



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 2, 2017**

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## 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](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

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

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

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

In the collect for Independence Day, July 4, we pray these words: "Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace."

In the secular splendor of July 4<sup>th</sup>, hot dogs, and barbecue, it is easy to overlook the gift of a new beginning which God has given us.

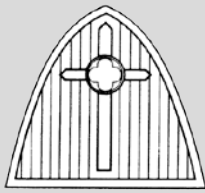
In this time of divisive political rhetoric it is important to honor the freedom each of us enjoys to speak his or her mind. It is also important to be civil in our conversation and to look for common ground with others using the values of righteousness and peace as benchmarks.

It is important to remember that freedom is not free. Over the years our military has stood tall to protect the liberties we enjoy as a free and open society. I am proud of my son, Alex, who was a career Marine. He was a helicopter pilot who served both in Iraq and Afghanistan. Of course, we remember those in the military who gave the last full measure of their lives to defend our national values.

The grace of God has given us this great land. We must never take the gift for granted. We must work so all people in our country can participate in the democratic process, especially the poor and the marginalized.

This July 4<sup>th</sup> our country is 241 years old. In the past we have faced many challenges to our national values. Many more await us because the process of nation building is always a work in process. It will take effort from all of us to move our country forward and to discover a new consensus. This July 4<sup>th</sup> in the midst of our national concerns, let us pause and thank God for the rich legacy which has been passed down to us from 1776.

*Bob Hetherington*



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**Vestry Members:**

- Al Rider**, *Senior Warden*  
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**Joe Cheely**, *Treasurer*  
**Charmaine Trice**, *Register*  
**Karen Huennekens, Fay Lohr, Kim O'Shea, Doug Pera, Betsy Rawles, Bruin Richardson, David Rose, Tom Slater, and Russell Wyatt**

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need lots of volunteers - adults and teens - to make the week run smoothly **from July 10 to July 14**. You can volunteer for one day, two days, or the whole week. Many hands make light work! Please contact Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

**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, 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*

**Monday, July 3**

*Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, July 4, Fourth of July**

*Church Office Closed*

**Wednesday, July 5**

St. Peter's Bible Study and Food Distribution, 8:30 a.m., *St. Peter's Episcopal Church (1719 N. 22nd Street)*  
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

**Saturday, June 24**

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

**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*

**Coming Up**

**Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14**

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

**Monday, July 10**

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

**Tuesday, July 11**

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

**Saturday, July 15 – Saturday, July 22**

High School Mission Trip, *Lakota Sioux Reservation, South Dakota*

**Sunday, July 16, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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