



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 7, 2017**

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## Nursery

Our nursery is available for **infants through 4-year-olds** from 8:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the Preschool and Sunday School Building. Nursery Director Meg Zehmer and Cassie Vestal 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. They also have a wonderful parent-focused message on the back to help you talk about the day's reading with your child. Worship bags are in the front of Little St. Mary's and in the wood bins near the entrances to New St. Mary's.

## 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 Confirmation Class, *Sunday School and Education Buildings*

**10 a.m.** Adult Forum: "I will, with God's help", *New Parish Hall*

**10 a.m.** Inquirer's Class, *Library*

**11 a.m.** Children and Youth Sunday, Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*

**Noon** Cake and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

As a child, my memories of Sunday mornings are filled with warm, sunny drives down River Road to St. Mary's. Somehow the sun always seemed to shine on Sunday mornings. My mother's memory of Sunday mornings, however, is probably quite different; shuffling kids in church, managing meltdowns over shoes that were too tight, and dresses that were too itchy. What strikes me as an adult, is that now I am in her position. I'm juggling the same challenges of bringing my own children to church.

This morning, we have the pleasure of being led in worship by the youth and children of St. Mary's. It is a powerful reminder that although we are often the ones teaching our children about our faith, attending church, and being good stewards, they will ultimately be the ones leading us some day in our faith and in our Church.

As a member of St. Mary's, I have the opportunity to teach my children about attending church not only as a parent but also as a member of the Children's Ministries Committee. My own faith and relationship with God has been deepened through this role. As you will see today, we all have so much to gain by being engaged and active in the faith and lives of the children and youth here at St. Mary's. As a congregation, we pledge at baptism to do all in our power to support these persons in their life of Christ. Being a member of a committee is only one small way to do that. St. Mary's offers many other ways in which we can all fulfill our Baptismal promises, such as teaching Sunday school, volunteering with vacation Bible school, or supporting our youth in their mission trips.

Let us all be shepherds to our sheep. As Jesus promises in the Gospel this week, he will meet us and our children at the gate. If we can get them here, they will follow him because they will know his voice.

*Ashley Barlow*

**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 9 a.m. for Eucharist or at 11 a.m. for Eucharist or 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** and **New St. Mary's** are 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.

### **TODAY'S OFFERTORY PLATE SUPPORTS YOUTH MISSION TRIPS**

On the first Sunday of every month, **the loose plate offering** (any money not designated toward a pledge or other fund) goes toward outreach and mission ministries of St. Mary's. Today, **the offering will support our youth summer mission trips**. This July, middle school youth head to Lincoln County, West Virginia and high school youth visit the Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. As our youth go out into the world to follow Christ and serve others, please be generous in supporting this transformative opportunity.

### **TODAY IS CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY**

At this morning's 11 a.m. service, we **show our appreciation for our amazing children and youth members!** They lead much of the worship service by greeting you, ushering you in, taking up the offering, and serving as readers, intercessors, and acolytes. During the welcome and announcements, we **recognize the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 21 graduating seniors**, as well as the **committee members and 22 Sunday school teachers** who are vital to our programming and ministries. **Following the 11 a.m. service**, please take a moment to thank these volunteers for their service this year while you enjoy **birthday cake on the terrace**. **If you are interested in serving** on the Children's Ministries Committee or as a Sunday school teacher, please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

### **CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY**

Are you good at remembering faces but can never remember people's names? **St. Mary's is updating its ACS directory with new family photos!** Today, next **Sunday, May 14, and Wednesday, May 17 at the Seniors Lunch and Parish Supper**, come and get your picture taken of you, you and your spouse, or you and your family. **Please gather in the Dover Lounge from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and after the 11 a.m. service, Noon to 12:30 p.m.** No need to formally sign-up, it will only take a few minutes! If you have questions, please contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org).

### **ADULT EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

**A year in review.** There have been many changes throughout the past year – new adult education forums, mission trip opportunities, fellowship programs, and much more. Join the clergy for the last Adult Forum until the fall on **Sunday, May 14 at 10:10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall** as we reflect back upon the program year and look ahead to the next. **Questions are encouraged.**

**"Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?"** Each time we have a baptism or confirmation in the church, we renew the promises of the baptismal covenant together. Join Weezie Blanchard in the **Adult Forum at 10:10 a.m.** this morning for the final installment in this series as we **explore just what these promises mean** and how they **inform the ways we live our faith in the world.**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Vacation Bible School registration is now available!** Come gather for a fun week of "camping out" and learning about how no matter where we are, Jesus is with us. The week, July 10-14, is **open to all children ages 3 to rising 5th grade**. Rising 6th-Senior High School students are invited to volunteer. We also **need lots of adult volunteers** to make the week run smoothly. Fill out **your registration form** and **return to St. Mary's by May 21**. Please contact **Amelia McDaniel** at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

