



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2017

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 Nursery Assistant 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

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. Adult Forum: In Search of a Prophet, *New Parish Hall*

10 a.m. *Rising Strong* Book Study, *Library*

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

Noon Reception in Honor of Paul-Gordon Chandler, *Terrace*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Do You Believe?

I have long been a believer.

As long as I can remember, I have believed that I have a responsibility to leave this world a bit better than it was before I got here. I believe that I have a responsibility to help those less fortunate than myself. I believe in surrounding myself with other individuals who also believe that character and positive values matter. I believe that local communities are best equipped to serve the needs of their local community. I believe in supporting the neighbors who support me. I believe that each of us has limitless positive potential and the power to change our lives and those around us for the better. I believe that my actions matter. Henry and I both believe that we should instill these beliefs in our children and raise them to be kind, thoughtful, and loving.

We believe that St. Mary's is an ideal community to foster and support these beliefs. Over the course of the past twenty or so years that we have been members of the St. Mary's family, we have gladly shared our time, treasure, and talents to deepen our faith. Whether it is through...

Worship around the beautiful grounds ...

Spiritual Education programs for adults and children ...

Music that brightens even the darkest days ...

Pastoral Care when faced with some of life's greatest difficulties ...

Fellowship such as Supper Club which is one of our all-time favorites ...

Outreach to serve our most needful citizens ...

Children & Youth Programs provided by our outstanding staff ...

St. Mary's provides a wonderful, nourishing environment for our spirits to soar. I believe these are the reasons our family gives joyfully to St. Mary's.

What is it that you believe?

Mark Deutsch

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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, 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.

ST. MARY'S WELCOMES THE REV. CANON PAUL-GORDON CHANDLER

This morning, **St. Mary's welcomes The Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler**, an Episcopal priest, author, art curator, interfaith advocate, and authority on Christian-Muslim relations, **as a guest preacher at the 9 and 11 a.m. services**. Also, **join him during Adult Forum at 10 a.m. for a discussion of his new book, *In Search of a Prophet: A Spiritual Journey with Kahlil Gibran*** (pick up a copy in the Café). During Adult Forum, he will take listeners on a fascinating journey through the all-embracing spirituality of Kahlil Gibran, the early 20th century Lebanese-American poet, artist, and mystic. Paul-Gordon explores how Kahlil Gibran, a supreme East-West figure, can be a **much-needed guide in the midst of today's global challenges** related to peace, harmony, and building bridges between the creeds of the Middle East and West.

"BEYOND BRIDGES" EXHIBIT

Until November 12, **St. Mary's is honored to 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. As it says on the organization's website, "It is more critical than ever that '**creative bridges of dialogue**' be built enabling us to walk across to meet **our neighbor on the other side**...The ultimate objective of the exhibition is for it to serve as an 'encounter point,' encouraging and enabling new relationships to be made across religions and cultures." **St. Mary's invites individuals and groups to tour the exhibition Monday-Friday**, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. To schedule a weekday visit, contact Elizabeth Baker at (804)784-5678, or ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Annual Giving Campaign is in full swing! If you haven't **picked up a pledge card or a Narrative Budget** they are available at the back of the church or by the bulletin board in the Café. **If you have any questions**, there is a "Pledging Frequently Asked Questions" information sheet by the bulletin board and on the website. Each week, the Annunciation will feature a reflection from a member about how their "**Gift Opens the Way**" at St. Mary's. If you'd like to **share your story** email Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org. Turn in your pledge cards by mail or by placing in the offertory **by November 13**. You can also pledge online at stmarysgoochland.org/pledge, email Mike Koschak at mkoschak@stmarysgoochland.org or call (804) 784-5678. Thank you!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Join Tracy Harvey on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in October beginning this morning in the Library as she leads a **book study using Brené Brown's book *Rising Strong*** and audio book *Rising Strong as a Spiritual Practice*. Brown offers an in-depth **exploration of this critical and often-misunderstood aspect of wholehearted living**. She defines spirituality as something not reliant on religion, theology, or dogma - rather, it is a belief in our interconnectedness and in a loving force greater than ourselves. Whether you access the sacred through traditional worship, solitary meditation, communion with nature, or creative pursuits, one thing is clear: **Rising strong after falling is a spiritual practice** that brings a sense of perspective, meaning, and purpose to our lives.

Faith and Film series: Where do we see our lives reflected in film? How can we understand our faith through the lens of popular culture? Join Andrew Moore on **Wednesday evenings in October at 6:30 p.m.** for a movie and discussion. This Wednesday we will watch *Hacksaw Ridge*. Then we'll watch *A Man for All Seasons* on October 11, *Inside Out* on October 18, and *Groundhog Day* on October 25. Feel free to bring your dinner to enjoy during the film. Popcorn will be provided.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Today kicks off Lego Sundays! This morning the first and second grade Sunday School class meets in the block room to use our new **Lego building center!** Sunday School will use Legos throughout the year for kids to recreate Bible stories they have heard.

