



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 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 is 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*

Do you receive email from us?

Visit stmarysgoochland.org/communications to sign up for weekly updates and news from us.

A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Years ago, a member of my staff participated in a mission trip to Botswana. I admired the way he fully embraced the time and effort to go halfway around the world to help others. However, I never thought I had the time to participate in a similar trip. Ultimately, I never had the faith to act on my good intentions.

Then, I learned about St. Mary's vision trip to Quito, Ecuador. For me, it was like standing on the edge of the high diving board, way out of my comfort zone, and finally jumping off!

The week in Quito stretched me emotionally and spiritually. We visited several different mission sites with an organization called Education Equals Hope (E=H), which works to lift Ecuadorians out of poverty by removing barriers to education through scholarships.

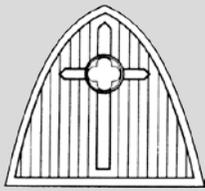
At each site, we split into small groups to meet the families of the students in "home visits". This is where I was impacted the most. The physical poverty was shocking. Families of four to eight people lived in one or two room structures. There was graffiti and barbed wire everywhere. We were indeed in another culture.

At each home, we learned that while these people lived in what we consider extreme poverty, they want the same things that parents in Richmond want for their children – an education and the chance to improve their lives. I learned there is physical, emotional, and spiritual poverty. While the physical poverty is clearly evident in Quito, the strength of conviction and the residents' spirituality is not in question.

So, where does that leave me? When Buck Blanchard preached about missions at St. Mary's, he said that anyone that has taken a mission trip has been transformed. While I can't quite put my finger on it, I am more spiritually aware and more culturally aware of my need to be involved.

St. Mary's is putting together a team to return to Quito in November. I expect to be part of it, and I invite you to join me. Please don't hesitate to ask me anything about our trip or Education Equals Hope. I may not have all the answers, but I guarantee that you will be strengthened spiritually and emotionally. You will be transformed!

Chris Ritrievi



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YOUTH MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

St. Mary's middle school youth and adults will embark on a **mission trip today to a Youth Works Camp in Lincoln County, West Virginia.** Until Friday, July 28, they will assist with **painting, cleaning, yard work, and other projects, as well as lead a VBS program.** This morning we commission this trip and its participants. **Please pray for Zane Gurkin, Add Hagan, Tyler Hagan, Robert Holmes, Jed Johnson, Matt Rawls, Ethan Snow, and Jack Snow** as they prepare for this important opportunity to share God's love and represent St. Mary's in the wider church.

DOWNTOWN COFFEE HOUR

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.** Join Andrew Moore at **Pop's Market (415 E Grace Street) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. this Thursday, July 27.** Come for the full hour or just drop in and say hello! Help us create new spaces for building community and fellowship.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, July 23 – Friday, July 28

Middle School Mission Trip, *Lincoln County, West Virginia*

Sunday, July 23, Seventh 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 24

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

Tuesday, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 26

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

Thursday, July 27

Downtown Coffee Hour, 8 a.m., *Pop's Market (415 E. Grace St.)*

Saturday, July 29

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

Sunday, July 30, Eighth 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*