



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 11, 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*

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

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

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Merriam Webster defines stewardship as "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." What does this mean to us in relation to St. Mary's?

Making a monetary pledge or other form of financial support is certainly a building block of stewardship, and an important one, but it is not the only piece and not necessarily the most important piece of our individual stewardship efforts. The key to stewardship is participation. It is ongoing and necessary in building healthy relationships. In short, stewardship is a spiritual discipline that reminds us of who we are and whose we are.

Individually, stewardship presents us an opportunity, actually multiple opportunities, to contribute and participate in the well-being of St. Mary's. It is a kinder and gentler form of stewardship and it is completely voluntary.

Over the years, our family has enjoyed many activities and services as members of St. Mary's. We have served on vestries, participated in fellowship, sung in the choir, welcomed newcomers, and taught Sunday school. We have welcomed our children into the Church through baptism and have sought guidance and strength as we have mourned the loss of loved ones. In both good times and bad, Lee and I have strengthened our relationship with God. This would not have been possible if it had not been for St. Mary's strong leadership and good stewardship.

We do not take the importance of stewardship lightly. Every year, we make an annual pledge to the church and it is the first bill we pay. For St. Mary's to be nurtured, it needs both financial and spiritual support. By so doing, we ensure the parish's continued existence, growth, and ability to carry out its many ministries. Stewardship is not elective but is continuous in nature.

Our tendency is to put an annual emphasis on stewardship. We need to remind ourselves, however, that this is not a one-shot opportunity to commit ourselves and our financial resources. It is a time to remind ourselves of the ongoing opportunities that are available to us because of St. Mary's stewardship efforts.

We encourage you to recognize our communal stewardship responsibility and to concentrate and meditate on your personal opportunities to contribute your proverbial time, talent, and money to St. Mary's stewardship efforts. We also encourage you to contemplate your opportunities on an ongoing and periodic basis and not just once a year.

*Cathy and Lee Keiger*

**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.

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

**We gather together to ask the Lord's Blessing: A Thanksgiving Eve Service for Holy Eucharist.** Please join us on **Wednesday, November 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's** for a Thanksgiving Eve service to sing the great old Thanksgiving hymns and give thanks to God for God's abundant goodness and blessings. **This is a change from a Thanksgiving Day service** that David would like for us to try. Over the years David has seen that many people find it **more convenient and simpler to come to church for Thanksgiving the evening before**. We will see if that is true for us here at St. Mary's! **So, please come – and sing out!** – as we offer thanksgiving to God for the abundance of this good earth and God's faithfulness and many and manifold blessings.

### STEWARDSHIP

**The 2019 Annual Giving Campaign is in full swing!** As of November 8, we have received **243 pledges totaling \$789,240** towards our \$1.1 million goal. **Next Sunday, November 18 marks the end** of the eight-week campaign and we are **65% 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 them 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!

**Please join us for a celebration of generosity in honor of St. Mary's 2019 Annual Giving Campaign!** **Next 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.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

The **men's spiritual practice group** meets weekly **continuing this Tuesday, November 13 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 throughout the year on **Wednesdays 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.

### FELLOWSHIP

St. Mary's delicious **Parish Breakfast for all ages is served this morning in the New Parish Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m.!** **Suggested donation of \$4/person**, maximum of \$15/family. **Menu includes:** creamed chipped beef, scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage, breakfast potatoes, Bill's cinnamon rolls, and fresh fruit.

Join us this week for an enjoyable time at the **Seniors Lunch on Tuesday, November 13 at 12 p.m.** Adults of all ages are invited to a homemade, delicious lunch and an engaging program! **This month's speaker is Tim Joyce, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Richmond**, which consists of 17 operating branches (including Goochland County), nearly 3300 staff members, and an operating budget of over \$42 million. Tim will speak on the YMCA's relevancy in today's world and **how it carries out its age-old mission of "putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all."** Suggested donation is \$5; please call Elizabeth Baker at (804) 784-5678 to RSVP.

**Parish Supper is this Wednesday, October 14 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 between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.! **Suggested donation is \$8 per person or \$25 per family.** All ages are welcome! The menu includes: roasted rosemary pork loin, wild rice with mushrooms, roasted butternut squash and brussel sprouts, 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.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Youth Group is back this afternoon for ALL 6th through 12th graders!** Join St. Mary's youth at XZone Sports (6851 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832) for an **afternoon of low-impact paintball beginning at 3:15 p.m.** Please email Christy Gurkin at [christygurkin@gmail.com](mailto:christygurkin@gmail.com) to sign up! The event is reserved for the first 20 St. Mary's youth. Sign ups will open up to friends if St. Mary's youth don't fill the slots. **It costs \$30 per person.** If this cost presents a hardship, please feel free to be in touch with David May.

**Please mark your calendars** for one of our most beloved traditions at St. Mary's. **The Children's Lessons and Carols is held on Christmas Eve at 4 p.m.** Starting this morning, **the kids will practice the music as part of Sunday School.** The more they are able to practice, the more comfortable they are and the better all of us are able to hear them at the service. **Please try to attend as many Sunday morning practices as possible.**

**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.

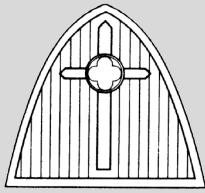
Andy Howlett, Jesse McCoy, and Geoff Simril have created a **fun, engaging, and out-of-the-box Sunday School curriculum for St. Mary's High School students!** They **meet every Sunday in the Library at 10 a.m.** On the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of the month, **discussions comprise of prevalent issues 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.

## OUTREACH

**Thanksgiving Food Drive for GoochlandCares** is happening now! **Grab a bag to fill with Thanksgiving pantry items** to help our neighbors in Goochland County this Thanksgiving. The list of items needed is stapled to the bag. **Please return to the grocery cart in the Dover Lounge by Sunday, November 18.** All bags go to GoochlandCares food pantry. Find the bags in the back of New St. Mary's, Little St. Mary's, and the Dover Lounge. And thank you to all the Sunday School students who colored the bags!

**CARITAS is in need of blankets.** They are currently in desperate need of **blankets for their women's and family shelters.** If you have **any new or gently used blankets** that you can donate, **please contact Allie Cornell** at [acornell@caritasva.org](mailto:acornell@caritasva.org) or call (804) 887-1575.

Today is the last day to sign up to join the **Ecuador Mission Team from February 11-18, 2019.** We would love to have you as a part of this team! Please email **Ashley Cameron** at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org) if you'd like to **sign up to join this incredible opportunity.**



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

**Sunday, November 11**

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*  
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*  
ALL Youth Group, 3:15 p.m., *XZone Sports*

**Tuesday, November 13**

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, November 14**

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

**Thursday, November 15**

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

**Saturday, November 17**

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

**Sunday, November 18**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Celebration of Generosity, 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*  
Celebration of Generosity, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

**Coming Up**

**Tuesday, November 20**

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

**Wednesday, November 21**

Thanksgiving Eve Service, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

**Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, December 2, First Sunday in Advent**

Lessons and Carols, 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**
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