



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**All Saints' Sunday**

**November 5, 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 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](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.** "Beyond Bridges" Exhibit Tour, *New Parish Hall and the Dover Lounge*

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

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

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Teaching our children about God's call to share our time, talent, and treasure in our community is a never-ending process. It is something that we as adults continue to grow into as well. We want our children to understand the importance of not only monetary donations to the church but also how they use their time and talents in the world to help others in God's name.

In the past, the children made contributions to the church in their Sunday School classrooms or in the plate as it was passed in church. This year we are trying something new. At the offertory the children are invited to come forward to place their own offerings in plates that are held by young ushers. They can bring forward a monetary donation that will go into the general fund of the church. They may also bring forward a card that is found in the boxes where the worship bags are contained. On these cards, they can draw or write about a way they made an offering of time or talent during the week. *A time they helped a friend. A time they shared their snack or lunch with another. A donation of cans to the food bank.* We want them to grow to understand that all of what we do can be an offering to God.

This week's video reflection is by one of our young students, Rainey Trice. Please check out St. Mary's YouTube channel to watch the video. Her words are a powerful reminder about the impact that belonging to the St. Mary's community can have on all our lives. Her sense of commitment to our community is an inspiration for those of all ages. As she reminds us at the end, St. Mary's is a wonderful place for life. That could not happen without the generosity of all.

*Amelia McDaniel*

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**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.

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: THE UNOFFICIAL ST. MARY'S CHEAT SHEET

### What is All Saints' Day?

Each year on November 1, the Episcopal Church celebrates All Saints' Day. In the New Testament, the word "saints" is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community, but the term "saint" soon was understood to refer to especially holy and pious people. Technically then, All Saints' Day, includes all Christians who have died (however, there has been a strong inclination to remember and honor our personal loved ones on a separate day, which the Catholic Church and the Church of England designated as All Souls' Day, November 2, or the day following All Saints'. The Book of Common Prayer recognizes this day as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.).

### Who are the saints that we celebrate?

All those loved ones in our St. Mary's family who have died, for one (which is why we read the long list of names during our prayers), and those who have lived in God's light in ages far past. At the 11 a.m. service, our children have chosen to represent St. Francis, known particularly for his commitment to the poor and love for animals; St. Catherine, known for her artistic gifts; St. Luke; and St. Mary. On this day each year, we remember how the Christian story includes many characters and how we all have a unique part to play in the unfolding of God's work in history. We today are connected to the entire community of saints who have come before us.

### Why are there often baptisms on All Saints' Day?

We are baptizing new Christians to welcome into the community of saints.

## "BEYOND BRIDGES" EXHIBIT

**Only one more week of "Beyond Bridges,"** a traveling exhibition featuring 21 works of premier Christian, Muslim, and Jewish contemporary artists. **Join Rector Weezie Blanchard this morning at 10 a.m. in the Dover Lounge on a tour of the exhibit during the Adult Forum.** 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](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org).

## PARISH LIFE

**Join Rector Weezie Blanchard, Senior Warden Al Rider, and Junior Warden Tracey Ragsdale in the Adult Forum on Sunday, November 12 at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall to ask questions and learn more about the Blanchard's move to Colorado and the upcoming transition to a new rector.** Copies of the full letters from the Rector and Senior Warden are available in the back of the church and the front office. In the meantime, **please feel free to call or email** Weezie at (804) 784-5678 or [wblanchard@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:wblanchard@stmarysgoochland.org) or Al at [arider3@gmail.com](mailto:arider3@gmail.com) or (804) 784-4388.

## FELLOWSHIP

Due to popular demand, **we expanded coffee hour to the West End!** 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 **ShoreDog Cafe (435B North Ridge Road) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. this Thursday, November 9.** Come for the full hour or just drop in and say hello! Help us create new spaces for building community and fellowship.

**Parish Breakfast** will be served next **Sunday, November 12 beginning at 9:30 a.m.** These meals are fun and delicious for all ages! Suggested donation of \$4/person, maximum of \$15/family.