6th and 7th Grade Youth Group is back today! We'll meet at the church from **4:30-6:00 p.m. this afternoon for fun, fellowship, food (snacks), and faith development** - and probably some more alliterative awesomeness! This group is open to all 6th & 7th graders. **Friends and newcomers are always welcome!** Since the weather is projected to be beautiful, expect a lot of outdoor activities! For more information, please contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

High School Youth Group starts TODAY, October 1! This group will meet the **first and third Sunday evenings of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Pool Table Room** of the Education Building. We will begin **discussing our plans for our mission trip next summer**, but before that we will take some time to talk about last summer! We'll spend some time with pictures and videos from South Dakota, and all other adventures are welcome and wanted! Also, **please bring \$5 for pizza and soda.** For more information, please contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

PARISH LIFE

A delicious **Parish Breakfast for all ages is served next Sunday, October 8** beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the New Parish Hall. Service is rolling so come anytime between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. **Suggested donation of \$4/person**, maximum of \$15/family. **Menu includes:** ham, scrambled eggs, cheese grits, "St. Mary's" cinnamon rolls, biscuits, and fresh fruit.

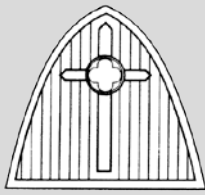
Blessing of the Animals is next Sunday, October 8 at 3 p.m.! We are not saying it will make your animals better or more well-behaved...but it can't hurt. **Bring your animals** (dogs, cats, horses, goats, chickens, lizards, birds, stuffed animals, etc...) to the Church Yard in front of New St. Mary's to be blessed. Stay for treats—for yourselves and your animals—on the Terrace afterward (in case of rain, we'll gather in New St. Mary's for the blessing and the New Parish Hall for treats). **Please be sure to secure your pet safely**, on a leash or in a proper carrying case.

Seniors (well, adults of all ages) meet on the second Tuesday of the month! Join parishioners of all ages for lunch in the New Parish Hall on Tuesday, October 10 at 12 p.m. This month's speaker is **Director of The Valentine Museum, Bill Martin**, and St. Mary's Parishioner and Board Chair of The Valentine Museum, **Marjorie Grier**. Bill and Marjorie will speak about the history of the museum and the strength of its programs. **Suggested donation is \$5 and all ages are welcome!** Please RSVP to Elizabeth Baker at ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org or (804)-784-5678.

HAPPENING IN GOOCHLAND, RICHMOND, AND BEYOND

You're invited to the **31st Annual Weinstein-Rosenthal Forum on Faith, Ethics, and Global Society**. Join community members and St. Mary's parishioners **tomorrow, October 2 at 7 p.m. in the Alice Jepson Theatre** at the University of Richmond to hear **Krista Tippett**, author, journalist, broadcaster and host of public radio show and podcast, [On Being](#), share "**how we can all begin to create the conversations we want to be hearing** where we live and how communities of faith bring important wisdom to this 21st century calling." No registration necessary.

Westminster Canterbury Richmond invites all community members to their **Live Life Well RVA Symposium: Exploring Healthy Aging on Wednesday, October 25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.** "Imagine an RVA where all neighbors live life well. Leaders will share ways to improve the lives of all citizens, particularly those entering elderhood, as we explore healthy aging in our region." **RSVP by October 10** to blowe@wcrichmond.org or call (804) 264-6066.



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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, October 1, Seventeenth 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: The Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Reception with Paul-Gordon Chandler, 12 p.m., *Terrace*
Youth Ministries Committee, 12:15 p.m., *Library*
6th & 7th Grade Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building*
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Monday, October 2

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Tuesday, October 3

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

Wednesday, October 4

St. Peter's Bible Study and Food Distribution, 8:30 a.m., *St. Peter's Episcopal Church*
Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Children's Choir, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Faith & Film: Hacksaw Ridge, 6:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Thursday, October 5

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

Saturday, October 7

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

Sunday, October 8, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
Adult Forum, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Rising Strong Book Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*
Blessing of the Animals, 3 p.m., *Terrace*
8th Grade Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Coming Up

Tuesday, October 10

Seniors Lunch, 12 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Wednesday, October 11

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild, 10 a.m., *Dover Lounge*
Faith & Film: A Man for All Seasons, 6:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Thursday, October 12

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Sunday, October 15, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

6th & 7th Grade Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building*
Choral Evensong, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's*
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Wednesday, October 18

Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*