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# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24) October 16, 2016

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## A Weekly Reflection

Can a church be life changing? I think it can.

Throughout many years of attending St. Mary's, my family and I have developed wonderful relationships that have enriched Sarah and me and given us life-long friends. And as I've gained these friendships with fellow parishioners, I've truly appreciated and found strength from our incredible community. It has been a blessing.

Within the past couple of years, I was involved in two discernment processes – one with St. Mary's and the other with a local non-profit. I learned that the great gift of discernment is working on the ability to listen to the call of God, to seek out what He wants of us and to be aware of the signs as He communicates with us. Because these experiences taught me to listen for what God wanted me to do, I realized that I wanted – needed – to change what I was doing with my life. I began to search. I told friends about the direction I was being called in – to help kids in foster care find permanent homes – and several said, "that's God's work." I listened and discerned. As a result, I'm now doing something I love and, I believe, I'm doing God's work.

With that context, I happily increased my pledge to St. Mary's this year. I'd ask that you prayerfully consider where God is calling you and to think about the ways in which St. Mary's has changed your life. Together we can strengthen our Parish, our connections and our community. Together we can do God's work.

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## 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*  
**10 a.m.** Confirmation Class, *Education Building*  
**11 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*  
**Noon** Cookies and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*  
**12:30 p.m.** Children's Ministries Committee, *Old Parish Hall*

**5 p.m.** Middle School Youth Group, *Education Building*  
**5:30 p.m.** Choral Evensong, *New St. Mary's*

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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.

### GRANT RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT: CROSSOVER HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

Founded by volunteers in 1983, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry is a non-profit organization that **provides compassionate, comprehensive healthcare services to the low-income, uninsured residents of Central Virginia**. Their mission is to provide healthcare, promote wellness and connect community talents and resources with people in need in the name of Jesus Christ. There are two clinic locations, one in Western Henrico on Quioccasin Road and one on the Southside of Richmond on Cowardin Avenue, to **better serve the growing low-income population and increasing need for healthcare services**. CrossOver serves **more than 7,000 patients, which is only a fraction of those in need**. ❖ The **\$6,700 grant** will assist in purchasing supplies for the **Diabetes Management Program**. Diabetes is one of the most prevalent chronic diseases found among their patients and requires an intensive, costly treatment plan to be properly managed. It, also, requires many patients to check their blood sugar levels frequently, usually daily. **The cost of these supplies can be a barrier for many of the patients** in monitoring their health. Currently, CrossOver's diabetic patients are responsible for covering the cost of their testing supplies. **This grant ensures that patients will be able to test their blood sugar** and more effectively manage their diabetes. ❖ To find out more about CrossOver, other outreach partners, the grant application process, and more, contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org).

### STEWARDSHIP

**Over 75 of you have already pledged!** We ask you to please give and **"Walk in Love."** If you haven't **picked up a pledge card or a Narrative Budget**, they are available at the back of the church or by the bulletin board in the Café. Turn in your pledge cards by mail or by placing in the offertory **by November 13**. You can also 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

**Why should you return to a church on a Sunday evening (assuming you were there that very morning) to attend the service of Choral Evensong?** If you ever find yourself moved by the choral music you hear in worship on Sunday mornings, you will find an abundance of sacred choral music offered to the glory of God in this shorter candlelit service. The St. Mary's Adult Choir will sing **Choral Evensong service today at 5:30 p.m.** **We hope you will join us** as the shadows lengthen and the busy world is hushed.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Middle School Youth Group today!** Middle School Youth Group will be meeting this afternoon from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We'll be **playing games, eating food, and talking about God!** As always, you do not want to miss this. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org). **Please bring \$5 for food.**

**High School Shrine Mont Weekend, PYM, Friday, November 4 - Sunday, November 6, Shrine Mont:** Are you a 9th-12th grader who wants to join youth from around the Diocese for fun and fellowship? The High School Shrine Mont Weekend is an awesome retreat organized by a group of high school students from around Virginia. Contact Matt Rawls for event information and registration forms at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org)

## ADULT EDUCATION AND MORE

**Spiritual practice for men.** Bob Hetherington will lead a spiritual practice in the Old Parish Hall for **five Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30 a.m.** The one hour time of **silence, reflection, sharing and prayer** will focus on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. This spiritual practice is an opportunity to deepen faith and is **open to men of all ages.**

**"Life is not something that happens to you.** You take what you have been given and you get to shape it, form it, steer it, make it into something...It's all part of being here," Rob Bell, *How to Be Here*. **Join Matt Rawls** on Wednesday, October 26, November 2 and 9 at 5:30 p.m. **to discuss Rob Bell's book, *How to be Here*.** Bell is a leading voice in contemporary conversations about modern spirituality and practice. These discussions are in preparation for **Rob Bell's visit to St. Stephen's on Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m.** For more information contact Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

**"Over time I began to see that being a Christian is not essentially about joining a church of being a nice person, but about following in the footsteps of Jesus,"** Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, *Crazy Christians*. Come be challenged to follow in the footsteps of Jesus **today in the Adult Forum at 10:10 a.m.** 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.**

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

**Calling All Artists... Are you a painter or photographer in our midst?** We would like to invite our St. Mary's artists to share their work with the congregation in a rotating gallery in the Dover Lounge – the newly furnished space next to the Café and New Parish Hall. **Artists of all ages are asked to participate.** Please send us pictures of your framed paintings, drawings, mixed media works or photographs. **We will curate the works into displays** that will hang for three months and then rotate to a new grouping. The current seasonal banners will rotate and hang above the piano during the corresponding season. Please send pictures or questions to Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org).

## FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

**Parish Suppers are the Third Wednesday of each month!** These meals are fun and delicious for all ages. They restart this week on **Wednesday, October 19 at 5:30 p.m.** The menu will include butternut squash soup, tossed salad, bread and a dessert. As we feed one another at St. Mary's, we can give back and feed those in the wider community. At each Parish Breakfast and Parish Supper, we will **collect take-home snacks for Peter Paul Development Center.** **If you would like to help cook or serve, please contact Carrie Schaeffer at [saintmarysfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarysfellowship@gmail.com).**

## THANK YOU!

**Thank you to all who have pledged (as of October 13):** Mr. and Mrs. Scott Barton, Mr. & Mrs. William Bellamy, III, Dr. and Mrs. Martin Betts, the Rev. Louise and Mr. Charles Blanchard, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Bowden, Mr. & Mrs. Austin Brockenbrough, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown IV, Mr. Temple Cabell and Ms. Susan Stevens, Mrs. Elizabeth Camp, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cary, Mr. Miles Cary, Jr. & Mrs. Valerie Deep Cary, Dr. & Mrs. James Christmas, Mrs. Linda Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dementi, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Deutsch, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Farrell, Mrs. Michael E. Fawley, Mr. & Mrs. John G. Fisher, Mr. Bill Gooch & Mr. Ralph Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Gilliam, III, Dr. & Mrs. Sam Graham, Mr. R. Seward Gray, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Guza, Mr. and Mrs. A William Hamill, Mrs. Louise Harris, Mrs. Roberta Heistand, the Rev. Canon Robert Hetherington, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Howlett, Dr. & Mrs. John Hyslop, II, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lloyd Johannessen, Mr. and Mrs. Crawley Joyner, Mr. & Mrs. James Jones, III, Mr. Andrew and Dr. Kristeen Koebler, Mrs. Edwina Koontz, Mr. Robert Large, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Laughon, Jr., Mr. Hugh Leach, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. Pettus LeCompte, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Lohr, Mrs. Richard Lower, Mr. & Mrs. David Luckey, Mrs. Mary Madge, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martenstein, Ms. Amelia McDaniel, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Means, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Monroe, III, Mr. Dover Moore, Mr. & Mrs. William Nolley, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Oreska, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy O'Shea, Mrs. Ann Marie Patterson, Mr. Douglas Pera & Mrs. Jane duFrane, Mr. & Mrs. H. Merrill Plaisted, Mr. & Mrs. Ted Price, Mrs. Patricia Pusey, Mr. & Mrs. Duane Ragsdale, Ms. Elizabeth Rawles, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Reynolds, Dr. & Mrs. James Rhodes, Mr. & Mrs. Bruin Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. Allen B. Rider, III, Mr. and Mrs. George Roper, Mr. & Mrs. David Rose, Mrs. Susan Salsitz, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Shepherd, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Slater, Mr. and Mrs. William Steele, III, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stettinius, Mr. & Mrs. John Street, Dr. & Mrs. Armistead Talman, Mr. & Mrs. William Tavenner, Mr. and Mrs. James Theobald, Ms. Maria Tisdale, Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Trice, III, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ware, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Warthen, III, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Weimer, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Williams, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Ennion Williams.

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

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

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, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*  
Children's Ministry Committee, 12:30 p.m., *Old Parish  
Hall*

Middle School Youth Group, 5 p.m., *Education Building*  
Choral Evensong, 5:30 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

### **Monday, October 17**

Pastoral Care Team 3, 10 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Clergy Retreat, *Shrine Mont*

### **Tuesday, October 18**

Clergy Retreat, *Shrine Mont*

### **Wednesday, October 19**

Clergy Retreat, *Shrine Mont*  
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*  
Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*  
All Youth Groups, 6:15 p.m., *Education Building*

### **Thursday, October 20**

Moovin' & Groovin' Music Class, 9:10 a.m., *St. Mary's  
Episcopal School*  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Parent Book Study, *Blessing of the Skinned Knee*, 11 a.m.,  
*Library*  
Finance Committee, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
St. Mary's Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

### **Saturday, October 22**

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

### **Sunday, October 23, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25)**

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*

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

## **Coming Up**

### **Wednesday, October 26**

*How to Be Here* Book Study, 5:30 p.m., *Library*

## **Coming Soon**

### **Sunday, October 30**

St. Mary's Episcopal School Sunday, *New St. Mary's*

## **CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY**

For the first time in 32 years, St. Mary's will host a **Celebration of New Ministry** on November 16 when **the Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard** is instituted and inducted as the fourth Rector of St. Mary's. **Everyone is invited** to this milestone event as we celebrate Weezie's new role and the ongoing ministry of this vibrant parish. A **child and adult friendly reception** will begin at **5:30 p.m.** in the New Parish Hall, followed by the **7 p.m. service** with the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, as celebrant. The **festivities** will conclude with cake and bubbly beverages for all ages.  
❖ *The Celebration of New Ministry service can be found on page 559 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

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

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### **Vestry Members:**

**Al Rider**, *Senior Warden*

**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**