



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 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*

11 a.m. Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, *Old 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

I've always thought of the end of summer and the beginning of the school year as a beautiful part of the of the rhythmic calendar. The oppressive heat and humidity of late summer gives way to the hopeful cooling of the fall. The vacation mindset is retired to ramp up for the busyness of the school and program year. This is a time of hope and change. This is the time for new year's resolutions. For waking up earlier. For going to bed earlier. For buying new planning calendars. It's a natural part of the mundane and spiritual rhythm of the year.

Except for this year. This year I have a newborn baby living in my house. This year my rhythm of life has been thrown out with so many dirty diapers. Gone are dreams of a nicely scheduled sleep pattern. Gone, even, are more than four contiguous hours of sleep. Where the start of fall usually entails a deep purging of clutter, this year is celebrated seemingly every day by the Amazon Prime delivery of varied baby goods. It feels often like there is no rhythm, just survival.

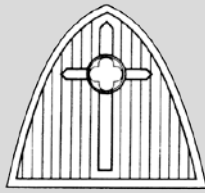
But then Miriam opens her eyes, and everything changes.

If you don't know, my wife and I had a baby girl a month ago this summer: Miriam Birdsong Rawls. John Philip Newell, the Celtic preacher, poet, and mystic points out that in the eyes of a baby, it is very easy to see the Face of God. I don't know how to explain this yet, but deep inside I know it to be true. And I bet you do, too.

This is the beautiful epiphany I'm celebrating this year in place of my typical rhythms. It's messy, but that's where the joy is. It's exhausting, but that's where the life is. It's completely different than anything I've ever experienced, but somehow that is where the comfort lies.

The rhythm of the new school year always eventually spirals into chaos. Yours will. Mine already has. But it is in that chaos, just as much as in the rhythm, that our souls are invited to the thin places to connect with God.

Matt Rawls



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YOUTH LOUNGE REFRESH

St. Mary's youth (grades 6-12) use the youth lounge located on the second floor of the Education Building weekly for Sunday School, youth group events, and simply a safe place to gather. But, due to the success of this growing ministry, **it is in much need of a refresh!** The budget provides a jumpstart for new wall art, pillows, and basic supplies. To make the transformation complete, **we need your help! Please look around your home or storage unit and see if you can donate by September 1:**

Coffee Table (preferably round and wooden to be painted)
Flat screen TV
Wooden side tables (that would be painted)
Keurig type coffee maker
PS4 or XBOX One

Over the past year, we've supported our youth in going out into the world through mission trips, but now **let's help them create a beautiful safe space and home right here on St. Mary's campus.** For more information, email Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org.

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

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*

Monday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 21

Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*
Vestry, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Wednesday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 25

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

Sunday, September 2

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

Coming Up

Monday, September 3, Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*