



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

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## Nursery

Our nursery is available for infants through 4-year-olds from 8:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the Sunday School Building. Nursery Director Meg Zehmer and Nursery Assistant 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. They are in the front of Little St. Mary's and in the wood bins near the entrances to New St. Mary's.

## Sermons available

Find past sermons available in hard copy in the narthex of New St. Mary's, or visit [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)*

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**9 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite One, *Little St. Mary's*

**10 a.m.** Sunday School, *Sunday School and Education Buildings*

**10 a.m.** Confirmation Informational Meeting, *Library*

**10 a.m.** Adult Forum: "Doing Theology" Part 1, *New Parish Hall*

**11 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*

**Noon** Cookies and Coffee, *Café and New Parish Hall*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

I grew up in a small parish. My Sunday School classes were usually three to four kids in a basement room. Sometimes we had curriculum to use. Sometimes our teachers were winging it. In middle school, my teacher was a local radio host. He would come and teach class as "Father Guido Sarducci" from Saturday Night Live. That was definitely memorable!

I sadly cannot tell you much of the specifics I learned in those classes. I know I did learn Bible stories and the stories of the saints somehow because my art history professors were impressed by my ability to correctly identify Biblical characters and symbols. But what I carry with me each day from showing up in Sunday School is how those experiences made me feel. My Sunday School teachers and the adults in the parishes I grew up in made sure I knew that I belonged right there with them. That gift will follow me forever.

Today we are commissioning our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders. These kind souls have stepped forward to remind our children and youth how beloved they are in this community. They tell the Biblical stories of our faith. But more importantly, through their example they show them what lives lived in that faith look like. Hopefully, our kids will go on to impress their art history professors one day but honestly that's just a bonus. I know each Sunday they are greeted, loved on, and made to feel like they belong in our classrooms - in our community of faith. It is a gift of sacred time.

If you get a chance, thank these wonderful people today or in the coming weeks. Please say 'thank you' to these teachers who will greet your kids (who in the 30 minutes prior to arrival at church put your faith to the test). They've got a fresh bit of patience and love for your people and some finger cookies or donuts, too.

*Amelia McDaniel*

**WELCOME!** Whether it is your first Sunday at St. Mary's, or your 401<sup>st</sup>, we're glad that you're with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself to a greeter, an usher, or one of our clergy, and **consider filling out a welcome card**. We invite you to join us on future **Sundays** at 9 a.m. for Eucharist or at 11 a.m. for Eucharist or Morning Prayer, on Wednesdays for **Noonday Prayer** at 12 p.m. in beautiful and quaint Little St. Mary's, for a **class** or **Bible study**, or for many of our other **fellowship** and **outreach** offerings. **Little St. Mary's** and **New St. Mary's** are also **open** Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and available to you for prayer and reflection. See the back page to get a sense of what we have going on around St. Mary's.

## BLESSING OF THE OFFERTORY PLATE SILENCERS THIS MORNING

This morning during the 11 a.m. service as part of the Offerings of the People, we will **dedicate and bless the new silencers for the offering plates**. Last September, a group of 18 parishioners led by Nancy Ritter and Anne McCoy known as the **St. Clare's Guild** formed to needlepoint new silencers for the different liturgical seasons. A silencer sits at the bottom of the offering plate to silence the change from clanging during the offertory. The first two seasons, Ordinary Time and Lent, are completed! **Below is the list of those that created each silencer and who it is given in loving memory of/in thanksgiving for:**

- ❖ **Dede Andrews** in memory of Carlyle & Dave Clinger
- ❖ **Ashley Barlow** in honor of Wilson, Jack, & Peter
- ❖ **Bev Beck** in memory of Marion Miller
- ❖ **Isabel Souder Correll** in memory of W. Holt Souder
- ❖ **Henley Deutsch** in honor of her family
- ❖ **Jane Fawley** in memory of Anna H. Cauck
- ❖ **Herbert Hargroves** in honor of Nancy & Anne
- ❖ **Mary Taliaferro Keeney** in honor of Virginia, Ann Tucker, & Taliaferro
- ❖ **Connie Martenstein** in memory of Alice W. Samsonoff
- ❖ **Anne McCoy** in memory of Elizabeth S. Yeatman
- ❖ **Amelia McDaniel** in memory of James Edwin McDaniel & Julian Wooten Johnson, Sr.
- ❖ **Andrew Moore** in memory of Esther Slaughter & Mary Jo Moore
- ❖ **Betsy Rawles** in honor of Weezie Blanchard
- ❖ **Liz Rider** in memory of Peter Charles Bance, Jr.
- ❖ **Nancy Ritter** in memory of Virginia & Harford McKenney
- ❖ **Susie Salsitz** in memory of Isabel Hughes Wright
- ❖ **Tricia Storey** in honor of her grandchildren
- ❖ **Sheri Word** in memory of Patricia Word

Each stitch in all the glorious needlepoint work is a gift of sacred time. If you get a chance, **please thank these wonderful people** today or in the coming weeks.

