



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27, 2019

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. Annual Parish Meeting, *New St. Mary's*

10 a.m. Sunday School, *Sunday School Classrooms and Education Building*

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

Noon Cookies and Coffee, Café and Parish Hall

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

"Faith is not being sure where you're going but going anyway." This quote of Frederick Buechner feels appropriate to describe the retiring Vestry class's inspiration over the last three years; a period of significant change at St. Mary's. By the numbers, we have experienced two Rector calls, two Associate Rector calls, and nine permanent staff changes representing a total overhaul of clerical and lay staff. Typically, any organization with comparative circumstances would see its stability seriously challenged.

The response of our parish has been remarkable and inspiring. Where there could have been conflict, we saw cooperation. Where there could have been hesitation, we saw generosity. Where there could have been despair, we saw enthusiasm. Where there could have been bitterness, we saw grace.

St. Mary's has a unique culture, or we could call it spirit, which draws us together. It is our tradition of simplicity, humility, and a strong sense of community that reinforces our faith and has led us through potentially turbulent times. Rather than stall, our response has been an increased commitment to a positive vision. We have grown in so many ways and it feels good.

C. S. Lewis wrote, "What draws people to be friends is that they see the same truth. They share it." This thought is fully applicable to St. Mary's parishioners. We feel and live the St. Mary's spirit together.

We are so thankful for this parish's love, counsel, and support these past three years.

*Fay Lohr, Tracey Ragsdale, Al Rider & Tom Slater,
Vestry Class of 2019*

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.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THIS MORNING!

An Annual Parish Meeting can be a boring annual event that congregations feel like they have permission to avoid. **Or, they can be moments in our common life in Christ to say, 'thank you, God'** that we are sisters and brothers of the Beloved Community of Jesus. This morning at our Annual Parish Meeting, we will say, 'thank you, God!' **Please plan to gather at 10 a.m. in New St. Mary's** with your sisters and brothers in the Beloved Community of Jesus and **listen to celebrations of ministry** from St. Mary's Rector, Senior Warden, and other leaders of the parish. And, the people of St. Mary's Church **will elect four new members of the Vestry**.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Forum continues next week with "What Makes for Good Liturgy, Part III." In previous sessions we've looked at how 'good liturgy' contains the history and hope of a people, and how the expression of 'good liturgy' sanctifies time and the living of our lives. In this third session, we explore how **'good liturgy' builds up the faith of the Church for its mission in the world**. Please bring your questions and **come join David May next Sunday, February 3 at 10 a.m.** in the Parish Hall for a lively conversation.

Men's Spiritual Practice continues this Tuesday, January 29 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 30 at 10 a.m. in the Library**.

The Women's Book Study concludes this week. If you haven't made it out yet, you are **still invited** to join Ashley Barlow and Amelia McDaniel for **this last Thursday gathering at 7:30 p.m. on January 31** 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!**

David is curious 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, new to St. Mary's Church, newly back to church after some time away, new to attending church period, or 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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The February 2019 schedule is 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.

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 for more information.

Sunday School children of St. Mary's, we are collecting items to create hygiene kits for our friends in Ecuador. Please bring in **toothbrushes, toothpastes, and floss** over the next couple of weeks. The team going in February will deliver these kits with loving notes written by our youngest members. **Please bring them to your Sunday School classrooms by Sunday, February 3.**

Next week, come out for a HUGE and EPIC Flag Football Game on Super Bowl Sunday! **ALL YOUTH** are invited to play after the 11 a.m. service on **Sunday, February 3 beginning at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Bring your tennis shoes and your game face!

CHORAL EVENSONG

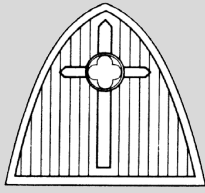
Save the date for a service of Choral Evensong on **Sunday, February 10** at 5 p.m. in New St. Mary's. The Adult Choir will offer music as part of this contemplative service of readings, prayer, and song. Repertoire **includes the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F by George Dyson**, Preces and Responses by Richard Ayleward, and "O Taste and See" by Stephen Mager.

SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING – RAMS V. PATRIOTS

Souper Bowl of Caring, "empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need." Last year, this national movement had over 2,000 groups participate, helped around 2,500 charities, and collected over \$1,000,000 in cash and food items! **On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3** after communion at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, the youth will stand at the doors **collecting pocket change and cash for GoochlandCares**. **Parishioners will choose either the Rams or the Patriots to win** the Super Bowl that evening by placing a small donation in their team's pot. **Let's transform the time around the Super Bowl into a celebration of giving and serving.**

ARE YOU NEW? OR A RETURNING VISITOR? 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.
- ❖ **Need a nametag?** Please **sign up for one** in the back of the church or make a temporary one. If you already have one, **please remember to wear it** to help make St. Mary's a warm, welcoming place.
- ❖ **Are you receiving St. Mary's emails?** Stay up to date with weekly emails about upcoming events and opportunities and receive reflections **directly to your inbox go to stmarysgoochland.org** to sign up.
- ❖ **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**
- ❖ **Do you know St. Mary's has a YouTube channel?** You can watch past adult forums, Vacation Bible School videos, and more by subscribing at **youtube.com/user/StMarysGoochland**



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| Building Community |
| Giving Joyfully |

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Seth Schaeffer and Scott Stephens

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, January 27

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Annual Parish Meeting, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
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, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

Tuesday, January 29

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

Wednesday, January 30

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

Thursday, January 31

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

Friday, February 1

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Parish Office*

Saturday, February 2

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

Sunday, February 3

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Adult Forum: What Makes for Good Liturgy Part III,
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*
Cake and Coffee, 10 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

ALL Youth Flag Football Game, 12:30 p.m., *Churchyard*

Coming Up

Thursday, February 7

Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Parish Office*

Sunday, February 10

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

Morning Prayer Rite One, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 10 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

Choral Evensong, 5 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

Monday, February 11 – Monday, February 18

Ecuador Mission Trip, *Quito, Ecuador*

Tuesday, February 12

St. Mary's Lunch and Learn, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*