

# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 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 on St. Mary's website at [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.** Adult Forum: Rector's Forum, *New Parish Hall*

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

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

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

**12:15 p.m.** Youth Ministries Committee, *Library*

**5 p.m.** Choral Evensong, *New St. Mary's*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Spiritual practice and gratitude go together. This idea of embracing spiritual practice as a way of life has emerged in my consciousness over the past year or two – compliments of our clergy. As I engage in the spiritual practice of making myself think more about what I'm hearing and experience at St. Mary's, my daily routine is hugely enriched.

Each week, at a minimum, I benefit from the following: the words offered by David and Bob in their wonderful sermons; the adult forum lessons from David and, most recently, Ben Campbell; the Men's Spiritual Practice on Tuesday mornings; and other habits such as thoughtfully reading *The Annunciation* reflections.

The sermons call me to listen harder, think more, and be grateful. I have heard our clergy encourage me to weave these musings into my faith. For example, we heard David speak of one of his spiritual practices of envisioning those around him as their innocent 3-year old selves. Try that. It's cool. I love challenging myself to Bob Hetherington's solicitation to God as he prays for his sermon, "may the words we hear be your words".

This next sentence is written in gratitude to Bob. I want him to know that I am working hard at *showing up* which is pretty easy, *paying attention* which is a little harder, and *leaning in* which is a lot like real work.

And this is a special mention of the Men's Spiritual Practice group. I realize what you are about to read falls into the category of "you have to be there to understand it." But we have been together for close to two years now. To study the Gospel with these friends has brought a new perspective to the wonder of spiritual practice. It's a true blessing.

Dianne and I are so grateful for what is happening for us and our faith at St. Mary's.

When I received the invitation to serve on the Stewardship Committee, my first reaction was "who – me?" Then I heard David May offer his theology for stewardship. Pledging should be faith based. We should each consider stewardship as a spiritual practice, with our personal decision being driven by a sense of gratitude to God. Dianne and I were thus empowered to pledge with confidence and gratitude.

Spiritual practice. Gratitude. Thanks be to God.

Wayne Dementi

**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.

### **ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The 2019 Annual Giving Campaign is in full swing! As of October 25, we have received **195 pledges totaling \$609,430** towards our \$1.1 million goal. This Sunday marks the halfway point of the eight-week campaign and we are **55% 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](http://stmarysgoochland.org/pledge), email Mike Koschak at [mkoschak@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto: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 created 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.

### **WORSHIP**

Join us **this evening 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.

**It's Daylight Savings next weekend!** While we would love for you to show up to church an hour early...you may want to set your clocks an hour back **next Saturday night**. We don't want you to miss All Saints' Sunday!

**We are remembering the Saints.** Sunday, November 6 is All Saints' Sunday when we remember particularly St. Mary's parishioners and others who are close to them who have died in the past year. If you would like to be sure that we remember someone during the service, please contact Elizabeth Baker at [ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org) or call (804) 784-5678.

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

**Join David May this morning at 10 a.m.** in the New Parish Hall for a Rector's Forum. David has now been at St. Mary's for three months. He would like to spend this time reflecting on what he's seen, what he's heard, and reflect on where St. Mary's should go moving forward. Please come with questions and join us for a great conversation.

The men's spiritual practice group meets weekly **continuing this Tuesday, October 30 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.

Continuing **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 next 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](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) to learn more.

The 6th & 7th grade Sunday School class meets every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the downstairs conference room of the Education Building. This year, St. Mary's is using the *Echo the Story curriculum*. It walks through the whole arc of the Biblical story – from creation to Revelation. Students will get the chance to see the story of the Bible in a whole narrative. The curriculum is fast paced and up to date using video, storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue to get the kids involved and engaged.

Andy Howlett, Jesse McCoy, and Geoff Simril have created a fun, engaging, and out-of-the-box Sunday School curriculum for St. Mary's High School students! They meet every Sunday in the Library at 10 a.m. On the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of the month, discussions comprise of prevalent issues in these students' worlds. Andy and Jesse asked the students what they wanted to get out of this time this year and that was their request. Then on the third Sunday of each month, Geoff presents a series on careers and happiness.

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 note there is a training scheduled during the 10 a.m. hour next Sunday, November 4. Please email Elizabeth Baker at [ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org) to sign up.

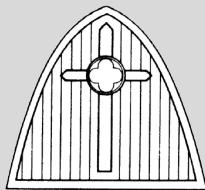
## MISSION AND OUTREACH

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](mailto: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.

## St. Mary's Financials Update: September 2018 Year to Date

Revenues and expenses are both on budget through three-quarters of the year.

Revenues	Sep 2018 ACTUAL	Sep 2018 BUDGET	2018 YTD ACTUAL	2018 YTD BUDGET
Pledges Paid	\$83,072	\$70,000	\$752,357	\$740,000
Plate & Gifts	\$11,684	\$11,700	\$62,303	\$58,030
Other Income	\$11,799	\$1,152	154,016	\$108,268
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$106,555</b>	<b>\$82,852</b>	<b>\$968,676</b>	<b>\$906,298</b>
 <i>Total Expenses</i>	 \$88,367	 \$117,447	 \$1,042,938	 \$1,037,094



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## This Week at St. Mary's

### Sunday, October 28

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Adult Forum: Rector's Forum, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*  
*Braving the Wilderness* Book Study, 10 a.m., *Old 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*  
Youth Ministries Committee, 12:15 p.m., *Library*  
Choral Evensong, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

### Tuesday, October 30

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*  
Vestry, 5 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

### Wednesday, October 31

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

### Thursday, November 1

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

### Friday, November 2

The Diocese of Virginia's Annual Convention  
Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

### Saturday, November 3

The Diocese of Virginia's Annual Convention  
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

### Sunday, November 4, All Saints' Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Adult Forum: Update from Annual Convention, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

*Braving the Wilderness* Book Study, 10 a.m., *Old 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*  
Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

## Coming Up

### Sunday, November 11

Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *New Parish Hall*  
ALL Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building*

### Tuesday, November 13

Seniors Lunch, 12 p.m., *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.
- ❖ **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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