



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2018

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 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 are in the front of Little St. Mary's and in the wood bins near the entrances to New St. Mary's.

Rector Search Committee

The Rector Search Committee (Chair Tracey Ragsdale, Brantley Holmes, Andy Howlett, Michelle Lewis, Kim O'Shea, Nancy Reed, Al Rider, Susie Salsitz, Carrie Schaeffer, Armistead Talman, Joan Wilkins, and Russell Wyatt) invites you to share comments, concerns, recommendations and questions. Please email stms.rectorsearch@gmail.com.

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

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One, *Little St. Mary's*
10 a.m. Adult Forum: *The Path, New Parish Hall*
10 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class, *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
11 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite One, *New St. Mary's*
12 p.m. Cookies and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

As you are reading this, Weezie and Buck are driving to Denver. We all wish them godspeed and safe travels. Needless to say I am saddened by their departure. We have been in such a good place.

But now we turn the page! A new moment to listen, reflect, and try to decipher what is God's calling for St. Mary's. One thing I know is that we remain in a good place.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been fortunate to observe a number of groups at work at St. Mary's, including The Rector Search Committee, the ad hoc committee addressing Legacy Giving, the Vestry, the Fellowship Committee, the Choir, and Altar Guild. These groups collectively compose well over 70 parishioners. What I saw was commitment and seriousness of purpose. I also saw laughter, gracious collaboration, and shared mission.

From where is this vitality, this enthusiasm coming? I believe we have responded, and will continue to respond, to the findings of our recent discernment. That process challenged us to be more engaged, as Bob Hetherington says, "to lean in." When we - each in our own way - serve the needs of this parish and the needs of our community, we live in the Spirit and it feeds us.

While we are in transition, awaiting the calling of our new rector, I urge each one of us to continue to lean in. I am confident we will and for that we will continue to remain in a good place.

Al Rider, Senior Warden

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.

LEARN ABOUT YOUTH MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Come next Sunday to learn about youth summer mission opportunities! Is your child interested in volunteer and service opportunities? **This summer, the youth at St. Mary's have a number of opportunities to serve.** High School students are going to California for service projects and a pilgrimage, the confirmation class is going to New York City for a service trip, and the middle school students are going to Appalachia in Virginia. **Join Matt Rawls during the 10 a.m. hour next Sunday, January 21 in Little St. Mary's to learn more.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday School and Confirmation Class return today Sunday, January 14 at 10 a.m. In addition, a weekly Sunday School class for **High School students** begins this morning in the Library in the Education Building.

St. Mary's youth are participating in an Epiphany Giving Tree this month that will raise money to purchase an X-Box for the Elk Hill Residential Treatment Home. The tree is located in the pool table room of the Education Building and is decorated with envelopes labeled \$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20. **To give, just take an envelope off the tree, put in the corresponding dollar amount, and drop the envelope in the lock-box beside the tree. On January 21, 2018, the entire youth group (middle and high school) will gather to deliver the present and end with a pizza party at the church.**

Youth group returns next Sunday, January 21. Middle School Youth Group will deliver our gift to Elk Hill and enjoy a pizza party beginning at 4:30 p.m. High School Youth Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the activity will be announced soon. For more information, contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Spiritual practice for men continues. Join Bob Hetherington for one hour to deepen your faith in the Old Parish Hall continuing this **Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 a.m., this opportunity continues until Easter.**

As we begin a new year and explore how we at St. Mary's tell our story, a series of Adult Forums this winter will continue to 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 Andrew Moore this morning and next Sunday, January 21 at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall** as we look at the stories from Exodus. **Read chapters 6 and 7 of *The Path* in preparation or just join us for lively conversation. Pick up a copy of *The Path* for \$15 in the Café.**

Women of all ages are invited to join Amelia McDaniel for five weeks on Thursdays at **7:30 p.m. in the Old Parish Hall continuing this Thursday, January 18** for a **book study on *Accidental Saints*** by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Bolz-Weber is a Lutheran pastor whose unconventional approach to church life and faith helps us **open up to new ways of seeing God in our daily lives** and in the lives of others. Come gather for lively conversation followed by compline in Little St. Mary's. **Copies of the book are available for purchase in the Café.**

FELLOWSHIP

Save the date for a special dinner and a movie this Wednesday, January 17! Join us for a family-friendly parish supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. Service is rolling so come at anytime! This month stay for a showing of the cherished feature film *The Sandlot* 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.