**Are you interested in supporting our children's ministries work at St. Mary's?** We are looking for new members of our 17 person committee. Each person **serves a two year term and is paired with an experienced member** in overseeing a small portion of our programming. Programs throughout the year include: children's stewardship and special events such as All Saints' Day procession, the Giving Tree, Children's Christmas Lessons & Carols, and Easter Celebrations. We meet several times throughout the year on Sundays after the 11 a.m. service. **Many hands make light work**, and this committee is a great example of how this is true. **Want to learn more?** Please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

## BISHOP'S VISITATION AND RECEPTION

**Join us in welcoming the Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick**, Assistant Bishop, as we gladly receive the newly baptized and those who are committing and confirming their faith on **Sunday, May 21 at 11 a.m.** All are **welcome at the reception** following the service. The menu looks scrumptious!

## MEET THE RECTOR AND ST. MARY'S STAFF

**Have you had a chance to meet Elizabeth or Deedi or Mike or any other members of St. Mary's staff?** Join us for an **afternoon tea with Rector Weezie Blanchard and St. Mary's staff** members on **Thursday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m.** on the Terrace. We'll serve light refreshments and treats. It's a family friendly event - **all ages are welcome!**

## FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

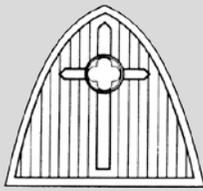
**Seniors meet on the third Wednesday!** Join parishioners of all ages for lunch in the New Parish Hall on **Wednesday, May 17 at 12:15 p.m.** (after Noonday Prayer in Little St. Mary's). This month's speaker is writer, lecturer, and St. Mary's Parishioner, Dr. Mary Lynn Bayliss. Her most recent title is *The Dooleys of Richmond: An Irish Immigrant Family in the Old and New South*. **Suggested donation is \$5 and all ages are welcome!**

**It's a picnic!** This is the **last parish supper until the fall** so take a moment to pause from your busy week, and sit down with the St. Mary's community to **break bread together on Wednesday, May 17. Serving starts at 5:30 p.m.** **Suggested donation is \$8 per person and maximum of \$25 per family.** To RSVP please contact Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678 or follow the link on the website.

**Downtown Coffee Hour continues this month!** Before you head into the office, join your St. Mary's friends and community for casual conversation, a cup of coffee, and a prayer to start your day. Get to know your clergy, your fellow parishioners, and begin your day on a positive note. **Join Andrew Moore and Karen Huennekens at Pop's Market (415 E Grace Street) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 18.** Come for the full hour or just pop in and say hello! Help us as we create new spaces for **building community and fellowship.**

## LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Are you looking for ways to be **more involved in Sunday worship?** Lay Eucharistic Ministers are a vital part of our worship together. Those who are already serving as Lay Eucharistic Ministers and those interested in becoming one are invited to attend a training with Weezie Blanchard on **Wednesday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. in New St. Mary's.** For more information or questions, please contact Weezie Blanchard at [wblanchard@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:wblanchard@stmarysgoochland.org).



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| Building Community |  
| Giving Joyfully |

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**Doug Pera**, **Betsy Rawles**, **Bruin Richardson**,  
**David Rose**, **Tom Slater**, and **Russell Wyatt**

### This Week at St. Mary's

#### Sunday, May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Church Photo Directory, 10 a.m., *Dover Lounge*  
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School and Education Buildings*  
Adult Forum: "I will, with God's help", 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*  
Inquirer's Class, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, Children and Youth Sunday, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*  
Church Photo Directory, 12 p.m., *Dover Lounge*  
Middle School Youth Group, *Education Building*

#### Monday, May 8

Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Rector's Study*

#### Tuesday, May 9

Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

#### Wednesday, May 10

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Children's Choir, 5 p.m., *Choir Room*

#### Thursday, May 11

Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

#### Saturday, May 13

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

#### Sunday, May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Church Photo Directory, 10 a.m., *Dover Lounge*  
Last day of Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m.,  
*Sunday School and Education Buildings*  
Inquirer's Class, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Adult Forum: A Year in Review and Preview, 10 a.m., *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*  
Church Photo Directory, 12 p.m., *Dover Lounge*

### Coming Up

#### Wednesday, May 17

Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Seniors Lunch, 12:15 p.m., *New Parish Hall*  
Church Photo Directory, 12:30 p.m., *Dover Lounge*  
Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*  
Church Photo Directory, 5:30 p.m., *Dover Lounge*

#### Thursday, May 18

Downtown Coffee Hour, 8 a.m., *Pop's Market*  
Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Afternoon Tea with the rector and staff members, 3:30 p.m., *Terrace*  
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

#### Sunday, May 21, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite One with Holy Baptism, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Holy Baptism and Confirmation, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Bishop's Reception, 12:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*