

THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 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. Celebration of Generosity, *New 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 Celebration of Generosity, *New Parish Hall*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Although we have come to the end of another season of stewardship, we realize that stewardship is neither a program nor a campaign, but a part of our discipleship. The way we live our lives and the choices that we make flow from a depth of understanding of and gratitude for who we are and to whom we belong. From our first breath til our last, we are both receivers and givers. How we evolve from an infant, the ultimate taker, to an adult, where we strive to share everything, is one measure of how we live "a godly, righteous, and sober life." On our journey to generosity, we learn from our own actions and experiences, from parents and family, from friends and colleagues, and most importantly from our church.

Over the past few years, we have been exposed to the uncivil nature of our society on so many issues. Now more than ever is the time to fall back on the core beliefs that we learned from our personal relationships with family, with friends, and with God to help overcome the tremendous differences that divide the people of our great nation.

As we wind down St. Mary's 2019 Annual Giving Campaign and head into Advent, it is an appropriate time to express our deepest gratitude to a number of different people. First, to those of you who have gone through or are going through a discernment process, pledged or are contemplating pledging, we are extremely grateful. The Clergy and Staff continue to provide support in so many ways, allowing us to live into our ministries and spiritual growth. Lastly, a special thank you to the hard work of the entire Stewardship Committee, with particular thanks to Karen and Mike Huennekens for spearheading such a wonderful effort. Without their strong leadership and tireless determination, we would not be where we are today.

As a token of appreciation, the Stewardship Committee and the Vestry invite you to join us for a celebration honoring St. Mary's 2019 Annual Giving Campaign after both services this morning in the New Parish Hall. Again, thank you so much for leaning in. We look forward to seeing everyone Sunday.

*Tracey Ragsdale, Senior Warden
& Russell Wyatt, Junior Warden*

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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.

HOLIDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

The holiday season brings on powerful memories and emotions, and it can be a particularly painful time for those who have lost a child. If you have experienced this loss, or know someone who has, we want you to know about a special service to be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 6000 Grove Avenue, tomorrow, November 26, at 7 p.m., and co-sponsored by St. Mary's. The Holiday Memorial Service, begun in 2007, is an interfaith offering sponsored by several area congregations and schools—Protestant, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Jewish—to provide a time and place for families to remember the child they lost. The holiday season is filled with images and expectations of loved ones coming home, while bereaved parents and family members know that not everyone can be around the table. Moreover, "holiday cheer" seems to preclude bringing up the name or the memory of the deceased child. The Holiday Memorial Service offers an opportunity to do that, whether your child died 30 years ago, or three weeks ago; whether as an adult, a teenager, a child or an infant; from illness, accident, violence, suicide, or other cause. This service is open to all, and is followed by a simple reception. For additional information, www.ststephensRVA.org/holidaymemorial.

STEWARDSHIP

The eight-week 2019 Annual Giving Campaign concludes today! As of Thursday, November 15, we have received 273 pledges totaling \$859,340 towards our \$1.1 million goal. But don't worry, there is still time to pledge. If you haven't picked up a pledge card, they are available at the back of the church. You can also pledge online at stmarysgoochland.org/pledge, email Mike Koschak at mkoschak@stmarysgoochland.org or call (804) 784-5678. Thank you!

Please join us for a reception in honor of St. Mary's 2019 Annual Giving Campaign! This morning after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the New Parish Hall, 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 20 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.

WORSHIP

We gather together to ask the Lord's Blessing: **A Thanksgiving Eve Service for Holy Eucharist**. Please join us this **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. Please note **this takes the place of the Thanksgiving Day service**. 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.

Those of all ages are welcome to **join us for an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 2 at 5 p.m.** in New St. Mary's. **Listen to readings and choral music** telling of God's promise of salvation and **raise your voices in song with the St. Mary's Choir** in hymns this season of Advent.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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.**

Advent wreaths are a wonderful tradition to incorporate into your family's celebration of the season. **On Sunday, December 2 during the 10 a.m. forum**, we will gather to make wreaths together. We will provide oasis rings and candles, as well as a simple prayer service bulletin for you to take home to use when lighting the candles. We are **asking for the congregation to bring in cut greens to share** to complete the wreaths. There is a suggested donation of **\$15 for the materials**. If you have any questions, please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org.

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.

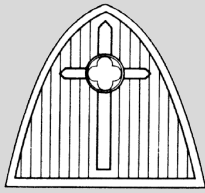
OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive for GoochlandCares! Last year, St. Mary's collected over 800 pounds of food! Hopefully, we exceeded that this year! Either way, these Thanksgiving pantry items make a difference to our neighbors in Goochland County.

The Giving Tree goes up next Sunday, November 25 in the Dover Lounge! St. Mary's offers the opportunity to **provide Christmas gifts for five families from the Goochland Christmas Mother**. Once the tree is up, **please grab an ornament or two with the gift needs on them**. The wrapped gifts will be **collected by Sunday, December 16**.

THANK YOU!

St. Mary's parishioners enjoyed three scrumptious meals this past week – Parish Breakfast, Seniors Lunch, and Parish Supper. **A huge thank you to all the volunteers** (Pat Gibb, Bill Gooch, Ralph Fisher, Bruce Keeney, Mary Taliaferro Keeney, Cathy Keiger, Lee Keiger, Michelle Lewis, Fay Lohr, Bruin Richardson, Sarah Richardson, Missy Roberts, Susie Salsitz, Lisa Sharpe, Michele Shepherd, Geoff Simril, Patsy Simril, Karen Stephens, Scott Stephens, Kerri White, Joan Wilkins) **for the time and talent that went into serving these meals**. They were greatly enjoyed by many and brought people together for wonderful fellowship.



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Seth Schaeffer and **Scott Stephens**

This Week at St. Mary's

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*

Tuesday, November 20

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

Wednesday, November 21

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Thanksgiving Eve Service, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 23

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Saturday, November 24

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

Sunday, November 25

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Adult Forum: What Makes Good Liturgy?, 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, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Coming Up

Sunday, December 2, First Sunday in Advent

Advent Wreath-Making, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*
Lessons and Carols, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

UPCOMING SERVICES



Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 21 at
5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's

Advent Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 2 at 5 p.m.
in New St. Mary's



CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist
in New St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two in New St. Mary's

11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One in Little St. Mary's