



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 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.** Ministry Fair, *New Parish Hall*

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

**Noon** Parish Picnic, *Terrace and Churchyard*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

I met a friend recently at a cool coffee shop on the Northside. Having just moved here from the Northern Neck, frankly, *every* coffee shop is cool to me. The world I find myself in now is so different than the world I lived in for the past twelve years. Don't get me wrong; I'm eternally grateful for the gift of those twelve years, and I'm so glad to be here now. For one thing, living here, I can just jump in my car and see a dear friend who I've known for thirty years. And get to be in a cool coffee shop to boot!

Anyway, as you can with a dear friend, we talked about everything: our lives, work, worries, hopes, the city of Richmond, the nation, the world. Everything, with plenty of horsing around too.

I don't remember the exact details of what I was saying, but it had to do with trying to understand this new season in life, this new time, this new place. I said, 'I don't really know the *why* of why I'm here. I'm fine with that. But I wonder.' And my friend (the way he does sometimes) closed his eyes hard and breathed deeply and said, 'God is praying for you. Right now.' And then he leaned forward and said, 'because that's what God does. God is praying for you.'

I suppose we're not in the habit of thinking something like that. But it's true. In a spectacular, radiant moment, the Apostle Paul wrote, 'for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words'. Whatever it is, whatever is going on in our lives; whatever is raising itself up for us to consider or run from or rest in, God is right there, right now praying for you.

As we are making a new beginning together, and as we are occupied with all the things there are to do, it is worth remembering, that it is not all up to or on us. You don't have to *do everything* to make sure that everything happens well. Please remember, God has God's own work to do too. God is praying for you, right now, for your life and for the flourishing of all of our lives. Rest in that, God's grace-filled place for every new beginning.

*David May*

**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.

### **FALL KICKOFF AND PARISH PICNIC TODAY!**

We are excited you are with us today to kick off our fall programs! **Please join us at 10 a.m. for a Ministry Fair in the New Parish Hall**. Stop by different tables to find out how to participate in the vibrant life of St. Mary's. Here you can **learn more about the following opportunities:**

- ❖ Altar Guild
- ❖ CARITAS
- ❖ Children's Choir
- ❖ Children's Ministry Committee
- ❖ Adult Choir
- ❖ Hospitality
- ❖ The Fellowship Committee
- ❖ Lectionary Bible Study
- ❖ Meal Ministry
- ❖ Outreach Committee
- ❖ Pastoral Care Teams
- ❖ Seniors Group
- ❖ St. Clare's Guild
- ❖ Women's Book Study
- ❖ Youth Ministries Committee

During this time, children and youth can attend Sunday School. **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 for this fun, family-friendly, and FREE event!**

### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION**

Back by popular demand, the **men's spiritual practice group** will meet weekly through Advent **beginning on Tuesday, September 11 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.

The weekly **Lectionary Bible Study** led by parishioner and University of Richmond Professor Frank Eakin begins again this fall on **Wednesday, September 12 at 10 a.m. in the Library**. Each Bible study session focuses on the Lectionary readings assigned for the succeeding Sunday. **Anyone who is interested is invited** to attend and participate in this vibrant discussion.

**Adult forums resume next Sunday, September 16 at 10 a.m.** in the New Parish Hall. Next week, **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!**

### **FELLOWSHIP**

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.**

**Seniors lunch returns this fall this Tuesday, September 11!** St. Mary's seniors (well, adults of all ages) are invited to a delicious lunch and engaging program at 12 p.m. in the New Parish Hall. This week, **we welcome Dr. Terrie Hale Scheckelhoff, Head of School of St. Catherine's.** Terrie will speak on K-12 education in the greater Richmond area and St. Catherine's role in our community. In her bio it states, "A sought-after conference presenter and panelist, Dr. Scheckelhoff has presented at more than 20 different national, regional and state conferences over the past decade. She has published notable works on relevant topics such as women in leadership, girls and technology and independent school finances." **Suggested donation is \$5/person and all ages are welcome! Please RSVP** to Elizabeth Baker via email at [ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org) or call (804)-784-5678.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Sunday School starts 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.

**St. Mary's is looking for acolytes** this fall! Acolytes play an important role in the worship and liturgy at St. Mary's. **The role invites any 6th grader or older to serve!** Please email **Matt Rawls** at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org) to sign up. Also, anyone who served as an acolyte in the past year is invited to come to the **Acolyte Party this evening** from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It is St. Mary's way to say, "thank you." **Please RSVP** to Matt Rawls so the right amount of pizza is ordered.

**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 next Sunday, September 16 at 10 a.m.** in the Library or email Matt Rawls at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

**We're back!** Sunday School and Youth Group for middle school and high school students start next week.

- ❖ **Middle School:** Sunday School for 6-7th grade students meets at 10 a.m. in the Education Building the first four Sundays of every month. **Middle School Youth Group** (6-8th grade) gathers on first and third Sundays of each month at 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **High School:** High School Students meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Library. High School Youth Group meets the first and third Sundays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

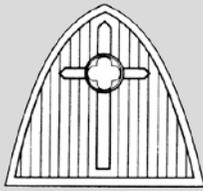
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## OUTREACH AND MISSION

**St. Mary's parishioners are invited to participate in St. Peter's Bible study and volunteer at their food distribution.** On **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 [ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org).



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

**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*

Acolyte Party, 6:30 p.m., *Education Building*

**Tuesday, September 11**

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

Seniors Lunch, 12 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

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

**Wednesday, September 12**

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*

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

**Thursday, September 13**

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

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

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

**Friday, September 14**

Kitchen Clean-up, 8:30 a.m., *Kitchen*

**Saturday, September 15**

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

**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*

**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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