

THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 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: *The Path, New Parish Hall*

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

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

Noon Cookies and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*

5 p.m. Choral Evensong, *New St. Mary's*

Do you receive email from us?

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

A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Thankfulness is what I feel about St. Mary's. As newcomers, we would like to thank the clergy, staff, and congregation for the warm welcome we have received. We came from an Episcopal church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, which pulled us in and showed us the value and joy in participating in our church community. It was one of the greatest blessings we had in our former home. Less than two years ago when we transferred to St. Mary's, you pulled us in and put us to work. Consequently, we are feeling welcomed and appreciated in our new church home. Keep doing this. You are good at it and it is powerful!

A welcoming spirit is one of the most attractive attributes anyone or any church can have. We all know the insecurity of being "new," and we remember the names of those who include and encourage us, whether it is at school, work, or at church. It is the foundation of trust, and I believe that love does not grow without it. Already, we feel safe here.

St. Mary's has a bright, open, positive feel to it, and it is not just because of your beautiful sanctuary. The people I meet (please wear your nametag) seem relaxed and happy in their faith. This happy faith spills over in their generosity of time, talent, and treasure, all of which contribute to this great community of faith. Each is important and vital to the health of our church. The more time I spend with God in His community, the more I want to use whatever talents I have to enrich our community. I can't help but feel thankful to have a loving place to worship, create friendships, and strengthen my faith. All this leads my heart to want to share my treasures.

Geoff, Henry, and I look forward to getting to know all of you better as we continue our spiritual journey at St. Mary's.

Patsy Simril

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG THIS EVENING

Join us for a **service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m.** in New St. Mary's. The Adult Choir will offer music as part of this **contemplative service of readings, prayer, and song**. Repertoire includes the "St. Paul's" Magnificat and Nunc dimittis by Herbert Howells, Preces and Responses by Thomas Tallis, and music by Felix Mendelssohn and Mark Templeton.

"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. **Rector Weezie Blanchard will lead tours of the exhibit on Thursday, October 26 at 10 a.m. and during the Adult Forum on Sunday, November 5. 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!

St. Mary's children are invited to participate in stewardship as well! **Continuing this morning at the 11:00 a.m. service**, children are invited to **come forward and place their offering in plates** held by children ushers at the front of the church. They may choose to bring forward a **"My Offering this Week"** card which allows them to write or draw about a way they shared their time or talent or an act of kindness during the week along with **their monetary offering** or just by itself. **Learning about stewardship is a lifelong process**. Our hope is that this new tradition will help them understand **how all they do and give can be an offering to God**.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

As we continue to explore how we at St. Mary's Tell Our Story, a **series of Adult Forums** this fall will go back to the bedrock of our faith. **Using the book *The Path*** we'll delve into the earliest stories from the Old Testament. What have we forgotten from our Sunday School stories? **Join Andrew Moore this morning at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall as we kick off the series with Chapter 3, "The Ancestor of a Multitude"** where we'll acquaint ourselves with Abraham, the father of three great faith traditions. Read the chapter in preparation, or just come and join us for lively conversation. Pick up a copy of *The Path* for \$15 in the Café.

Join Tracy Harvey on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in October 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. No matter how you access the sacred 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: Join Andrew Moore on Wednesday evenings in October at 6:30 p.m. for a movie and discussion. **This Wednesday people of all ages are invited to watch *Inside Out*** following the Parish Supper. This poignant and entertaining film help us think about how our emotions shape our personalities and the way we experience the world. Popcorn will be provided.

Join us for a special Adult Forum titled "Exploring Islam: Faith and Practice" on Sunday, October 22 with guest speakers, Zeyneb and Salih Sayilgan. Zeyneb Sayilgan is Visiting Assistant Professor of Islamic Theology and Religious Pluralism at Virginia Theological Seminary. Salih Sayilgan is pursuing his doctorate in Religion and Culture at the Catholic University of America in D.C. He was the first Muslim exchange student at Virginia Theological Seminary from 2008-2009. **At 10 a.m. next Sunday, Zeynebg and Salih will provide a basic introduction to the essentials of Islam** by explaining the six foundational beliefs and the five basic rituals as outlined in the Qur'an - Islam's Holy Scripture. They will **focus on the role, themes and significance of the Qur'an for Muslims and its difference to the Bible.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

6th & 7th Youth Group is back today with go-karts! Meet at G-Force Karts (4245 Carolina Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222) from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for fun, fellowship, faith, and fast karts! This group is open to all 6th & 7th graders. **Friends are always welcome!** For more information, please contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

High School Youth Group meets this afternoon for go-karts! Meet at G-Force Karts (4245 Carolina Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222) **from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** For more information, please contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

The **PYM Senior High Shrine Mont Retreat** is coming up the first weekend in November! **November 3-5, all high school students are invited to head up to the Shrine Mont Retreat Center.** The weekend retreat is put on by the Parish Youth Ministry Committee - a group of 9th-12th grade students from around the diocese. The **cost is \$200 per student** (\$150 fee + \$50 for transportation/chaperones). **The deadline to sign up is Monday, October 23.** For more information, please contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

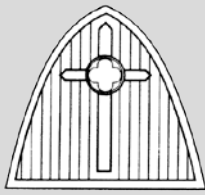
PARISH LIFE

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 at **Pop's Market** (415 E. Grace Street) from **8 a.m. to 9 a.m. this Thursday, October 19.** Come for the full hour or just drop in and say hello! Help us create new spaces for building community and fellowship.

Parish Suppers are back! Join us for a family-friendly **Oktoberfest feast** beginning at 5:30 p.m. Service is rolling so come at anytime! This month stay for a showing of a **special feature film *Inside Out* beginning at 6:30 p.m.** **Suggested donation is \$8 per person or \$25 per family. All ages are welcome!** Please RSVP to Elizabeth Baker at ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org or (804)-784-5678 or through the sign-up genius online.

MUSIC

It's not too late to join the children's choir! It is a great way for kids to develop their musical abilities and contribute to worship. **Open to kids ages 5 years through 5th grade,** the children's choir rehearses on **Wednesday evenings in the Choir Suite at 5 p.m.** Upcoming performances include All Saints' Sunday (November 5), Children's Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve. For more information, contact Adam Bailey at abailey1017@gmail.com.



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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, October 15, Nineteenth 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 Path*, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Rising Strong Book Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*
6th & 7th Grade Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *G-Force Karts*
Choral Evensong, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's*
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., *G-Force Karts*

Monday, October 16

Pastoral Care Team 3, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Wednesday, October 18

St. Peter's Bible Study and Food Distribution, 8:30 a.m., *St. Peter's Episcopal Church*
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*
Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Children's Choir, 5 p.m., *Choir Suite*
Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*
Faith & Film: *Inside Out*, 6:30 p.m., *Dover Lounge*

Thursday, October 19

Downtown Coffee Hour, 8 a.m., *Pop's Market*
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., *Library*
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Saturday, October 21

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

Sunday, October 22, Twentieth 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: Exploring Islam: Faith and Practice, 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*
8th Grade Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Coming Up

Wednesday, October 25

Faith & Film: *Groundhog Day*, 6:30 p.m., *Dover Lounge*

Thursday, October 26

Finance Committee, 8 a.m., *Rector's Study*
"Beyond Bridges" Exhibit Tour, 10 a.m., *Dover Lounge*
Outreach Gala Committee, 12 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Tuesday, October 31

Vestry, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*