



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 12, 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*

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

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

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

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

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

Do you receive email from us?

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

A WEEKLY REFLECTION

We love witnessing how *our gifts open the way* at St. Mary's to life-transforming ministries at our church, and in our local community, state, and around the globe. Over the past six weeks you have heard from different parishioners about their Stewardship journeys and what St. Mary's means to them and their families.

Since the beginning of this year, your gifts have opened the way by accompanying parishioners on a retreat to the Society of St. John the Evangelist; sponsoring youth weekends at Shrine Mont Retreat Center; sending staff, parishioners, and youth on four different mission trips around the world; hosting a CARITAS shelter for homeless families; mailing hundreds of cards to families with new babies, ill family members, familial losses, and birthdays through our pastoral care teams; offering a fantastic Vacation Bible School; and collecting food for over 50 families through Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services. That names only some of the vibrant ministries here at St. Mary's.

These ministries – and many more – are profoundly relevant to those in our congregation, the community that surrounds us, and to God, who opens our hearts, hands, and souls to do His work with those known and unknown. Our ministries open boxes of food, windows of hope, and minds of creative and joyous wonder. Our ministries open up each of us to our own gifts, some yet unknown, and to paths not seen before.

"A Gift Opens the Way" is a call to action for each of us: to worship together and open ourselves to the Word of God, know the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives, and respond to the nudges of the Holy Spirit. It is a call to respond with the time, talent, and treasure that God has given you.

Our mission at St. Mary's calls us toward intentional generosity, including financial commitments. Some members tithe, giving ten percent of their income to the church; some members give proportionally, committing a certain percentage to our ministries; others give as they are able. What is important is that you open your heart to God, beginning as you are able, to support and sustain our life of ministry at St. Mary's and in God's Kingdom.

Your commitment to our Annual Giving Campaign is an essential gift that fuels St. Mary's transformational ministries in Richmond and beyond. Your gift opens the way!

Faithfully,
Jane duFrane and Fay Lohr, Stewardship co-chairs

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.

Q&A FORUM WITH THE RECTOR AND SENIOR WARDEN

This morning during the **Adult Forum at 10 a.m.**, join Rector Weezie Blanchard and Senior Warden Al Rider in the New Parish Hall to ask questions and learn more about the Blanchards' move to Colorado and the upcoming transition to a new rector. Copies of the full letters from the Rector and Senior Warden about the transition are available in the back of the church, the front office, and on the website.

The **Rector Search Committee** wants to hear your input! **Please share your thoughts with Search Committee** Chair Tracey Ragsdale and committee members Brantley Holmes, Andy Howlett, Michelle Lewis, Kim O'Shea, Nancy Reed, Al Rider, Susie Salsitz, Carrie Schaeffer, Armistead Talman, Joan Wilkins, and Russell Wyatt. If you need any of their contact information, please call or email Elizabeth Baker at (804) 684-5678 or ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Today marks the official end of the six-week Annual Giving Campaign and is known as the ingathering! Please place your pledge card in the offertory this morning at either service. But our work is not yet done! There is still 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 Tuesday, November 7, **over 180 households have pledged totaling \$606,299. Please help us reach our goal of \$1,150,000!** Please help us reach our goal. If you have any questions or need more information, please **contact Mike Koschak** at (804) 784-5678 or 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.**

FELLOWSHIP

Parish Breakfast is served **this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m.** These meals are fun and delicious for all ages! Suggested donation of \$4/person, maximum of \$15/family.

Parish Supper is this Wednesday, November 15! Join us for a **family-friendly meal** beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the New Parish Hall. Service is rolling so come at anytime! This month join us for a discussion beginning at 6 p.m. with Mike Thompson on how to parent during these divisive times in our nation. **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.

St. Mary's seniors (well, adults of all ages) are invited to the **second Seniors Lunch of the fall**. Join parishioners of all ages for a delicious lunch and engaging program this **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.

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, November 16**. Come for the full hour or just drop in and say hello! Help us create new spaces for building community and fellowship.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

A discussion for parents and youth with Mike Thompson: in light of events that took place at Short Pump Middle School last month, St. Mary's will host a **discussion time from 6 – 8 p.m. this Wednesday, November 15 in New St. Mary's for parents and students to tackle some of the issues that divide our nation**. With us will be special guest speaker **Mike Thompson**. Parish Supper is served beforehand beginning at 5:30 p.m. Mike is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Richmond, and his wife Christy is a teacher at St. Mary's Episcopal School. **All parents and students in 6th grade or older** (St. Mary's parishioners as well as the general public) **are invited to participate**. Additionally, any parents who would like for their 5th grade students to be involved are welcome. For the first 45 minutes, we will meet together as a large group, after which we will divide into separate groups of parents and students for discussion and question time. There will be an activity for 4-year olds through 5th graders during this event. *Nursery will be available by request.*

8th Grade Youth Group is back today! We'll meet in the Education Building **from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** for faith development, food, and fun! Please bring **\$5 for pizza**. For more information, please contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

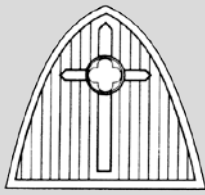
OUTREACH

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.

St. Mary's parishioners are invited to **participate in St. Peter's Bible study and volunteer at their food distribution**. This **Wednesday, November 15 at 8:30 a.m.**, meet at St. Peter's ready to read that week's Gospel, reflect with community members, unload the truck from the food bank, and prepare grocery bags. Please come for an hour or two, whichever works best with your schedule. **Please contact Ashley Cameron** at (804) 784-5678 or acameron@stmarysgoochland.org for more information.

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.
- ❖ **Are you following us on Instagram?** We love sharing fun facts, behind the scenes, and our beautiful campus. Make sure to **follow us @stmarysgoochland**
- ❖ **Do you like our Facebook page?** You can find recent sermons, reflections, pictures from events, and more by liking us at [facebook.com/St.MarysGoochland](https://www.facebook.com/St.MarysGoochland)



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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, November 12, the Twenty Third 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*

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

Adult Forum: Q&A with the Rector and Senior Warden, 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*

Monday, November 13

Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Tuesday, November 14

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

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

Wednesday, November 15

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*

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

Discussion with Mike Thompson, 6 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Thursday, November 16

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

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., *Library*

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

Friday, November 17

Outreach Gala Committee, 12 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Saturday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 19, the Twenty Fourth 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: Moses*, 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*

Coming Up

Thursday, November 23

Morning Prayer Rite One, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Church Office closed in honor of Thanksgiving holiday

Friday, November 24

Church Office closed in honor of Thanksgiving holiday

Sunday, November 26, Christ the King Sunday

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

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

Adult Forum: *The Path: Judges*, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

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