St. Mary's seniors (well, adults of all ages) are welcomed to the **second Seniors Lunch of the fall.** Join parishioners of all ages for a delicious lunch and engaging program on **Tuesday, November 14 at 12 p.m. in the New Parish Hall.** This month, **we welcome Richard Luck** of Luck Companies and co-founder of UnBoundRVA, **Sarah Williams**, Executive Director of UnBoundRVA, and entrepreneur **Clarence Bassett**, owner of Cut-close Lawn Care. Together, **they will share about the founding, growth, and impact of UnBoundRVA**, a nonprofit organization that empowers individuals from low-income communities with a path to entrepreneurship. **Please RSVP to Elizabeth Baker** at (804) 784-5678 or [ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org).

## OUTREACH

**Grab a bag to fill with Thanksgiving pantry** items to help our neighbors in Goochland County this Thanksgiving. The list of items needed is stapled to the bag. **Please return to the New Parish Hall by Sunday, November 19.** All bags go to Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services' food pantry. **Find the bags in the back of New St. Mary's, Little St. Mary's, and the Dover Lounge.** And thank you to all the Sunday School students who colored the bags! For more information, contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org).

## STEWARDSHIP

**We are more than halfway through the Annual Giving Campaign!** Our annual giving campaign is the time to renew your relationships, revive your faith, and help us to continue to grow our parish's opportunities and missions through your time, talent, and treasure. As of Wednesday, October 25, **over 150 households have pledged totaling \$496,709.** **Please help us reach our goal of \$1,150,000!** Please help us reach our goal. **Next week is the ingathering**, please place your pledge card in the offertory **on Sunday, November 12.** If you have any questions or need more information, please **contact Mike Koschak** at (804) 784-5678 or [mkoschak@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mkoschak@stmarysgoochland.org).

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

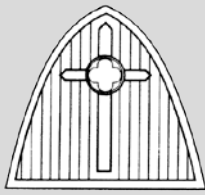
As we continue to explore how we at St. Mary's tell our story, a series of Adult Forums this fall will go back to the bedrock of our faith. **Using the book *The Path*, we'll delve into the earliest stories from the Old Testament.** What have we forgotten from Sunday School? How can a nuanced understanding inform our faith journeys? **Join Weezie Blanchard on Sunday, November 19 and Andrew Moore on Sunday, November 26** as we look at the stories of Moses and the Judges. Read chapter 5 and 8 of *The Path* in preparation or just join us for lively conversation. **Pick up a copy of *The Path* for \$15 in the Café.**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Calling all seamstresses or really just anyone with a sewing machine!** It may be a little early to start thinking about Christmas, but we are **working on sprucing up some of our Christmas Lessons and Carols costumes.** If you are willing to pull out your sewing machine to help us construct some simple tunics and costumes this fall, **please call Amelia McDaniel** at (804) 784-5678 or email at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org).

## VOTE FAITHFULLY

This is a friendly reminder that **elections are this Tuesday, November 7.** Episcopalians can live out our call to care for our neighbors as ourselves by engaging in the public square. **Official Episcopal policy recognizes voting and political participation as acts of Christian stewardship.** A faithful commitment to political participation aligns with our Baptismal Covenant's promise to "strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being." As Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry said, "Indeed, we who follow in the Way of Jesus of Nazareth are summoned to participate actively as reflections of our faith in the civil process."



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

**Sunday, November 5, All Saints' Sunday**

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*

"Beyond Bridges" Exhibit Tour, 10 a.m., *Dover Lounge*

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

Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

Children's Ministry Committee, 12:30 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

**Monday, November 6**

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

**Tuesday, November 7, Election Day**

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

**Wednesday, November 8**

Ecuador Mission Team Returns

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

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

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

**Thursday, November 9**

West End Coffee Hour, 8 a.m., *ShoreDog Café*

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

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

**Saturday, November 11**

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

**Sunday, November 12**

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*

Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Adult Forum: Q&A with the Rector and Wardens, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

Youth Ministries Committee, 12:15 p.m., *Library*

**Coming Up**

**Tuesday, November 14**

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

**Wednesday, November 15**

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

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church*

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

**Thursday, November 16**

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

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