

# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 10, 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.** Open House, *New Parish Hall*  
**11 a.m.** Morning Prayer Rite One, *New St. Mary's*  
**Noon** Parish Picnic, *Terrace and Churchyard*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

As many of you know, I am reluctant to say good bye to summer. I love the long days and the bright light. I don't mind the heat, and I appreciate the slower pace. I am not one of those people who looks forward to fall colors and football and the other so-called consolations of the season.

But this year is different. I am so excited about the fall ahead at St. Mary's. All summer long, St. Mary's staff, Vestry, and parishioners have been talking about what makes St. Mary's such a unique and wonderful part of the Body of Christ – our founding and long history as a mission church; our beautiful buildings and grounds; our resurgent interest in education, spiritual formation, and the intersection of current events and our faith; and our longtime focus on families, fellowship, and outreach. These are not separate and distinct qualities, but all a part of what makes the story of who we are at St. Mary's so unique and inviting.

This fall we'll begin a year-long focus on telling the many aspects of our story. Through an Adult Forum focus on scripture, Bible and book studies, and the exciting CARAVAN exhibition, we'll explore who we are and how we live as Christians today. Through a Sunday School focus on the lectionary, confirmation, inquirers' classes, and increased opportunities for participation in liturgy and other lay ministries, we'll learn what makes us unique as Episcopalians. We'll celebrate fellowship and outreach especially as we prepare throughout the year for the outreach gala, "Telling Our Stories...Past, Present, and Future" next April, where we'll honor Isabel Souder Correll, whose story is interwoven with St. Mary's story, and thus with all of ours.

Your part of the story is vital to who we are as Christians, Episcopalians, and St. Mary's. We look forward to sharing in it.

And that's why I'm so excited about fall at St. Mary's.

*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, an usher, or one of our clergy, and **consider filling out a welcome card**. 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.

### **FALL KICKOFF AND PARISH PICNIC TODAY!**

We are excited you are with us today to kickoff our fall programs! **Please join us at 10 a.m. for an Open House in the New Parish Hall**. Stop by different tables to find out how to participate in the vibrant life of St. Mary's. Here you can **learn more about the following opportunities:**

- ❖ Altar Guild
- ❖ CARITAS
- ❖ Children's Choir
- ❖ Children's Ministry Committee
- ❖ Adult Choir
- ❖ Hospitality
- ❖ The Fellowship Committee
- ❖ Lectionary Bible Study
- ❖ Outreach Committee
- ❖ Pastoral Care Teams
- ❖ Prayer Shawl
- ❖ Seniors Group
- ❖ Spiritual Formation and Adult Education
- ❖ St. Clare's Guild
- ❖ Youth Ministries Committee

During this time, children and youth can attend Sunday School. **After the 11 a.m. service**, we'll celebrate the new year with a Parish Picnic! **The Carytown Burgers and Fries food truck and King of Pops will be here for this fun, family-friendly, and FREE event!**

### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION**

Back by popular demand, the **men's spiritual practice group** will meet weekly for a **five-week session beginning on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 a.m.** in the Old Parish Hall. Led by Bob Hetherington, the gathering is an opportunity to deepen faith and is open to men of all ages.

The weekly **Lectionary Bible Study** led by parishioner and University of Richmond Professor Frank Eakin begins again this fall on **Wednesday, September 13 at 10 a.m. in the Library**. Each Bible study session focuses on the Lectionary readings assigned for the succeeding Sunday. **Anyone who is interested is invited** to attend and participate in this vibrant discussion.

This summer, St. Mary's clergy and staff invited you to read *The Divine Dance* by **Richard Rohr**. Now, plan to join **Andrew Moore for three Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** beginning September 13 or **Weezie Blanchard for three Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.** beginning September 14 as we delve into its themes and what they mean for our daily lives.

**Women of all ages** are invited to join parishioner Brantley Holmes for a **six-week women's spiritual practice on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, September 21** This new opportunity is a 45-minute Bible study centered around that week's lectionary reading. The practice ends with a peaceful service of **Compline in Little St. Mary's at 8:15 p.m.**

## BEYOND BRIDGES

From October 1-November 12, St. Mary's will host "Beyond Bridges," a traveling exhibition featuring 21 works of premier Christian, Muslim, and Jewish contemporary artists. The exhibition is organized by CARAVAN, a peacebuilding arts nonprofit led by the Reverend Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler. **Hear Paul-Gordon preach on Sunday, October 1** at the 9 and 11 a.m. services and join him during adult forum for a discussion of his new book, *In Search of a Prophet: A Spiritual Journey with Kahlil Gibran*.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Sunday School starts today!** Sunday School classes are offered for children ages 4 - 5th grade at 10 a.m. throughout the school year. Each week the **kids learn about the Gospel story** (or a significant Old Testament story) that they will hear in worship. **If you are interested in learning more about or registering for Sunday School**, contact our Director of Children's Ministries, Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

