



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 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. Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*

11 a.m. Lemonade and Cookies, *Terrace 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

Matthew 18:20 *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

Jesus' disciples are an ideal small group: enough people to divvy up important tasks but not so many as to lose focus and identity. They are also deeply flawed: naysayers, fickle-minded, easily distracted, anxious, contemptuous, and deceitful. To put it simply, they are human – the good, the bad, and the ugly.

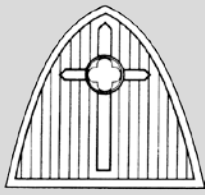
Too often, I find myself thinking, "If everyone would just let me do this myself, it would be so much easier!" Then again, there's reason Jesus doesn't make twelve individual home visits in place of the Last Supper. Instead, he calls together a dozen of his beautiful, compassionate, broken, cowardly, and treasonous friends around one table, under one roof, and breaks bread with them.

In a culture hell-bent on being absolutely right all the time, we risk losing sight of the fact that it is possible to disagree and make mistakes and lose focus – and still love and respect one another. Jesus dwells among us in spite of our tantrums and disagreements and distractions, drawing us ever deeper into one beloved, broken body.

Marshall A. Jolly

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PICK UP A COPY OF ST. MARY'S SUMMER READING

St. Mary's clergy and staff invite you to read *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans this summer. Over the past year, we've been revisiting the stories of the Bible with *The Path* on Sundays. *Inspired* invites readers to do just that - rediscover old, familiar stories. Picking up a copy of St. Mary's summer read is a **great way to stay connected** while you're traveling. All of St. Mary's staff is reading and cannot wait to **provide opportunities to discuss its themes further this fall**. Please **pick up a copy in the Café this morning for \$15** or order the book online.

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 29

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

Tuesday, July 31

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

Wednesday, August 1

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, August 4

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

Sunday, August 5

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

Coming Up

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*