



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 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 beginning June 16, 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 8:45 a.m. until 12:15 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 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 to learn more.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

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

12 p.m. Cake and Lemonade, *Café and New Parish Hall*

Do you receive email from us?

Visit stmarysgoochland.org/communications to sign up for weekly updates and news from us.

A WEEKLY REFLECTION

What do you do in the meantime while you are waiting for something else to happen? What is important when we are in between things? So often it is hard to wait and be patient.

In the Church year on this Sunday, we stand in between the Feast of the Ascension, Jesus being raised to the right hand of God, and Pentecost, the pouring out of God's Holy Spirit. Jesus is gone. What will happen next?

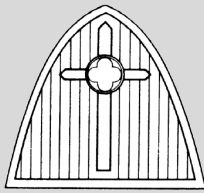
In the Gospel reading for today, John 17:20-26, we see Jesus praying for his disciples as he plans to take leave of them. He is preparing them for what will come next. He wants the Spirit which binds him and his Father together to be present in his disciples. Jesus is looking for a sense of unity of spirit. The mission for the followers of Jesus is to build relationships with others in the world so the same spirit of unity which exists between the Father and the Son may exist in all people. If it can happen the world will be a harmonious place.

The challenge is that the world is full of deep divisions. There are so many ways that people are separated from each other. It is beyond us to build bridges of understanding and appreciation on our own. This is why we need God's Holy Spirit which is poured out in abundance at Pentecost. We depend on the work of God's Holy Spirit to accomplish the mission of the Church.

In the Book of Common Prayer, we are reminded that the mission of the Church is to "restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." This requires a ministry of bridge building and reaching out. Where does God want you to extend yourself? Where can you bring hope and encouragement in the face of brokenness and separation?

Pentecost is almost here. God has something amazing in store for each of us. In the power of God's spirit all things are possible. Lean in.

Bob Hetherington



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SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE

There's a **change this year to the summer schedule.** Beginning after Pentecost **on Sunday, June 16 and until September, St. Mary's will worship at 10 a.m.** in New St. Mary's. **Please note St. Mary's will hold regular 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Holy Eucharist services next Sunday, June 9. Morning Prayer returns on Sunday, June 23 at 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST RETURNS

Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing returns on **Wednesday, June 12 at 12 p.m.** in Little St. Mary's. Take time during your week to **be fed by God's goodness and renewed in body, mind, and spirit.** Also, this is a perfect time and place to bring someone who may need to be loved on by God's healing presence.

VOLUNTEER AT VBS

Many hands are needed to make Vacation Bible School run smoothly. It runs from **Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please remember this isn't just for moms, **friends of all ages are invited to spend time with our littlest parishioners** at St. Mary's! Also, rising 6th grade – Senior High School students are invited to volunteer. Please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org if you are interested in volunteering for a day, two days, or more.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, June 2

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cake and Lemonade, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

Tuesday, June 4

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Office*

Wednesday, June 5

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

Friday, June 7

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

Saturday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 9, Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Ice Cream Social, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

Coming Up

Saturday, June 15

High School Youth Group Beach Day, 9 a.m., *Virginia Beach*

Sunday, June 16

Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Middle School Youth Group River Day, 12 p.m., *James River*