**We're back!** Sunday School and Youth Group for high school and middle school students starts this morning.

- ❖ **6-7th Grade:** Sunday School for 6-7th grade students will meet at 10 a.m. the first four Sundays of every month. Middle School Youth Group (6-8th grade) will gather first and third Sunday afternoons each month.
- ❖ **Confirmation:** Confirmation is for any student in 8th grade or above. Spread out over 24 classes on the first, second, and third Sunday mornings of each month at 10 a.m. We will learn about the history of our faith, as well as the history of the Episcopal Church and of St. Mary's, and we will learn what it means to have the opportunity to say "Yes! Amen!" to the gift of Baptism.
- ❖ **8th Grade:** 8th Grade Youth Group will meet on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons each month.
- ❖ **High School:** High School Students meet at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Sunday mornings each month and gather for youth group second and fourth Wednesdays each month.

For more information, please email Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org)

**Acolyte Training!** Next Sunday, **September 17 at 12:15 p.m.** in New St. Mary's, Matt Rawls will train acolytes to minister as crucifers, Gospel bearers, and communion assistants and helpers. **All students in grades 6-12** who are interested in participating in our liturgy are invited and encouraged to attend. **Please email Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org)** if you plan to attend.

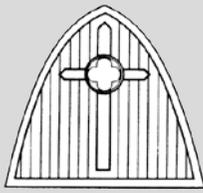
## PARISH LIFE

**Do you love to needlepoint or would you like to learn how?** Are you in search of a quick and purposeful project? The St. Clare's Guild needs you! Stitchers of all abilities (even brand new stitchers) are invited to our first meeting on **Wednesday, September 13 at 10 a.m. in the Dover Lounge**. We will start on a new and simple needlepoint project for the sanctuary. Already working on a project and just want to come and sit and stitch with friends? You are welcome to join in. For more information please contact Nancy Ritter at [nancym.ritter@gmail.com](mailto:nancym.ritter@gmail.com) or Anne McCoy at [ritterah@gmail.com](mailto:ritterah@gmail.com).

Current **Altar Guild members** and those interested in joining are **invited to a fall brunch**. Please join rector Weezie Blanchard and Altar Guild co-chairs Betty Rinehardt, Joanie Robins, and Sue Thompson on **Saturday, September 30 at 8:30 a.m.** as they present a refresher course on Altar Guild procedures followed by a delicious brunch. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678 or [ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org).

## MUSIC

**St. Mary's welcomes our new Director of Music!** The Rev. Weezie Blanchard is pleased to announce that **Ryan Tibbetts has joined the staff** of St. Mary's as Director of Music. Ryan served most recently as interim organist and choirmaster at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church and **he directs the Central Virginia Masterworks Chorale** and the Richmond Concert Chorale. The search committee was impressed by both Ryan's musical talents and the enthusiasm he brings as we seek to expand our already excellent music program. Ryan holds a DM in choral conducting from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. **We look forward to introducing Ryan to the parish this fall.**



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**Doug Pera**, **Betsy Rawles**, **Bruin Richardson**,  
**David Rose**, **Tom Slater**, and **Russell Wyatt**

**This Week at St. Mary's**

**Monday, September 11**

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

**Tuesday, September 12**

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

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

**Wednesday, September 13**

St. Clare's Guild, 10 a.m., *Dover Lounge*

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*

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

Children's Choir, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*

*The Divine Dance* Book Study with Andrew Moore, 6:30 p.m.,  
*Library*

**Thursday, September 14**

Kitchen Clean-up, 8:30 a.m., *Kitchen*

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9:15 a.m., *Dover Lounge*

*The Divine Dance* Book Study with Weezie Blanchard, 10 a.m.,  
*Library*

Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

**Saturday, September 16**

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

**Sunday, September 17, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

Adult Forum: Youth Mission Presentation, 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*

Acolyte and Usher Training, 12:15 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

**Coming Up**

**Wednesday, September 20**

St. Peter's Bible Study and Food Distribution, 8:30 a.m., *St. Peter's Episcopal Church*

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

**Thursday, September 21**

Finance Committee, 8 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Downtown Coffee Hour, 8 a.m., *Pop's Market*

Women's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

**CONNECT WITH US!**

- ❖ **New to St. Mary's?** First time or returning visitor? Please help us get to know you by filling out a **welcome card** found in the back of every pew.
- ❖ **Need a nametag?** Please **sign up for one** in the back of the church or make a temporary one. If you already have one, **please remember to wear it** to help make St. Mary's a warm, welcoming place.
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