



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 2018

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 on St. Mary's website at 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

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

9:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast, *New Parish Hall*

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

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

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

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

For the past 10 years, I have been part of a woman's Bible study group. The members of this group are my friends, some of whom I have known for years and some of whom have enriched my life with new friendships. Collectively, they provide a safe outlet in which I have been able to share both burdens and joys. One of the things I love most is receiving a Bible verse and commentary each day. They always seem to bring me some much needed perspective. I was particularly inspired by Psalms 118:29: "*So let's keep on giving our thanks to God, for he is so good! His constant, tender love lasts forever.*" Erwin McManus writes, "Gratitude changes your perspective about life. You see the future, experience the present, and remember the past in a dramatically different way."

During this season of stewardship, I am grateful. I am grateful to the wonderful staff who led us so seamlessly through our transition and so graciously welcomed David and Emily. I am grateful for the tireless work of the Rector Search Committee who so prayerfully listened as God called us to invite David as our next rector. I am grateful for the enthusiasm of this congregation as they have embraced David and our staff and are excited to share ways we can better serve in the future. I am grateful for Karen and Mike Huennekens who, without hesitation, said yes to our request to lead us in our annual campaign and who have worked to organize this effort. I am grateful to St. Mary's for all that it has given to me and my family. I am thankful for the many friendships I have found through our church, the opportunity for spiritual growth, and for the constant challenge to become a better, more Godly person.

One of the ways I can show my gratitude is by joyfully pledging and supporting this parish. I love what we at St. Mary's are doing, and I am inspired by how much more we can do together to share God's blessings.

"Gratitude changes your perspective about life."

Tracey Ragsdale

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, 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.

SUPPORT AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT THAT IS GIVING BACK TO ST. MARY'S

Addison Hagan is a junior and an active member of the St. Mary's high school youth group. He was confirmed at St. Mary's about three years ago. In addition, he is a member of the Boy Scout troop 770 and **close to achieving the title of Eagle Scout**, the highest rank that every scout strives to achieve. In order to earn his Eagle Scout, he must complete a project that helps out the community and demonstrates the leadership skills that he has learned as a scout. As Addison shared last week, "When I was deciding how I wanted to help my community, **I first thought of the community at St. Mary's and began thinking about how I could better the church.** As I began looking around, I realized there was a lot of seating that was deteriorating. I feel that St. Mary's would greatly benefit from more areas to gather outside and more options for where the kids eat their snacks." From that brainstorming, **Addison is planning on building two standard sized picnic tables, and four tables that are going to be scaled down** with children in mind. **He is really excited to give back to St. Mary's** and would greatly appreciate any donations to assist with the cost of materials. **You can help fund Addison's project** by writing a check payable to "St. Mary's Episcopal Church" and write "Eagle Scout Project" in the memo line. Thanks in advance from Addison!

WORSHIP

Save the date for a service of **Choral Evensong on Sunday, October 28 at 5 p.m.** in New St. Mary's. The Adult Choir will offer music as part of this contemplative service of readings, prayer, and song. **Repertoire includes** the "Evening Service in A" by Stephen Caracciolo, Preces and Responses by Richard Ayleward, and music of Tallis, Rachmaninoff, and others.

FELLOWSHIP

Parish Supper is next Wednesday, October 17 beginning at 5:30 p.m.! Join us for a family-friendly meal in the New Parish Hall. Service is rolling so come at anytime! **Suggested donation is \$8 per person or \$25 per family.** All ages are welcome! The menu includes: white chicken chili, honey cornbread muffins, Caesar salad, and, as always, chicken nuggets and mac and cheese for the kids. **Nursery will be available for infants to 3-year-olds** from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP

Annual Giving Campaign is in full swing! If you haven't **picked up a pledge card or a Narrative Budget** they are available at the back of the church or by the bulletin board in the Café. **If you have any questions**, there is a "Pledging Frequently Asked Questions" information sheet on the website. Turn in your pledge cards by mail or by placing in the offertory **by November 18**. You can also pledge online at stmarysgoochland.org/pledge, email Mike Koschak at mkoschak@stmarysgoochland.org or call (804) 784-5678. Thank you!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

The **men's spiritual practice group** meets weekly **continuing this Tuesday, October 16 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.

