



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 14, 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 card** from one of our ushers or in the back of a pew.

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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: A Year in Review, *New Parish Hall*

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

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

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

**6 p.m.** High School Youth Group, *Education Building*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

This is an especially poignant Mother's Day for me. The youngest of our four children are our twin daughters. Today, one of them will graduate from The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and tomorrow, the other will graduate from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Our two sons have been settled and working in San Diego and Denver, respectively, for the past couple of years. We have visited each of them within the past few months, and, although we joke that it's hard to keep up with four children in four different time zones, that's more true than it is funny.

At least while the girls (who are actually beautiful young *women*) were still in college, I had the illusion that we had some idea of where they were and what they were doing...that they were in places where, if something happened to them, someone would feel obligated to call us...that they were still tethered to us in some reassuring way. I know from our experience with our sons that that illusion becomes less and less convincing.

The graduations today and tomorrow emphasize that I am now the mother of four grown children. And I worry more than ever about how far away they are, how much about their lives I don't know, and how very little I could control even if I did. I fret more than ever about the things I didn't teach them or tell them or do while they were still under our roof. I pray more than ever that they know how much I love them.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us as well as the disciples that God is present in whatever dwelling place we and those we love find ourselves. His words are especially heartening to me today. God's presence extends to all people and circumstances and places wherever they are and whatever happens to them - and that includes, of course, our beloved children. It is far more comforting than anything I ever did or can do for them. I may not stop worrying, or fretting, or praying, but Jesus's words greatly console me. Whatever you are facing, I hope that they do the same for you.

Weezie Blanchard

**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.

### DO YOU KNOW ST. MARY'S STAFF?

Did you know that accountant **Deedi Trabosh** lived in France for a couple of years and taught English in a French middle school? Did you know administrative assistant **Elizabeth Baker** has two degrees, one in **archaeology and the other in museum studies**? Or did you know interim executive director of church operations **Mike Koschak** is a native Minnesotan and **was the skip of a championship winning curling team**?

Over the past year, St. Mary's welcomed several new staff members. 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. It's a family friendly event - **all ages are welcome!** We'll serve light refreshments and treats. **Please call the church office at (804) 784-5678** to let us know if you plan to come by so we can properly prepare.

### CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

**Today is the last Sunday** to update your photo for St. Mary's directory! We'd love for you to be a part of this project. This morning 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.** There are two opportunities this Wednesday, **May 17 at the Seniors Lunch at 12:15 p.m. and Parish Supper at 5:30 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 **this morning 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.**

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**High School youth group** meets tonight from **6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for pizza and planning!** Please gather in the **pool table room** on the second floor of the Education Building. We'll begin **planning for the upcoming South Dakota mission trip** by discussing upcoming fundraisers and trip logistics. Please bring **\$5 for pizza**. For more information, please email Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

**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.

## WORSHIP

**The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick**, Assistant Bishop, visits St. Mary's **next Sunday, May 21**. Join us at **9 a.m. or 11 a.m. in New St. Mary's** as **he baptizes and confirms those** who are committing and confirming their faith. All are **welcome at the festive reception** following the 11 a.m. service.

**Summer schedule** begins in a few short weeks **on Sunday, May 28**. Until September, St. Mary's will worship at 10 a.m. in New St. Mary's. Please note Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in Little St. Mary's continues throughout the summer.

The service of **Morning Prayer Rite One**, a beloved tradition at St. Mary's, **returns Sunday, June 25** and each second and fourth Sunday of the month at **10 a.m. in New St. Mary's**. Holy Eucharist Rite Two at 10 a.m. in New St. Mary's is celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month.

## FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

**Seniors meet this Wednesday!** Join parishioners of all ages for lunch in the New Parish Hall this **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 this 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.

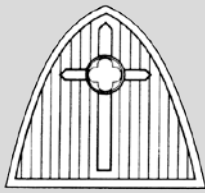
**Downtown Coffee Hour continues this week!** Before you head into the office, join your St. Mary's friends and community for casual conversation, a cup of coffee, and a prayer to start your day. Get to know your clergy, your fellow parishioners, and begin your day on a positive note. **Join Andrew Moore and Karen Huennekens at Pop's Market (415 E Grace Street) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. this 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).

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to **Henly, Mark, Jack, and Davis Deutsch, Ellieblue and Zane Gurkin, Janice, Tyler, and Addison Hagan, Harrison Holmes, Carter Payne, and Rylan Pearsall** for the time and talent that went into the Youth Mission Fundraiser Yard Sale last Saturday. It was a wonderful success and **raised over \$1,500** for youth summer mission trips! And a big thanks to the **generous St. Mary's parishioners who donated** all the excellent items. In addition, **thank you to Michelle Lewis** who prepared a delicious luncheon in appreciation for this year's Sunday school teachers and children's and youth ministries committee members.



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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 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, 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*

#### Monday, May 15

Pastoral Care Team 3, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

#### Tuesday, May 16

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

#### Wednesday, May 17

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*  
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*  
Children's Choir, 5 p.m., *Choir Room*  
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*

#### Saturday, May 20

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

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

Holy Eucharist Rite One with Holy Baptism, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Sunday School and Education Buildings*  
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*

### Coming Up

#### Wednesday, May 24

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training, 5:30 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

#### Thursday, May 25

Finance Committee, 8 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

### Coming Soon

#### Sunday, May 28, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

#### Tuesday, May 30

Vestry Meeting, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

#### Sunday, June 11, First Sunday of Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Parish Brunch in Honor of Dwight Graham, 11 a.m., *New Parish Hall*