



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 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. Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*

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

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

When I was growing up, I spent a week each summer at summer camp for the Diocese of Northern Indiana. It was held at Howe Military School's campground. Looking back, I think that the facilities might have been held together by duct tape, bubble gum, and prayers. But to me, it was a magical place. We sang and played games and swam and sweated and praised God.

Camp was where I learned that worship could be playful. Camp was where I discovered that priests could be silly. Camp was where I was able to simply be myself and where I developed friendships that have lasted and grown to this day. Camp was where the knowledge of God's abundant love for me was cemented in my heart.

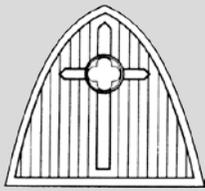
As soon as I was old enough I started working at camp. I fell in love with it in entirely new ways. Being able to provide others with the magical experience of camp and help them discover God's love undoubtedly set me squarely on the path to becoming a priest. I've had the privilege of working at camps in Indiana, Chicago, Tennessee, and now Virginia.

I spent last week as the chaplain for a camp at Shrine Mont. It was the first time I'd been at camp in several years and the first time I worked at a camp since I became a priest. We sang songs that I learned as an 8-year-old camper. We prayed and played and swam and hiked. We told the stories of how we knew God at camp and in our lives. We talked about how we create sacred space at Shrine Mont and in the "real world."

Being back in that environment, one that was both new to me and so very familiar, stirred something in my soul. I felt a very strong connection to the 8-year-old Andrew who was just beginning to understand the powerful presence of God in his life and in his heart. And it felt as though something was being fulfilled within me, something that God had begun all those years ago.

Camp is truly one of my sacred spaces, a place where I feel God's presence so closely. Camp shaped my soul in ways that I continue to discover. It was a blessing to be back at camp and share with a new group of young people that there is plenty of space in God's kingdom for playfulness, for wonder and awe, for searching questions, and for priests who are silly.

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OUTREACH GRANT RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT

St. Mary's Outreach Committee and Vestry are excited to announce that **Gateway Homes, Inc.** is one of this year's St. Mary's outreach grant recipients. Gateway Homes' mission is to **provide mental health services in a residential setting.** Their **\$1,980 grant will assist in purchasing much needed and necessary personal items.** Two individuals, who suffer from severe mental illness, are moving from state hospitals into Gateway's residential care. With the grant funds, they will be able to purchase **everything from bedding to shoes, clothing, and toiletries.** To find out more about Gateway Homes, Inc., other outreach partners, the grant application process, and more, contact Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org.

ACOLYTES NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Matt Rawls is calling all acolytes to sign-up for the remaining Sundays this summer. Please email Matt at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org to sign up for the 10 a.m. service.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SEARCH UPDATE

The search for our new Director of Music is in full swing! We have **received almost 30 resumes** so far from candidates all over the country. It's been exciting to see the caliber of musicians that are interested in joining us at St. Mary's. Even as **we continue to accept submissions for another two weeks**, the search committee has begun evaluating applications and interviewing the top prospects. In the coming weeks, we will invite some of those candidates to spend further time with our clergy and staff, demonstrate their organ playing abilities, and direct a rehearsal of the choir. **We look forward to finding the right fit for St. Mary's and then welcoming a new Director of Music in the fall!** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andrew Moore.

This Week at St. Mary's

- 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*
Tuesday, August 1
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*
Wednesday, August 2
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Saturday, August 5
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*
Sunday, August 6, Ninth 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, August 7
Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*