



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 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*

10 a.m. Adult Forum: Praying and Working for the Kingdom of God, *New Parish Hall*

10 a.m. *Braving the Wilderness* Book Study, *Old Parish Hall*

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

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

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

Do you receive email from us?

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

For the past twenty years, our family has been a part of the St. Mary's family. I cannot say we would win an attendance medal but I can say St. Mary's is always in our hearts as we have shared every possible emotion during our time here.

There is no way to put a value on our spiritual experience but during the stewardship season we try to do just that, as we consider our pledges. It is with this examination in mind that I ask, what is your why? Is it family value? Is it a feeling of obligation or a longing for a place to worship surrounded by loving like-minded people?

I am drawn to the words of an American folk singer and recipient of both the Nobel Prize for Literature and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Bob Dylan, and specifically, two ballads: "Gotta Serve Somebody" and "Stand by Faith".

You might be asking yourself, Bob Dylan, really? Bob Dylan aficionados know that a great many of his songs have substantial religious meaning. These songs offer a glimpse into the why and then the how we can achieve our vision and dreams as we prayerfully consider our 2019 pledges. First, the why from a verse and chorus of "Gotta Serve Somebody":

*Might like to wear cotton, might like to wear silk
Might like to drink whiskey, might like to drink milk
You might like to eat caviar, you might like to eat bread
You may be sleeping on the floor, sleeping in a king-sized bed*

*But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes
Indeed you're gonna have to serve somebody
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord
But you're gonna have to serve somebody*

and "Stand by Faith" for the how:

*How do we move
Move by faith
How do we move
Move by faith
How do we move
Move by faith
By faith, by faith, oh Lord*

If we, through prayerful introspection, consider the blessing of being a part of St. Mary's, a little country parish full of energy and momentum, and remember who we serve with an abundance of faith than reaching our goals will be easy.

Kemper Wharton

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.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The 2019 Annual Giving Campaign is in full swing! As of October 18, we have received **166 pledges totaling \$535,878** towards our \$1.1 million goal. **This Sunday marks the halfway point** of the eight-week campaign and we are **44% of the way** to our goal. 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!

Also, please save the date for a celebration of generosity in honor of St. Mary's 2019 Annual Giving Campaign! On **Sunday, November 18 after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**, the Stewardship Committee and Vestry want to say 'thank you' for everyone's support of St. Mary's through their gifts of time, talent, and treasure with a simple reception! We are blessed to be members in faith at St. Mary's and our efforts in giving will broaden and enhance our ministries and outreach.

In an effort of transparency and education, **Mike Koschak worked tirelessly to create a bulletin board with extensive graphics and charts detailing St. Mary's Annual Giving trends**. Please **take a look on the bulletin boards in the Dover Lounge or in the Parish Office**.

Here is a breakdown of St. Mary's 2018 Pledges by age groups:

Age Group	# of Pledgers	Total \$'s Pledged	% of Pledgers	% of \$'s Pledged	Avg. \$'s Pledged
Under 40	10	13,950	2.9%	1.4%	1,395
41 – 49	31	65,658	9.1%	6.7%	2,118
50 – 59	60	184,519	17.6%	18.8%	3,075
60 – 69	89	271,974	26.2%	27.7%	3,056
70 – 79	75	204,650	22.1%	20.9%	2,729
80 – 89	62	200,873	18.2%	20.5%	3,240
Over 90	13	38,910	3.8%	4.0%	2,993
Total:	340	980,534	100.0%	100.0%	2,884

WORSHIP

Join us next Sunday, October for a **Choral Evensong 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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

This morning 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.

The **men's spiritual practice group** meets weekly **continuing this Tuesday, October 23 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 week on Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m., women of all ages are to join Tracey Ragsdale on her porch (8907 Tresco Road) for a **lively discussion of *The Turquoise Table***. Are you consumed by a busy life but unsure how to slow down? What if connecting with neighbors and friends was as simple as showing up and being available? **Pick up a copy for \$10 in the Café** and show up this week. It doesn't matter if you read the book or not!

Beginning **this morning 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** and join them for a great discussion.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Please join us on Sunday, November 4 when we celebrate All Saints' Day. As part of the **St. Mary's tradition the children will be a part of the service.** In the weeks before All Saints' Day, the children learn about the lives of some of the saints. This is such a special day in the life of the church, and **we hope that there will be many children who will be able to participate.** Please contact Amelia McDaniel at (804) 784-5678 or via email at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org to learn more.

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.

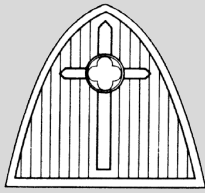
St. Mary's is looking for acolytes through December! Acolytes play an important role in the worship and liturgy at St. Mary's. **The role invites any 6th grader or older to serve!** Please email **Elizabeth Baker** at ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org to sign up.

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 Elizabeth Baker at ebaker@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 donated food to Goochland Cares last Sunday! It totaled 316 pounds of food! As always, **your donation makes a huge impact on the Goochland community** that doesn't have easy access to large grocery stores.

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.** A **deposit of \$100 to secure your spot is due by Sunday, November 11.**



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| Building Community |
| Giving Joyfully |

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This Week at St. Mary's

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*

Tuesday, October 23

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

Wednesday, October 24

Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Rector's Study*
Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 27

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

Sunday, October 28

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, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*
Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*
Choral Evensong, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Coming Up

Tuesday, October 30

Vestry, 5 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

Friday, October 2

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Sunday, November 4, All Saints' Sunday

Adult Forum, 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*

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**