



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 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.** Reception in Honor of Andrew, *Terrace and New Parish Hall*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

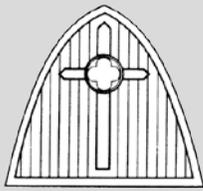
There are often discussions about what it means to live a Christian life, and I have wondered, "Am I living life the way God wants me to?" Often, I feel like I can't answer this question with certainty. How do I become better about living such a life? I find my answer in Mark 12:31 - "...love your neighbor as yourself, there is no commandment greater than these..." Loving and serving our neighbors is God's greatest commandment; therefore, is a way to honor and serve Him.

Simple, right? But who is our neighbor? How can we love and serve them? These are two topics I had the privilege of exploring with eleven of St. Mary's wonderful rising 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Each day of our VBS week, we began with scripture by listening for and discussing it's meaning. Then they used God's word to go out into the community to serve others. I was so moved by the hearts of these kids who are only 9 and 10 years old. They worked hard at packing snack bags, farming, cleaning, fellowshiping with other kids their age, and more. Throughout the week, I saw the pure happiness and excitement that entered each one of them as they gave up their time to help those in need.

1 Peter 4:10 says that "each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." I consider it a true gift that while working beside our children, I was able to see firsthand the gifts God has given them, including their loving hearts, kindness, empathy, and willingness to work hard to be of service. I was repeatedly impressed by the excitement in their voices as they asked if we could return to the Peter Paul Development Center to spend additional time with the children. Their joy was noticeable as they explained how their actions would affect the community.

The Bible talks about how precious children are, and these 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders this past week were a true example of God's love. I am humbled and thankful that I was able to be a part of this learning experience with them as we served our neighbors. Together, through scripture and service, we defined what it means to live a Christian life.

*Catherine Ashman*



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**ACOLYTES NEEDED FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**

St. Mary's is looking for acolytes this August and September! Acolytes play an important role in the worship and liturgy at St. Mary's. **The role invites any 6th grader or older to serve! To sign up, email Matt at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).**

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG**

As we welcome our new rector David May, other newcomers, and visitors, **don't forget to wear your nametag!** Find your nametag in the narthex of Little and New St. Mary's hanging on blue ribbons or on the back tables. **If you do not have a nametag**, please contact **Elizabeth Baker** at [ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org) or add your first and last names to the list in the back of New St. Mary's to have one made for you. **We thank you all for helping us get to know one another and making St. Mary's a warm, welcoming place.**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL KICKOFF!**

Join us **Sunday, September 9** as we kickoff our fall programs with a **Ministry Fair at 10 a.m.** Then **after the 11 a.m. service**, we'll celebrate with a **Parish Picnic!** The Carytown Burgers and Fries food truck and King of Pops will be here! **It's a family-friendly, fun, and FREE event!**

**This Week at St. Mary's**

- Monday, August 20 – Thursday, August 23**  
Children's Choir Camp, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., *Choir Suite*  
**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*  
**Monday, August 20**  
Pastoral Care Team 3, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*  
**Tuesday, August 21**  
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*  
**Wednesday, August 22**  
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
**Thursday, August 23**  
Finance Committee, 8 a.m., *Rector's Study*  
**Friday, August 24**  
Stewardship Committee, 8 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
**Saturday, August 25**  
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*  
**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*  
Children's Ministry Committee, 11 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

**Coming Up**

- Sunday, September 2**  
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cake and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *Terrace and New Parish Hall*