



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017

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 a greeter, usher, or a clergy member, and **consider filling out a welcome card.** We invite you to join us on future **Sundays at 10 a.m.** for Eucharist or Morning Prayer, on **Wednesdays for Noonday Prayer at 12 p.m.** in beautiful and quaint Little St. Mary's, 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. Flip the page over to get a sense of what we have going on around St. Mary's.

Nursery

Our nursery is available for **infants through 4-year-olds** from 9:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.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 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.

Would you like to write for us? Contact Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org to learn more.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite One, *New St. Mary's*

11 a.m. Lemonade and Cookies, *New Parish Hall and Terrace*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

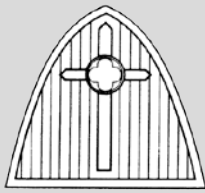
Weezie recently reminded us that this is the time in the church year when we focus on our lives within the church, on striving to become part of the Body of Christ. This calls to my mind 1 Corinthians 12, which reflects on God's gifts to be used in His service: gifts of wisdom, healing, teaching, leadership. As we bid farewell today to our beloved organist and choirmaster Dwight Graham, it is meet and right to celebrate the gifts he has shared with us.

Dwight arrived at St. Mary's 18 years ago as organist, bringing his extraordinary talent and an unparalleled work ethic. No one plays a better service, I'm sorry to tell you! Dwight soon began serving double duty as choirmaster and organist. New to Anglican choral music, he took a deep dive, embracing everything from Byrd to Britten. Under his direction, we have tackled some of the finest musical repertoire our Anglican tradition offers, albeit with varying degrees of success. Irrespective of results, Dwight encouraged us always to rise to the challenges presented and to savor the chance to offer such great music in this worship setting. As Dwight grew into his role as choirmaster, the choir and its ministry at St. Mary's has also grown—we have come a far piece from the women-only volunteer group that sang on occasion in Little St. Mary's years ago. Dwight has left an indelible mark on our music ministry, and the whole parish is grateful for his years of service. This much is obvious.

Less obvious is how, through his enduring and endearing patience, his kind nature and uncommon decency, Dwight has created a singularly rewarding experience for the choir, making each of us feel wholly appreciated as a member of this musical Body of Christ. With every Thursday rehearsal and Sunday service, Dwight showed himself a man of grace and excellent humor, supportive, always prepared, and unflappable in the face of our collective tendency to roam off script. He is a gem. What a gift he has given this happy band of singers in the loft!

It's fitting that we sing one of Dwight's favorites today, C. H. H. Parry's anthem setting of Psalm 122, "I was glad." We are all of us so glad to have had this time with you, Dwight. God be with you, Michelle, and your whole family, till we meet again.

Beth Stephens



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DWIGHT GRAHAM'S LAST SUNDAY

This morning let us all show **our appreciation and thanks for organist and choirmaster Dwight Graham's time and talent** in growing our magnificent choir, expanding our musical horizons, and inviting us to participate in spiritual Choral Evensongs. **Thank you, Dwight!**

***THE DIVINE DANCE* SUMMER READING**

St. Mary's clergy and staff invite you to read *The Divine Dance* by Richard Rohr this summer. *The Divine Dance* presents **further exploration of the Trinity**, "the unending flow of giving and receiving between Father, Son, and Spirit that is the pattern of reality," and what it means for our daily lives. Picking up a copy of St. Mary's summer read is a **great way to stay connected** while you're traveling. All of St. Mary's staff is reading and cannot wait to **provide opportunities to discuss its themes further this fall**. Please pick up a copy in the Café today for \$10.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2018 OUTREACH GALA

Save the date! Mark your calendars now for **April 13, 2018** for a celebration of St. Mary's. **All proceeds will benefit community outreach.** More information to follow soon!

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, June 25, Third Sunday after Pentecost

Dwight Graham's Last Sunday
Morning Prayer Rite One, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *New Parish Hall and Terrace*

Monday, June 26

Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, June 29

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

Saturday, June 24

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

Sunday, July 2, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cake and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *New Parish Hall and Terrace*

Coming Up

Monday, July 3

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 4, Fourth of July

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Sunday, July 9, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Rite One, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *New Parish Hall and Terrace*

Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., *New Parish Hall*