

# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

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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, usher, or a clergy member, and **consider filling out a welcome card**. We invite you to join us on future **Sundays at 10 a.m.** for Eucharist or Morning Prayer, on **Wednesdays for Noonday Prayer at 12 p.m.** in beautiful and quaint Little St. Mary's, or for many of our other fellowship and outreach offerings. **Little St. Mary's** is also **open Monday through Friday** between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and available to you for prayer and reflection. Flip the page over to get a sense of what we have going on around St. Mary's.

## Nursery

Our nursery is available for **infants through 4-year-olds** from 9:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. The nursery is located in the Preschool and Sunday School Building. Nursery Director Meg Zehmer and 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. Worship bags are in the wood bins near the entrances to New St. Mary's.

## Sermons available

Find past sermons by visiting [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

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

**11 a.m.** Cookies and Lemonade, *Café and New Parish Hall*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

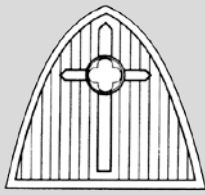
Father's Day was a day to be thankful—to express love and gratitude for Dad, a man who knew all and gave all. Our Father's Days, as young children, were filled with hugs, kisses, and small, yet significant handmade gifts for the greatest man in our world. We never gave ties, books, or nice dinners out, because our father suddenly and tragically died when we were very young. Growing up, I often talked to my father through prayer. As a young adult, I was still praying to my dad in heaven to watch over me; to help my heart be filled with love, to treat others kindly, to make good decisions.

When I married my husband, he thoughtfully made me a painted wooden plaque citing a poem—"My father is not my father. I came through him but not from him . . ." Initially I thought, "What? My father is not my father? How can this be?" I felt farther away from my Daddy, still identifying with the relationship I'd had with him as a young girl. I went through a transformation. I grew. I met with John Miller to discuss this, and I started identifying my dad as a man and God as my father. I now know that even the best dads on earth are only glimpses of the care, love, and provision of our Heavenly Father. I believe that we all belong as children to our Heavenly Father—we can always come home, we will always be his, and he will always be ours.

My brothers and I are grown now with our own children. We're fortunate to have a wonderful step-father, loving uncles, and friends of our dad who have been father figures to us. I am blessed to have had such an amazing dad, even for only a short period of time here on Earth. I still feel my dad's presence with me in all that I do, but I am not just a girl who lost her father; I have so much to be thankful for on Father's Day and every day. I find peace in praying to God, and am comforted in knowing that no matter who, or where, our earthly dads are, we are unconditionally loved children of God, our Father, who will never leave us or forsake us.

1 John 3:1 "How Great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" Now, that is something to celebrate!

Owen Conway



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**Kim O'Shea**, **Doug Pera**, **Al Rider**, **Tom Slater**,  
**Seth Schaeffer** and **Scott Stephens**

## NYC CONFIRMATION MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

St. Mary's 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth and adults will embark on a **mission trip today to New York City** through Wednesday, June 20. They will serve at an urban soup kitchen and participate in a city-wide scavenger hunt. This morning we commission this trip and its participants. **Please pray for Ella Appich, Trevor Foy, Virginia Garner, Matt Gilman, Perrin Gilman, Anne Taylor Rawls, Matt Rawls, Ethan Snow, and Jules White** as they prepare for this important opportunity to share God's love and represent St. Mary's in the wider church.

### LILIES IN BLOOM

The Garden Club of Virginia hosts the Lily Horticulture Show at St. Mary's this **Tuesday, June 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Please **stop by during the exhibit floor opening in the New Parish Hall** to see the amazing showcase of lilies in bloom. The event is open to the public for exhibiting and viewing at no charge. **To learn more** and see the full schedule of events, please visit [www.gcvlilies.org](http://www.gcvlilies.org).

### This Week at St. Mary's

**Sunday, June 17 to Wednesday, June 20**

Confirmation Class Mission Trip to New York City

**Sunday, June 17, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Cookies and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

**Monday, June 18**

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

**Tuesday, June 19**

Lilies in Bloom, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

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

**Wednesday, June 20**

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

*Peter's Episcopal Church*

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

**Saturday, June 23**

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

**Sunday, June 24, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Cookies and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

### Coming Up

**Sunday, June 24 to Sunday, July 1**

High School Mission Trip to California

**Tuesday, June 26**

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

**Sunday, July 1, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Cake and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*