



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

June 16, 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, usher, or a clergy member, and **consider filling out a welcome card**. We invite you to join us on future **Sundays at 10 a.m.** for Eucharist or Morning Prayer, on **Wednesdays for Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing at 12 p.m.** in beautiful and quaint Little St. Mary's, or for many of our other fellowship and outreach offerings. **Little St. Mary's** is also **open Monday through Friday** between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and available to you for prayer and reflection. Flip the page over to get a sense of what we have going on around St. Mary's.

Nursery

Our nursery is available for **infants through 4-year-olds** from 9:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. The nursery is located in the Preschool and Sunday School Building. Nursery Director Meg Zehmer and 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. Worship bags are in the wood bins near the entrances to New St. Mary's.

Sermons available

Find past sermons available in hard copy in the narthex of New St. Mary's, or visit stmarysgoochland.org/sermons to hear audio 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 to learn more.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, *New St. Mary's*

11 a.m. Lemonade and Cookies, *Café and Parish Hall*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

One of the questions that I've been asked a lot recently has been: "How do you like being back at St. Mary's?" My first answer is always about how much I love being back; but then I hear myself following up with: "In many ways, it feels as if I never left."

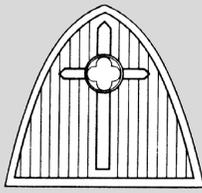
How could that be since I was gone for almost four years, which is a long enough time for all sorts of things to have happened - and they did. Leadership changed; most of all the staff whom I knew so well have left; new people in new positions are here; and while there are plenty of faces which I still recognize in the congregation, there are lots of new faces, too.

So, why do those four years seem as if they never happened? I believe the answer is that the St. Mary's that I left is the St. Mary's that I returned to, only better. There's excitement all around me - which I think is what I really mean by "only better." I can hear it and see it in all the new forms of communication. Staff members are passionate about their work and along with the clergy are raising up new volunteers to work side-by-side with experienced ones. And what's most exciting is the general "buzz" in the community that goes something like: "Have you heard what's happening now at St. Mary's?"

What's going on now didn't just happen overnight. I appreciate the four years of discernment and hard work that went into transforming St. Mary's into the community to which I returned.

The fact that I feel as if I never left is a testament to the same Spirit that has always resided at St. Mary's. It's alive and well and finding new places to energize our life together. Thanks be to God!

Eleanor Wellford



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Harry Baldwin, **Christy Gurkin**, **Anne McCoy**,

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Schaeffer, **Danny Williams**, and **Russell Wyatt**.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY OFFERING

Have you ever wondered how the apostle Paul was able to carry the message of Christ to unlikely places such as Colossae and to nurture the early Christian community there with his letters? On several Sundays in July and August, we will actually be hearing readings from his letter to the Colossians. If you are interested in learning about this letter in a six-week Bible study setting, please contact Jim Evans jim.evans52@verizon.net or Eleanor Wellford at ewellford@stmarysgoochland.org. From there, we will figure out when and where to meet.

COLLECTING BEACH TOWELS FOR PPDC

We will be collecting new beach towels for the children of Peter Paul Development Center as they start their summer swim lessons. We will collect them beginning Sunday, June 23 until Friday, June 28. They will be delivered on Friday, June 28. The goal is to collect 100 beach towels for all the participants. Please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org if you have any questions.

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA: LILIES IN BLOOM

The Garden Club of Virginia hosts the Lily Horticulture Show at St. Mary's this Tuesday, June 18 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please stop by during the exhibit floor opening in the Parish Hall to see the amazing showcase of lilies in bloom. The event is open to the public for exhibiting and viewing at no charge.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, June 16

Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Lemonade and Cookies, 11 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

Middle School Youth Group River Day, 11:15 a.m., *James River*

Tuesday, June 18

Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Office*

Garden Club of Virginia's Lilies in Bloom, 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Wednesday, June 19

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

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Pastoral Care Team 3, 4 p.m., *Parish Office*

Thursday, June 20

Finance Committee, 8 a.m., *Parish Office*

Saturday, June 22

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

Sunday, June 23

Morning Prayer, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Lemonade and Cookies, 11 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

Coming Up

Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*

VBS On-the-Go, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., *Education Building*