

THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018

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 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

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

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

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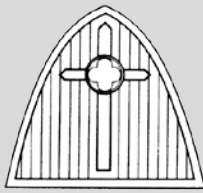
A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Bishop Frank Gray, former Assistant Bishop, said that we all have 'foundation stones' that inform how we understand key theological concepts like creation, sin, reconciliation, and grace, among others. He meant that we all have experiences – many from very early on in our lives – that inform our understanding of God's work in the world and within each of our lives. For example, one of my 'foundation stones' for *creation* is an experience of being at the beach. What speaks to me is the sound of the waves crashing, the seagulls crying, little crabs scurrying around nearby, and joy and wonder in all of God's works.

One of my 'foundation stones' for *sin* is 'the first day of school'. Those first years of grade school always felt like an existential crisis – though I certainly didn't call it that! I absolutely dreaded 'the first day of school'. Summer was over. We all had to wear scratchy, stiff new clothes. But mostly, it was being tossed into a group where I had no idea who anyone was or where I fit in or even if I did. But along with that are 'foundation stones' of *grace* where I remember someone saying my shoes were cool (does anyone remember PF Flyers?!), or some other kindness that was manna in the wilderness.

Which all leads me to want to say how very grateful to God I am for you, each of you, and for new 'foundation stones' of grace given in the welcome you've offered to me and to my wife Emmy. I want to say thank you, truly, from my heart. So many have offered such a warm welcome. I am so grateful for Andrew and Bob, for Ashley and Ryan and Elizabeth and Mike and Duke and Deedi and Amelia and Paul and Matt and Gersain; for Tracey and Russell and our amazing vestry members, for members of our search committee, for all those who have written letters and emails of welcome, for all those who've popped in to shake my hand or hug my neck, for all of those who made special preparations for ice cream sundaes, for the breathtaking flower arrangement, for special musical offerings, and for just coming to church last Sunday to say welcome. Thank God for you, for each of you, new 'foundation stones' of grace.

David May



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ST. MARY'S HOSTS RICHMOND CONCERT CHORALE

St. Mary's is excited to host the **Richmond Concert Chorale and visiting European trio Viola da Samba** this afternoon at 3 p.m. They will present a concert **conducted by Ryan Tibbetts** featuring the **North American premiere of the *Missa Brasileira*** composed by Viola da Samba's harpsichordist, Jean Kleeb. The performance will also include other Brazilian and Latin American music. **Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$10.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP

Children ages 5 and up are invited to join Children's Choir Director Adam Bailey in singing and playing instruments and games at **Choir Camp from Monday, August 20 through Thursday, August 23** from 9 a.m. to noon and a concluding concert on Thursday, August 23 at 7 p.m. It's fun and free! Please contact Ryan Tibbetts via email at rtibbetts@stmarysgoochland.org or call (804) 784-5678 with any questions.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, July 22

Morning Prayer Rite One, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *Terrace and New Parish Hall*

Monday, July 23

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

Tuesday, July 24

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

Wednesday, July 25

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

Saturday, July 28

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

Sunday, July 29

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *Terrace and New Parish Hall*

Coming Up

Wednesday, August 1

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

Monday, August 6-Friday, August 10

4th & 5th Grade On-the-Go Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 19, Andrew's Last Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Reception in honor of Andrew Moore, 11 a.m., *New Parish Hall*