ Jesus at St. Mary's.

*Walk in Love!*

Jane duFrane, Stewardship Co-Chair  
Fay Lohr, Stewardship Co-Chair  
Tom Slater, Stewardship Co-Chair

## Nursery

We have nursery available for **infants through 4-year-olds** from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. 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](http://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.

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*Would you like to write for us? Contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org) to learn more.*

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 9 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite One, *Little St. Mary's*  
**10 a.m.** Sunday School and Adult Education, *Sunday School, Education Building, and New Parish Hall*  
**11 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*  
**Noon** Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries, *Café and New Parish Hall*
- 2 p.m.** Acolyte Training, *New St. Mary's*  
**3 p.m.** Blessing of the Animals, *Church Yard*  
**4 p.m.** Middle School Youth Group, *Education Building*

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**WELCOME!** Whether it is your first Sunday at St. Mary's, or your 401<sup>st</sup>, we're glad that you're with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself to a greeter, 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.

### **OUTREACH GRANT RECIPIENT: PETER PAUL DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

St. Mary's Outreach Committee and Vestry is excited to announce that **Peter Paul Development Center** is one of this year's grant recipients. Peter Paul Development Center (PPDC) is an outreach and community center serving Church Hill and neighboring communities in Richmond's East End. It's located directly across the street from St. Peter's Episcopal Church and is a related organization of the Diocese. PPDC **gives children a safe, consistent, structured, and loving environment** in which to thrive through after school programs and a variety of enrichment and sports activities. ❖ The **\$5,360 grant** will support their **After School Learning Immersion Program**. PPDC works to serve as completely as possible the academic needs of each student in their charge, ensuring that they have the tools and resources to perform at the highest academic standards. In addition, **St. Mary's will begin collecting take-home snacks** for students to have food either in the evenings, on weekends or during school breaks. **The first collection will be during the parish breakfast on October 9.** As we feed one another at St. Mary's, we can give back and feed those in the wider community. **Take home snack suggestions include:** 100% fruit drinks or shelf stable milk; granola, protein or energy bars; whole wheat crackers or packaged crackers; baked chips, pretzels, baked pita chips; applesauce, fruit cup; dried fruit; trail mix; nuts or seeds; graham crackers. ❖ To find out more about PPDC, other outreach partners, the grant application process, and more, contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org).

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Annual Giving Campaign Kickoff is today! "Walk in Love" is the stewardship focus for 2017.** During the **Adult Forum at 10:10 a.m.** the co-chairs, Jane duFrane, Fay Lohr, and Tom Slater will share how we can all **use the gifts that God gives us to do the work God calls us to do.** Please join us to learn about St. Mary's 2017 goals, what your pledges support, and how you can pledge. In addition, your pledge packets will be available to pick up in the Dovers lounge at 10 a.m. and following the 11 a.m. service. You can pledge online at [stmarysgoochland.org/pledge](http://stmarysgoochland.org/pledge), email Gina Alexander at [galexander@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:galexander@stmarysgoochland.org) or call 784-5678. Thank you!

### **WORSHIP**

**Music to our Ears!** This morning at our 11 a.m. service, we recognize the invaluable contribution of our adult **St. Mary's Choir**, led by Organist and Choirmaster **Dwight Graham**, and our **Children's Choir**, led by **Adam Bailey**, to the life of our worship. Their ministry of music adds beauty, dignity, and joy to our common life, and we celebrate them with gratitude. If you are interested in participating in the St. Mary's Choir, please contact Dwight Graham at [dgraham@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:dgraham@stmarysgoochland.org). If you are interested in participating in the Children's Choir, please contact Adam Bailey at [abailey1017@gmail.com](mailto:abailey1017@gmail.com).

**Blessing of the Animals is TODAY at 3 p.m.!** We are not saying it will make your animals better or more well-behaved...but it can't hurt. **Bring your animals** (dogs, cats, horses, goats, chickens, lizards, birds, etc...) to the Church Yard in front of New St. Mary's to be blessed. Stay for treats—for yourselves and your animals—on the Terrace afterward (in case of rain, we'll gather in New St. Mary's for the blessing and the New Parish Hall for treats). Please be sure to **secure your pet safely**, on a leash or in a proper carrying case.

**Remember your loved ones with an altar flower memorial.** We invite you to give in honor of or in memory of a family member, friend, or someone special. During Christmas we have poinsettias and during Easter we have lilies, but you may give **the gift of a flower memorial on any Sunday.** Please contact Lori Smiley at [lsmiley@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:lsmiley@stmarysgoochland.org) to make a gift (contributions start at \$25) or to learn more. Checks may be made payable to St. Mary's Altar Guild.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Bring your pet to **Middle School Youth Group** today! Following the Blessing of the Animals service today, Sunday, October 2, the Middle School Youth Group will be meeting - and pets are invited! They'll be playing games, talking about the Bible, and **hopefully doing some dog relays.** They'll be meeting from **4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.,** and it is open for all 6th-8th grade students. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Rawls [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Acolyte training!** Today, before the Blessing of the Animals Service, there will be an **acolyte training session.** All **Students in grades 6-12** who are interested in serving as acolytes are invited and encouraged to attend. We will meet in New St. Mary's at 2:00 p.m. for approximately **30 minutes.** Please let Matt Rawls know if you plan to attend. If you cannot make it this Sunday, but would still like to serve as an acolyte, please contact Matt at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org) to schedule a training time!