Women of all ages are invited to a once-a-month book club in October. Each month they **discuss a different book** and how it relates to their own spirituality and day-to-day lives. **Join them next week on Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m.** and join them on Tracey Ragsdale's porch (8907 Tresco Road) for a lively discussion of *The Turquoise Table*. **Pick up a copy for \$10 in the Café.**

Next Sunday, October 21 at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall, the Rev. Ben Campbell leads the second half of his two-part forum titled **"Praying and Working for the Kingdom of God."** He is a dynamic and engaging speaker, so please come out to hear him **inspire a conversation for us about the ways that God's coming Kingdom of peace and justice and mercy is already among us** as followers of Jesus in our words and through deeds.

Beginning **next Sunday, October 21 at 10 a.m.** in the Old Parish Hall, **Tracy Harvey and Kelly Cox will lead a book study** for three weeks using Bréne Brown's book, *Braving the Wilderness*. They will explore the book's main theme of what it means to truly belong. **Pick up a copy of the book in the Café area.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Today we continue with Lego Sunday! This morning the 4-year-olds and kindergartners meet in the block room to use our new **Lego building center!** Sunday School will use Legos throughout the year for kids to recreate Bible stories they have heard. **Check out their amazing, creative creations on the table in the Café area.**

We need two children to collect the children's offering each week. During the offertory hymn, they stand in the front of the church while the children come forward to bring up their offering. Both of these roles during the service are a great way for **families and children to participate.** Please consider **signing up your children to usher** to help at an upcoming 11 a.m. service and email Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org.

St. Mary's is looking for acolytes through December! 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 **Elizabeth Baker** at ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org to sign up.

The **PYM Senior High Shrine Mont Retreat** is coming up the first weekend in November! **November 2-4**, all **high school students** are invited to head up to the Shrine Mont Retreat Center. The weekend retreat is put on by the Parish Youth Ministry Committee - a group of 9th-12th grade students from around the diocese. **The cost is \$200 per student** (\$150 fee + \$50 for transportation/chaperones). The **deadline to sign up is Monday, October 29.** For more information, please contact Matt Rawls at mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org. If this cost presents a hardship, please feel free to be in touch with David May or Bob Hetherington.

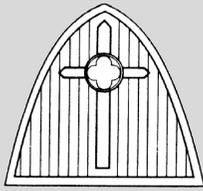
MISSION AND OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone who picked up a Goochland Cares grocery bag last Sunday and donated food this morning. Please place donations in the grocery cart located in the Dover Lounge this morning. As always, **your donation makes a huge impact on the Goochland community** that doesn't have easy access to large grocery stores.

UPDATE: The Ecuador Mission Trip has been rescheduled for February 11 – 18, 2019. Ashley Cameron is **leading a mission trip to Quito, Ecuador** to partner with and work alongside Emaus Episcopal Church and Education Equals Hope. **If you are interested in developing relationships throughout the world and sharing God's love through service?** We would love to have you as a part of this team! **The cost is \$1,500** and thanks to money raised at The Date with the Daffodils, **St. Mary's can give \$500 to help cover the cost.** Please **email Ashley Cameron** at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org if you'd like to learn more and **sign up to join this incredible opportunity.**

PASTORAL CARE

St. Mary's would like to be **prepared meet any needs that may arise on the campus.** We currently have one wheelchair but are looking for further donations. **Please look around your home** to see if you have a **spare walking cane, walker, stretcher, or crutches.** **If you are willing to donate,** please contact Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678 or ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org.



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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, October 14

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Holy Baptism, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 16

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Pastoral Care Team 3, 4 p.m., *Rector's Study*
Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Thursday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 21

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Adult Forum: Praying and Working for the Kingdom of God, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
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., *Education Building*
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Coming Up

Wednesday, October 24

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

Thursday, October 25

Women's Book Study, 7:30 p.m., *8907 Tresco Road*

Sunday, October 28

Adult Forum, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Choral Evensong, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

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.
- ❖ **Are you following us on Instagram?** We love sharing fun facts, behind the scenes, and our beautiful campus. Make sure to **follow us @stmarysgoochland**
- ❖ **Do you like our Facebook page?** You can find recent sermons, reflections, information about upcoming events, pictures from events, and more by liking us at **facebook.com/St.MarysGoochland**