



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 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: What Makes Good Liturgy?, *New 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, *New Parish Hall*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Today marks the end of the church year. Next Sunday, Advent begins and we march toward Christmas. What sort of ending is it? In the Gospel reading, we have the conversation between Jesus and Pontius Pilate about the nature of kingship. This last Sunday after Pentecost is also known as Christ the King Sunday. The reign of Christ is affirmed. I am reassured that at the end of time and history God's reign will prevail. The forces of darkness will be swallowed up in God's love. The idea is so hopeful.

As we begin a new year, we have the opportunity to take stock of our lives. In the church context, it is time for New Year's resolutions. How is your life different from what it was last year at this time? What are you saying goodbye to? What are you saying hello to? The spiritual journey moves forward. We cannot hold on to the past. We should not jump too far ahead in the future. We need to stay present in this moment. What is God saying to each of us in this moment of transition?

We count our blessings. St. Mary's has a fine new rector who is getting his feet grounded in the life and history of the parish. The parish has been blessed with outstanding lay leadership which is engaged in everything from pastoral care to international mission work. We have wonderful parish buildings which remind us of the peace and quiet of the country. God has blessed us.

Now we move forward into a new church year. Who knows what adventures lie ahead. We journey in the hope that the kingship of Jesus will prevail. May God's loving reign become a larger reality in our broken and confused world. In the new year may each of us become an instrument for God's healing presence in the world.

Robert G. Hetherington

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.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

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. It is one of the **most meaningful and moving expressions** of our great liturgical tradition. Come listen to readings from the scriptures that anticipate the coming of Christ that are coupled with choral music telling of God's promise of salvation. **St. Mary's choir is one of the finest choirs in our area**. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience their gift of music and to raise your voices in song with them.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

The **men's spiritual practice group** meets weekly **continuing this Tuesday, November 27 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** is 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.

Conversations about the liturgy often get derailed by reducing it to a question of 'high church' and 'low church'. **What makes for good liturgy is a more basic question** about the worshipping life of the people of God and is a good one to ask before even getting to considerations of 'high church' and 'low church'. **Please come join David May on Sunday, November 25 and Sunday, December 16** in the New Parish Hall for a lively conversation about what makes for good liturgy, whether 'high' or 'low'!

ADVENT

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.

There are a **million sites that provide lists and advice on how to "get it all done"** during the Christmas season. **If you are looking ahead and want to think about ways to slow down** and center more on the mystery and gift of Christmas this year, Amelia highly recommends looking into the Giving Manger concept. **Here is a site (www.thegivingmanger.com)** that offers a way for **families to more intentionally prepare for Jesus' birth**. You do not have to purchase a giving manger to use the concept in your home. We will have our own Popsicle stick mangers available on **Sunday, December 2 during the Advent Wreath Making day festivities at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall**.

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.** Continuing 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

The Giving Tree went up in the Dover Lounge this morning! St. Mary's offers the opportunity to **provide Christmas gifts for five families from the Goochland Christmas Mother.** **Please grab an ornament or two with the gift needs on them.** The wrapped gifts will be **collected by Sunday, December 16.**

How to participate:

1. Choose an ornament from the tree with a wish you can help fulfill and sign it out on the board.
2. When purchasing the wish, please be sure to get a gift receipt.
3. Return the gift wrapped with the ornament and gift receipts attached under the tree in the Dover Lounge.

WORSHIP

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 offers an opportunity, 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES



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

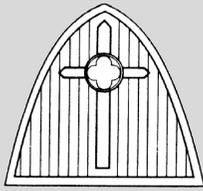
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two in New St. Mary's

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



CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two in Little St. Mary's



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This Week at St. Mary's

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., *Café and New Parish Hall*

Tuesday, November 27

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, November 28

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*

Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Thursday, November 29

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

Saturday, December 1

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

Sunday, December 2, The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Advent Wreath-Making, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

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

Cake and Coffee, 10 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Lessons and Carols, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Coming Up

Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Tuesday, December 11

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**
- ❖ **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**