

# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**All Saints' Sunday**

**November 4, 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: Annual Convention Update, *New Parish Hall*

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

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

In Hebrews 13:16, we are reminded: *"But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."* For years, we at St. Mary's received this reminder just before diligent ushers surged the aisles to disseminate shiny collection plates. Upon hearing these words, I would repeat them in my head and smile. I liked hearing them. But I never focused very deeply on what it was that I liked about them. Upon a cursory reflection, the reminder seems utterly unnecessary. Do we Church-going folk need to be reminded to do good? Certainly not. Do we, who constantly extoll the virtues of sharing on our children, need to be reminded to share? No way. Except, I think that sometimes we do.

As Wayne Dementi observed so well, the journey from showing up, to leaning in, and, finally, to staying strong gets a bit harder from one step to the next. I think about the reminder in Hebrews 13 in much the same way — doing good sounds pretty easy, but when that means sharing (i.e. giving someone else something that is yours), that's a bit harder. And when sharing means sacrificing (i.e. giving even when it hurts), well, that is harder still. So I think it does help to be reminded, or urged, to do good, to share, and to sacrifice. God gives us proof that he is well pleased by our sacrifice through the warmth and joy we feel when we do.

Carrie and I felt that warmth and joy when we made our stewardship pledge for 2019. Pledging to St. Mary's is one of the many ways we all can show — and feel — that we are "all in." St. Mary's is not just a place, it is a community that grows and is strengthened when all of its individual families share their blessings. Such sacrifices have allowed St. Mary's to grow into the wonderful spiritual center that it is, weathering hardships along the way. And such sacrifices will allow St. Mary's not only to weather the hardships to come, but to continue to flourish.

In the end, I think that the reminder in Hebrews 13 is not so much a reminder to do good and share, but a reminder that by doing these things, you are pleasing God. And I guess that is what I liked about hearing those words all along.

*Seth Schaeffer*

**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.

### **ECUADOR MISSION TRIP – SIGN UP BY NEXT SUNDAY!**

Are you interested in developing relationships throughout the world and sharing God's love through service? St. Mary's is taking a mission team to Quito, Ecuador in February! Have you considered and signed up for the Ecuador Mission Trip, yet? Ashley Cameron is leading a team from February 11 – 18, 2019 to partner with and work alongside Emaús Episcopal Church and Education Equals Hope. **On-the-ground projects vary from** painting, gardening, roofing, medical check-ups, tutoring, and relationship building. But **Education Equals Hope designs an experience specifically for our team** based on our gifts and skills, in collaboration with us and the Episcopal Church we serve. **The mission truly is about the discovery of faith** and developing meaningful partnerships. It's an incredible opportunity!

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 next Sunday, November 11**.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**The 2019 Annual Giving Campaign is in full swing!** As of November 1, we have received **216 pledges totaling \$685,110** towards our \$1.1 million goal. **This Sunday marks the halfway point** of the eight-week campaign and we are **62% 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 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.

### **FELLOWSHIP**

St. Mary's delicious **Parish Breakfast for all ages is back next Sunday, November 11!** **Serving** begins at 9:30 a.m. in the New Parish Hall but 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:** creamed chipped beef, scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage, breakfast potatoes, Bill's cinnamon rolls, and fresh fruit.

Save the date 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.

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

The Church in the Diocese of Virginia met in for our **224th Annual Diocesan Convention these past couple of days, November 1-3 here in Richmond.** Annual Convention is the gathering of the lay and clerical delegates of all of the parishes and missions of the diocese to take council together for the mission and ministry of the Church for the coming year. This year, Convention gave thanks for the ministry of the 13th Bishop of Virginia, the Right Reverend Shannon Sherwood Johnston who retired as our Diocesan at the conclusion of Convention. **St. Mary's was represented by our Lay Delegates**, Andrew Blair, Margaret Mickel, Mike Blanks and Missy Roberts, and by our Clerical Delegates, Bob Hetherington and David May. **Please plan to join us this morning at 10 a.m. in the New Parish Hall at the Adult Forum for a report** from our delegates on the activities and actions of Convention.

The **men's spiritual practice group** meets weekly **continuing this Tuesday, November 6 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 for its final installment **this morning at 10 a.m.** in the Old Parish Hall, **Tracy Harvey and Kelly Cox will conclude a book study** using Brené 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

**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.

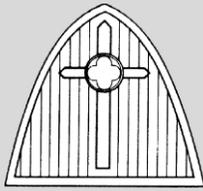
Andy Howlett, Jesse McCoy, and Geoff Simril have created a **fun, engaging, and out-of-the-box Sunday School curriculum for St. Mary's High School students!** They meet every Sunday in the Library at 10 a.m. On the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of the month, **discussions comprise of prevalent issues in 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 email **Elizabeth Baker** at [ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebaker@stmarysgoochland.org) to sign up. **Please note there is a training scheduled during the 10 a.m. hour in the youth lounge this morning.**

## OUTREACH

**Thanksgiving Food Drive for GoochlandCares** begins today! **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.



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**Seth Schaeffer** and **Scott Stephens**

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

**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*

**Tuesday, November 6, Election Day**

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*

**Wednesday, November 7**

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

**Thursday, November 8**

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

**Saturday, November 10**

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

**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, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building*

**Coming Up**

**Tuesday, November 13**

Seniors Lunch, 12 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

**Wednesday, November 14**

Pastoral Care Team 3, 4 p.m., *Old Parish Hall*  
Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *New Parish Hall*

**Sunday, November 18**

Celebration of Generosity, 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**