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Back by popular demand, the **men's spiritual practice group** meets weekly through Advent **continuing this Tuesday, September 18 at 7:30 a.m.** in the Old Parish Hall. Led by Bob Hetherington, the gathering is an opportunity to deepen faith and is open to men of all ages.

**Adult forums resume this morning at 10 a.m.** in the New Parish Hall. Today, **David May begins a three-part series** entitled, '**How do I DO Theology?**' Please join us for a lively discussion and learning! Can't get there right at 10 a.m.? Don't worry! **Just grab a cup of coffee and come on in!**

## NAMETAGS

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** via email 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.**

## WORSHIP

We will be using a new set of prayers for the Prayers of the People at celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at the 11 a.m. service this Sunday through the Last Sunday after Pentecost. **These prayers were written by the late Ormande Plater.** Plater was a vocational Deacon of the Episcopal Church, liturgist and writer. A special emphasis of the ministry of **Deacons in the Episcopal Church is to gather and offer the prayers of the people in our worship.** Plater took this special emphasis and created a set of prayers for each Sunday. With each set of prayers, **you can hear connections Plater makes with the Propers for each Sunday** (the Propers are the Scripture passages assigned to be read each Sunday), the season of the Church Year, and even the time of the year in our lives. **We hope the use of this new set of prayers by the people of St. Mary's during this season may renew and refresh the prayers we offer together to God.**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Sunday School continues today!** Sunday School classes are offered for children ages 4 - 5th grade at 10 a.m. throughout the school year. Each week the **kids learn about the Gospel story** (or a significant Old Testament story) that they will hear in worship. **If you are interested in learning more about or registering for Sunday School,** contact our Director of Children's Ministries, Amelia McDaniel at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

**Come join the St Mary's Children's Choir** as they start back for the fall. Rehearsals are **Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m.-6 p.m.** and consist of singing, games, and prizes! This is a great way for **children to serve St. Mary's by offering the gift of music** at about one Sunday per month and at other special services during the year. **All children in 1st-5th grade are welcome.** For more information, contact **Ryan Tibbetts** at [rtibbetts@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:rtibbetts@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Any student in 8th grade (or above) is invited to join us in the St. Mary's confirmation process,** which runs throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Spread out over 23 classes on the first, second, and third **Sunday mornings of each month at 10 a.m.,** we will learn about the history of our faith, as well as the history of the Episcopal Church and of St. Mary's, and we will learn what it means to have the opportunity to say "Yes! Amen!" to the gift of Baptism. **For more information,** please attend the **informational meeting this morning at 10 a.m.** in the Library or email Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

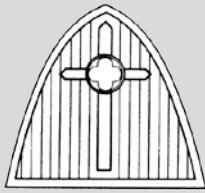
**We're back! Middle School Youth Group meets this afternoon from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** and **High School Youth Group meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the youth lounge in the Education Building. Join us for **pizza, ice cream sundaes, fun and games** - bubble ball, billiards, foosball! **Please bring a \$5 donation for food.** For more information, please email Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

## OUTREACH AND MISSION

**St. Mary's parishioners are invited to participate in St. Peter's Bible study and volunteer at their food distribution.** This **Wednesday, September 19 at 8:30 a.m.,** meet at St. Peter's ready to read that week's Gospel, reflect with community members, unload the truck from the food bank, and prepare grocery bags. **Please come for an hour or two,** whichever works best with your schedule. Please contact Ashley Cameron at (804) 784-5678 or [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

## OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**St. Mary's staff could use support from parishioner volunteers.** Exciting things continue to happen at St. Mary's, and we're kicking off the busiest season, so we are in need of assistance. Roles include answering the phone, proofreading and stuffing bulletins, and creating nametags. **We'd love for you to take any shift of one, two, or three hours during office hours,** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please contact Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678 or [baker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:baker@stmarysgoochland.org).



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**Seth Schaeffer and Scott Stephens**

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

**Sunday, September 16**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

Confirmation Informational Meeting, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Adult Forum: "Doing Theology" Part 1, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*  
Middle School Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Youth Lounge*  
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., *Youth Lounge*

**Monday, September 17**

Pastoral Care Team 3, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

**Tuesday, September 18**

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

**Wednesday, September 19**

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

**Thursday, September 20**

Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

**Saturday, September 22**

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

**Sunday, September 23**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

Adult Forum: Stewardship Kickoff, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

**CONNECT WITH US!**

- ❖ **New to St. Mary's?** First time or returning visitor? Please help us get to know you by filling out a **welcome card** found in the back of every pew.
- ❖ **Need a nametag? Please sign up for one** in the back of the church or make a temporary one. If you already have one, **please remember to wear it** to help make St. Mary's a warm, welcoming place.
- ❖ **Are you following us on Instagram?** We love sharing fun facts, behind the scenes, and our beautiful campus. Make sure to **follow us @stmarysgoochland**
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