**Moovin' and Groovin' Music Class** (for ages 10 months – 2 years old)! Please come join St. Mary's Episcopal School for a **FREE fun morning** of music and moving on **Tuesday, October 4, 9:10-9:45 a.m.!** We will sing, dance, and play instruments together! The class will be aimed for ages 10 months-2 years old but younger/older siblings are welcome to come along. Moms, dads, grandparents, or babysitters are required to stay for the class. We are planning to **offer this music class twice a month** so please spread the word to family and friends! More information and a chance to **sign up for the class will be available on October 4.** We look forward to MOVIN' AND GROOVIN' with you and your toddler!

## ADULT EDUCATION AND MORE

Parents are invited to join Amelia McDaniel, the Director of Children's Ministries, on **Thursdays in October** from 11 a.m. to noon as we **explore the common conundrum of how to parent.** Our guide will be Wendy Mogel's book, *The Blessing of the Skinned Knee*. Filled with thoughtful parenting advice, Mogel presents common sense and clear strategies for parenting our children. For more information, email Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Crazy Christians starts next week!** Join Weezie Blanchard and Bob Hetherington in the **Adult Forum at 10:10 a.m. for six Sundays beginning October 9** as we explore Bishop Curry's book and how it challenges us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Can't make it to Adult Forum? Read *Crazy Christians* anyway and start the conversation among yourselves! **Copies of Crazy Christians are available in the church office** in the Old Parish Hall and in the Dover Lounge in the New Parish Hall. **Suggested donation is \$15.**

## FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

**Cause for celebration.** We know that some of the best fellowship happens over food. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- ❖ Beginning the **today**, 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.
- ❖ **Parish Breakfasts and Parish Suppers resume in October!** These meals are fun and delicious for all ages. Parish Breakfasts are on the **second Sundays** of each month **beginning at 9:30 a.m.,** and Parish Suppers are on the **third Wednesdays** of the month from **5:30-7 p.m.** **If you would like to help cook or serve, please contact Carrie Schaeffer at [saintmarysfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarysfellowship@gmail.com).**

**Save the Date!** On **November 16 at 5:30 p.m.** St. Mary's will host a reception and a service of **Celebration of New Ministry** in honor of Weezie Blanchard becoming St. Mary's new Rector. Stay tuned for more details.

## **This Week at St. Mary's**

**Sunday, October 2, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
(Proper 22)**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Sunday School and Adult Education, 10 a.m., *Sunday  
School Buildings and New Parish Hall*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, Choir Appreciation, 11 a.m.,  
*New St. Mary's*

Cake & Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*  
Acolyte Training, 2 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Blessing of the Animals, 3 p.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Middle School Youth Group, 4 p.m., *Education Building*

### **Monday, October 3**

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

### **Tuesday, October 4**

Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

### **Wednesday, October 5**

Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Education Building Library*  
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Children's Choir Practice, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*

### **Thursday, October 6**

Parent Book Study, *Blessing of the Skinned Knee*, 11 a.m.,  
*Library*

St. Mary's Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

### **Saturday, October 8**

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

**Sunday, October 9, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
(Proper 23)**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *New Parish Hall*  
Sunday School and Adult Education, 10 a.m., *Sunday  
School Buildings and New Parish Hall*

Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cookies & Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

## **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to **the Fellowship Committee (chair Joan Wilkins and Committee members and helpers Dede Andrews, Jane Fawley, Ralph Fisher, Bill Gooch, Kay Lowe, Bruin Richardson, Sarah Richardson, Carrie Schaeffer, Karen Stephens, and Lurline Wagner)** for the time and talent that went into the reception in honor of the Rev. Emily Rowell Brown last Sunday. It was a wonderful send-off! We look forward to many more fellowship events to come!

## **Coming Up**

**Sunday, October 16, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
(Proper 24)**

Choral Evensong, 5:30 p.m., *New St. Mary's*  
**Monday, October 17 – Wednesday, October 19**  
Fall Clergy Retreat, *Shrine Mont*

## **Coming Soon**

**Wednesday, October 19**

Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

## **CLERGY, STAFF, AND VESTRY**

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### **Vestry Members:**

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**Jane duFrane**, *Junior Warden*

**Bill Gooch**, *Treasurer*

**Charmaine Trice**, *Register*

**Scott Barton, Steve Guza, Brantley Holmes, Fay Lohr,**

**Tracey Ragsdale, Betsy Rawles, Bruin Richardson,**

**David Rose, and Tom Slater**