CARITAS

St. Mary's Church is part of a community-wide coalition of faith communities who take turns providing emergency shelter for a week at a time for homeless men, women, and children in our area organized by CARITAS. This year, our week is February 10-17, and our guests will be families. Volunteers are needed to set up prior to arrival, tear down at the end of the week, pack lunches, and prepare and serve dinner each night. Be on the lookout for sign-up boards for volunteers, as well as food and supply donations, over the next couple of weeks. For further information, or any questions, please contact Seth Schaeffer at sethschaeffer@gmail.com or Charmaine Trice at nesting7800@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Mary's Church, Dover Parish, will convene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2018 beginning with a brief Morning Prayer service. At that time, the people of St. Mary's Church will elect four new members of the Vestry and hear reports from the Treasurer, the Associate Rector, the Search Committee, the Senior Warden, and other leaders of the congregation. Sunday School for children ages 4 - 5th grade will continue as normal during the 10 a.m. hour. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Matt Rawls in the Pool Room for fellowship and food.

ACTS OF FAITH FESTIVAL

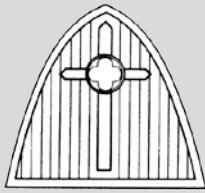
St. Mary's is delighted to partner with Second Presbyterian and other faith communities to sponsor the unique 13th Annual Acts of Faith Festival to the Richmond community. One of the largest faith-based theater festivals in the United States, Acts of Faith will once more use live theater and post-show "talkback" discussions to examine the fundamentals of faith in action: personal courage, self-awareness, and the willingness to take chances in our precious, fleeting lives." You are invited to attend the preview event this evening at 7 p.m. at 114 W. Broad Street. For the schedule and latest information on the 2017 Acts of Faith Festival, visit www.theactsoffaitth.org.

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Rector Search Committee (Chair Tracey Ragsdale, Brantley Holmes, Andy Howlett, Michelle Lewis, Kim O'Shea, Nancy Reed, Al Rider, Susie Salsitz, Carrie Schaeffer, Armistead Talman, Joan Wilkins, and Russell Wyatt) has begun its work in earnest. After posting the St. Mary's Rector job description and appropriate narrative required by the Diocese on the national database, the committee is now able to accept résumés and applications. As stated before, the committee is also pursuing potential candidates. Please feel free to submit any suggestions to the committee via email at stms.rectorsearch@gmail.com. As always, please keep your hearts and minds open during this process and keep this committee in your prayers as they continue this important work.

MINDFUL WORKSHOP

St. Mary's hosts the *Living a Mindful Universe* and *Into the Heart of Consciousness* workshops this Friday, January 19 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 20 at 10 a.m. What is consciousness? Neurosurgeon, Eben Alexander MD, author of the New York Times bestselling *Proof of Heaven* and *The Map of Heaven*, shares what happened after his near-death experience changed his thinking about the brain. Alexander was moved when he heard Karen Newell's brainwave entrainment audio meditations because they mirrored his experience on the other side. With *Living in a Mindful Universe*, they teach others how to tap into our greater mind and the power of the heart to facilitate enhancement of healing, relationships, creativity, and guidance. Using various modalities related to meditation and mindfulness, you will gain the power to access that infinite source of knowing to enrich your life. Advance ticket special is \$100 for both days. To reserve your seat or for more info, call Carole at (804) 481-5555.



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David Rose, **Tom Slater**, and **Russell Wyatt**

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Sunday School, Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School and Education Buildings*

Adult Forum: *The Path*, 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*

Monday, January 15

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

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*
Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*
Parish Movie: *The Sandlot*, 6:30 p.m., *Dover Lounge*

Thursday, January 18

Accidental Saints Book Study, 7:30 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Friday, January 19

Living in a Mindful Universe Workshop, 7 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Saturday, January 20

Into the Heart of Consciousness Workshop, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Adult Forum: *The Path*, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Sunday School for 4 yrs. – 5th grade, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Buildings*
Youth Mission Informational Meeting, 10 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

Coming Up

Monday, January 22

Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, January 25

Accidental Saints Book Study, 7:30 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Sunday, January 28, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer Rite One and the Annual Congregational Meeting, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*