



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 7, 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.** Sunday School and Confirmation Class, *Sunday School and Education Buildings*

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

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

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

**3 p.m.** Blessing of the Animals, *Terrace*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

This year I had the privilege of being asked to serve on the stewardship committee. Prior to our first meeting of the year, I began thinking about what stewardship really means. It is now that time of year when we have been asked to make a pledge to St. Mary's. By now we have all received the narrative budget and have heard at the adult forum and Sunday service about the importance of our pledges in order to meet the budget goals, to keep St. Mary's running smoothly, the beautiful buildings and grounds maintained, and to achieve the goals of the many ministries of St. Mary's. All of this is a necessity, but I am sure to many it also sounds like a burden to bear for all of us. So where do we find guidance and answers?

The Rev. David May has urged us all to prayerfully consider in making our pledges what God is calling each of us and St. Mary's to do. In my own prayerful consideration of what stewardship means, I looked to our Episcopal traditions and the Bible for guidance. As Episcopalians we find in the last three of the five baptismal promises what we are charged to do not only within our own parish but also in the greater community. We have all accepted our mission by responding to each baptismal promise, "I will with God's help". In applying this to our pledges, we must meet the needs of not only our parish, but as Christians we also have the responsibility to do good works in our community and the greater world.

As part of the Eucharist service, in the Prayer of Thanksgiving, we together pray, "*And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.*"

These reflections made me realize that my annual pledge is not a burden to bear, but instead an opportunity to be joyful about. As stated in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7: "*The person who gives generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.*"

Mike Blanks

**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.

### PRAYING AND WORKING FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

This morning, St. Mary's is excited to welcome the Rev. Ben Campbell, an Episcopal priest and author of *Richmond's Unhealed History*. Ben came to Richmond in 1970 and has lived in Church Hill since that time. He has ministered to three Episcopal churches and served as Communications Director and subsequently Program Director of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. He directed two non-profit corporations—the Richmond Urban Institute, and Home Base, Incorporated, a neighborhood-based low-income housing corporation. In 1987, he became Pastoral Director of Richmond Hill, an ecumenical Christian community and retreat center on Church Hill in Richmond. **Now, he is retired but still engaged in promoting and teaching spiritual guidance, Christian healing prayer, and social justice engagement.**

**Today and on Sunday, October 21 at 10 a.m.** in the New Parish Hall, he will lead a two-part forum titled **"Praying and Working for the Kingdom of God."** The Rev. Ben Campbell 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.

### WORSHIP

**Blessing of the Animals is this afternoon at 3 p.m.!** We are not saying it will make your animals better or more well-behaved...but it can't hurt. **Bring your animals** (dogs, cats, horses, goats, hermit crabs, chickens, lizards, birds, stuffed animals, etc...) to the Church Yard in front of New St. Mary's to be blessed. Stay for treats—for yourselves and your animals—on the Terrace afterward (in case of rain, we'll gather in New St. Mary's for the blessing and the New Parish Hall for treats). **Please be sure to secure your pet safely**, on a leash or in a proper carrying case.

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

**Seniors (well, adults of all ages) meet this week!** Join parishioners of all ages for an enjoyable time and lunch in the **New Parish Hall this Tuesday, October 9 at 12 p.m.** This month's speaker is **Executive Director of the Richmond Symphony, David J. L. Fisk**. He will focus on the many accomplishments of the 61-year-old symphony and its exciting upcoming events. **Suggested donation is \$5.**

Save the date for St. Mary's first delicious **Parish Breakfast for all ages of the program year! It is served next Sunday, October 14** beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the New Parish Hall. Service is rolling so come anytime between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. **Suggested donation of \$4/person**, maximum of \$15/family. **Menu includes:** ham, scrambled eggs, cheese grits, "St. Mary's" cinnamon rolls, biscuits, and fresh fruit.

## 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](http://stmarysgoochland.org/pledge), email Mike Koschak at [mkoschak@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mkoschak@stmarysgoochland.org) or call (804) 784-5678. Thank you!

## 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](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org).

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

The **men's spiritual practice group** meets weekly **continuing this Tuesday, October 3 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. **Save the date for Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m.** and join them on Tracey Ragsdale's porch for a lively discussion of *The Turquoise Table*. **Pick up a copy for \$10 in the Café.**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Today we continue with Lego Sunday!** This morning the first and second grade Sunday School class meets 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.**

**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](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org) to sign up.

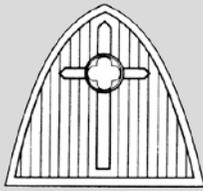
**Middle School Youth Group meets this Sunday, October 7 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** at **BOOMERANG AIRSPORTS** (2015 Towne Center W Blvd, Richmond, VA, 23233). All 6th - 8th grade students join in for the ninja warrior course, trampolines, dodgeball, a high ropes course, and so much more. **The cost is \$25 per person**, but scholarships are always available. For further information, contact **Matt Rawls** at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

**High School Youth Group meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** at **G-FORCE Karts** (4245 Carolina Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222)! **All 9th - 12th grade students**, join Matt for an excellent night of go-karts and laser tag. **The cost is \$30 per person**, but scholarships are always available. For further information, contact **Matt Rawls** at [mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org).

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](mailto:mrawls@stmarysgoochland.org). If this cost presents a hardship, please feel free to be in touch with David May or Bob Hetherington.

## OUTREACH

**Please pick up a Goochland Cares grocery bag this morning.** They are **hanging outside the New Parish Hall and on the ends of the pews in New St. Mary's**. There is a list of needed items attached to each bag. **Please return by next Sunday, October 14.** Your donation makes a huge impact on the Goochland community that doesn't have easy access to large grocery stores.



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

**Sunday, October 7**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*  
Adult Forum: Praying and Working for the Kingdom of God, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*  
Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*  
Blessing of the Animals, 3 p.m., *Terrace*  
Middle School Youth group, 4:30 p.m., *Boomerang AirSports*  
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., *G-Force Karts*

**Monday, October 8**

*Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, October 9**

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, October 10**

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

**Thursday, October 11**

Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

**Saturday, October 13**

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

**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*

**Coming Up**

**Wednesday, October 17**

Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

**Sunday, October 21**

Adult Forum: Praying and Working for the Kingdom of God, 10 a.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**
- ❖ **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**