



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord**  
**January 13, 2019**

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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

**10 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Holy Baptism, *New St. Mary's*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

For the past few weeks I have been continually bombarded with the question "What is your New Year's resolution?" I'm immediately exasperated; I do not have an answer. Many of us set forth goals each year, yet it sometimes takes months before we put them into practice. Often, these resolutions are to better ourselves, either outwards or inwards.

One of my favorite moments of January is the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord; the celebration of new life as a way to kick-off the new year. This Sunday we welcome two new members into our extended Christian family. During the Baptismal Service we are asked to renew our own Baptismal Covenant—a promise we have made with God before, and a way to live out our lives every day.

Similar to our New Year's resolutions, we may find ourselves losing our way. The beauty of this covenant with God is that we can always renew our promises. We do not have to wait for a new year for a fresh start. Through this sacramental promise we are reminded by the waters of baptism that we belong to God and nothing can separate us from His love.

The last five questions of the Baptismal Covenant stand out to me, as these are vows we make about how we will live out our lives. We are asked to boldly respond to each question with "I will, with God's help." Here we are reminded that we are not alone. These promises can be carried out with unconditional love from God.

As you move forward into your year, I ask you: How are your resolutions reinforcing these promises you have already made to God? How do you live into this covenant every day?

Together we can, with God's help.

*Emily Bruch*

**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.

### INQUIRING ABOUT INQUIRERS' CLASS

**David is inquiring about who would be interested** in an Inquirers Class. **This adult class offering** is in anticipation of Bishop Ilhoff's visit to St. Mary's on Sunday, May 12.

**An Inquirers Class is especially appropriate if...**

- ...you are new to the Episcopal Church
- ...you are new to St. Mary's Church
- ...you are newly back to church after some time away
- ...you are new to attending church period
- ...you aren't new to the Episcopal Church, St. Mary's, or church in general but would love to have the opportunity to ask questions about the Christian faith in general and the Episcopal Church in particular in the company of other inquirers.

**The class will meet six times during the late winter and spring.** Day and time to be determined by those who are interested. If you would like to participate, **please sign up with David May** by calling (804) 784-5678 or emailing [dmay@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:dmay@stmarysgoochland.org).

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

**Adult Forum resumes next Sunday.** Join **Bob Hetherington in the Parish Hall** at 10 a.m. **next Sunday, January 20.** Bob will review some of our foundation stones by recalling our Anglican Basics. Come grab a cup of coffee and join an interesting and lively conversation!

**Men's Spiritual Practice continues this Tuesday, January 15** at 7:30 a.m. Bob Hetherington invites men of all ages to participate in a spiritual practice. This offering is a **one-hour time of silence, reflection, sharing, and prayer** that focuses on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

**Lectionary Bible Study continues this week.** Everyone is welcome! Each Bible study session is led by University of Richmond Professor Frank Eakin and focuses on the Lectionary readings assigned for the following Sunday. The next gathering is this **Wednesday, January 16 at 10 a.m. in the Library.**

**The Women's Book Study is in full swing! Women of all ages are invited** to join Ashley Barlow and Amelia McDaniel for **four weeks on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.** continuing **this Thursday, January 17** in the Parish Office for a book study on *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by **Barbara Brown Taylor**. In this bestseller, Taylor shares "how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life." **Come gather for a lively conversation!** Pick up a copy in the Café area.

## FELLOWSHIP

**January's Parish Supper is served this Wednesday, January 16 at 5:30 p.m.** Join us for a delicious meal for all ages! Service is rolling so come anytime between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8 per person and \$25 per family. **The menu includes:** meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and broccoli.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**The January and February 2019 schedules are now available for Acolytes.** St. Mary's hopes you will volunteer for a Sunday service in the New Year. Please sign up via Sign Up Genius or email Emily Bruch at [ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org).

**Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School** this summer! Please note that **the week is different this year.** The week of **June 24 - 28 is open to all ages 3 to rising 3rd graders.** Registration and more information coming in April. Also, **VBS On-the-Go for rising 4th and 5th is BACK** this year! A week of outreach and learning in our larger community is the week of June 24-28. **Please contact Amelia McDaniel** at [amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) for more information.

**Youth Group is BACK next week!** **First Youth Group with Emily** is on Sunday, January 20! **Join her for a fun game night, compline, and dinner!** **Middle School Youth Group** game night is at 4:30 p.m. **A combined Compline and homemade dinner for ALL youth** is at 5:30 p.m. Then **High School Youth Group game night** is at 6:30 p.m. Come out and join in on the fun and invite friends!

## CARITAS UPDATE

**St. Mary's CARITAS Committee has an update for everyone.** This is typically the time of year where we begin gearing up for CARITAS and sign up boards go up in the Dover Lounge. However, for 2019 the week has changed. St. Mary's will **host as a women's shelter from Saturday, May 4 – Saturday, May 11.** Please put those dates on your calendar and stay tuned for more information! **If you would like to be a part of the planning committee,** please email Charmaine Trice at [nesting7800@yahoo.com](mailto:nesting7800@yahoo.com).

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

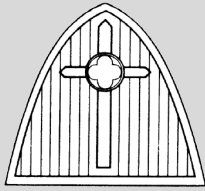
**The Annual Parish Meeting of St. Mary's Church, Dover Parish, will convene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 27, 2019 in New St. Mary's. Regular services will continue at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** During the meeting at the 10 o'clock hour, the people of **St. Mary's Church will elect four new members of the Vestry** and hear reports from the Treasurer, Finance Committee, the Rector, the Senior Warden, and other leaders of the congregation.

## CHORAL EVENSONG

**Save the date for a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, February 10** 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 Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F by George Dyson,** Preces and Responses by Richard Ayleward, and "O Taste and See" by Stephen Mager.

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/St.MarysGoochland)



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**Seth Schaeffer and Scott Stephens**

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

**Sunday, January 13**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *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, 11 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*  
Children's Ministry Committee, 12:15 p.m., *Parish Office*  
Youth Ministries Committee, 12:15 p.m., *Library*  
Ecuador Mission Team, 12:15 p.m., *Dover Lounge*

**Tuesday, January 15**

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*  
Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

**Wednesday, January 16**

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

**Thursday, January 17**

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Parish Office*  
Women's Book Study, 7:30 p.m., *Parish Office*  
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

**Saturday, January 19**

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

**Sunday, January 20**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Adult Forum: Anglican Basics, 10 a.m., *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*  
Cookies and Coffee, 10 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*  
Middle School Youth Group, 4:30 p.m., *Education Building*  
ALL Youth Compline and Dinner, 5:30 p.m., *Education Building*  
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., *Education Building*

**Coming Up**

**Monday, January 21**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, January 27**

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Annual Parish Meeting, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*