



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 2, 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.** Cake and Lemonade, *Terrace and New Parish Hall*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

It is time to lean into the patterned ways of fall. Summer is over and it is time to get back to business. This includes paying attention to God's spirit in our lives. The words of fall are discipline, investment, and spiritual growth.

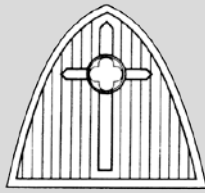
Discipline – we need to create space for God's spirit to work in our lives. What are the spiritual practices which will help you draw closer to God? On Sunday morning, we ask people to commit two hours for their spiritual development: one hour for worship and a second hour for education and spiritual reflection – attend the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. worship services and come to the 10 a.m. Christian education/ forum time. Your Christian faith becomes stronger when you give time and energy to developing it. The leadership of St. Mary's can serve you best when Sunday morning participation is part of your personal discipline. We wanted to strengthen the inner journey for people who come so that each person can do good work out in the larger community.

Investment – we are talking about going deeper. The challenges of our day require that we develop inner resources of compassion and love. In our world today there is so much which divides and separates people from each other. There is another way. Jesus is the ambassador for compassion and love. We need to invest our time and energy so that our hearts are open to new people and new experiences.

Spiritual Growth – we need spiritual resources so we can lean into life in creative ways. Jesus said, "he who would save his life will lose it and he who loses his life for my sake will save it." At the higher spiritual levels "saving" comes out of "losing." Jesus invites us to a life of generosity and sacrifice. Our gathering together on Sunday morning strengthens us to bring more peace and justice to this world. The mission of the Episcopal Church is to, "restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." It is a high calling and we need to keep working at it.

The process begins by "showing up." So join us as we move into the patterned ways of fall. Discover the new things God wants you to know and where God wants you to go.

*Bob Hetherington*



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### FALL KICKOFF – MINISTRY FAIR & PARISH PICNIC IS NEXT SUNDAY!

Join us next **Sunday, September 9** as we kickoff our fall programs with a **Ministry Fair and Parish Picnic**. **In between the 9 and 11 a.m. services**, find out about the many opportunities to participate in the vibrant life of St. Mary's at our **Ministry Fair in the New Parish Hall**. Then, **after the 11 a.m. service**, we'll celebrate the new year 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!**

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS NEXT SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, September 9**, students and teachers are invited to bring their back-to-school bags for a special blessing during the 11 a.m. service.

### DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

During the Blessing of the Backpacks this year, **we're adding an outreach element!** Please **fill your backpack (or bring in a bag) with school supplies** to donate to St. Andrew's School. We will bless all the school supply donations alongside our backpacks. **Items needed include:** yellow #2 pencils, crayons, tissues, wide ruled paper, wide ruled composition notebooks, and highlighters. **St. Andrew's School is one of St. Mary's outreach grant recipients.** They believe "every child deserves an education that equips them to thrive."

### This Week at St. Mary's

#### Sunday, September 2

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Cake and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

#### Monday, September 3, Labor Day

*Church Office Closed*

#### Tuesday, September 4

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

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

#### Wednesday, September 5

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

#### Thursday, September 6

Sunday School Teacher Training, 6:30 p.m., *Dover Lounge*

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

#### Saturday, September 8

Sunday School Teacher Training, 9:30 a.m., *Dover Lounge*

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

#### Sunday, September 9

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

Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

Ministry Fair, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Parish Picnic, 12 p.m., *Terrace and Churchyard*