



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 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

"What is sacred?"

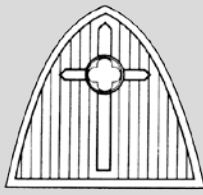
I posed that question to the staff of St. George's camp on our first afternoon together. They were 18 young adults who had been living and working together in close community at Shrine Mont all summer. They were tired and frustrated and excited and anxious about a new session of camp all at the same time. Yet the conversation we had about the sacred was remarkable.

Among other things, we concluded that the sacred can be found in relationship, in vulnerability, in community, in the richness of diversity, in tradition, in shared experiences, in church, and on the top of a mountain. And over the course of the next two weeks we saw the sacredness of God in each of these places and, most especially, in the faces of the 80 12 & 13 year-olds who were entrusted to our care. We found that God's holy presence truly came alive in the community that we built, in the mundane and in the profound, in our laughter and in our tears, in the sunshine and in the (almost daily) rain.

For me, camp has always been a sacred place – a thin place, where the boundaries between earth and heaven scarcely seem to exist. It is a place where we go to experience God's unconditional love firsthand. It is a place where we bring ourselves in all our flawed, awkward, broken uniqueness and discover that we are embraced and celebrated just as we are. It is a place where the sacred can touch our hearts in intimate and indescribable ways. And it is a place that instills that sacredness within us, so that when we leave, we might share it with the world.

I've been going to different camps for 30 years now. And without fail, every time I leave that thin space, I find myself changed – transformed by my encounter with the sacred. I am renewed and refreshed, ready to reenter my daily life and work, empowered to share the story of God's awesome unconditional love and how it has changed my life.

Andrew Moore



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CELEBRATE ANDREW'S MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY!

Come celebrate Andrew's ministry! Join us for a service of Holy Eucharist Rite Two at 10 a.m. in New St. Mary's on **Sunday, August 19**. Following the service, **help send Andrew off with a reception in the New Parish Hall.**

ACOLYTES NEEDED FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

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SIGN UP 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, August 12

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

Monday, August 13

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

Tuesday, August 14

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

Wednesday, August 15

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 18

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

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*

Coming Up

Monday, August 20 – Thursday, August 23

Children's Choir Camp, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Sunday, August 26

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