



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Day of Pentecost**

**June 9, 2019**

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## 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](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) to learn more.*

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

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

**12 p.m.** Ice Cream Social, *Café and New Parish Hall*

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

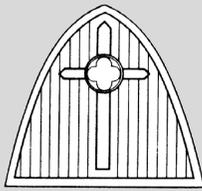
This past April, Patsy Simril, Barbara Tavenner, and I met in the narthex of New St. Mary's. It's one of my favorite places to be here at St. Mary's. Does that seem odd? What about one of our gorgeous courtyards (where in one the pomegranate is now blooming!); or Little St. Mary's, saturated with over a century of prayer and song; or the grand bell tower entrance of New St. Mary's; or our radiant churchyard? I don't know why, but the narthex of New St. Mary's tugs at me like no other spot.

We were meeting to pray and talk about making a new beginning with an ancient ministry. The Bible calls it *hospitality*. We'll call it our Welcome Ministry. In the Bible, hospitality is a sacred obligation, especially in welcoming strangers; because, *you never know* who you might be welcoming. It could be someone who is just the right person to ensure the future prosperity of your family; someone who says the one thing you've been waiting your whole life to hear; someone who shows you the path to freedom and forgiveness. Or, it could be God. Truthfully, it probably is God drawing near, at least as the Bible often tells the story.

That's where Patsy, Barbara, and I began our conversation and prayers: by remembering that welcoming people to St. Mary's is a sacred obligation. It might sound like one of us saying to someone new something simple like 'good morning' or 'welcome to St. Mary's, I'm glad you're here'. It could be one of us offering to walk someone to the new parish hall for coffee or giving someone our bulletin. It could be reassuring a young family that you remember trying to corral your own kids when they were little – so don't worry! God draws near in those moments, I am sure.

Now that I think of it, the narthex is often the place where hospitality happens. It's the place where we greet one another – new folks, old friends – and see that God is with us. I think the narthex is one of those 'thin places' where heaven and earth draw especially near to one another, especially as we welcome and show hospitality for one another. Because, you never know who it might be and what means of God's grace for you and for all of us they bring with them.

*David May*



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**SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE**

There's a **change this year to the summer schedule**. Beginning next **Sunday, June 16 and until September, St. Mary's will worship at 10 a.m.** in New St. Mary's. **Morning Prayer returns** on Sunday, June 23 at 10 a.m.

**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 Philippi 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](mailto:jim.evans52@verizon.net) or Eleanor Wellford at [ewellford@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto: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](mailto:amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org) if you have any questions.

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

**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*

**Tuesday, June 11**

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

**Wednesday, June 12**

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*  
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

**Thursday, June 13**

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Parish Office*  
Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Parish Office*

**Saturday, June 15**

High School Youth Group Beach Day, 9 a.m., *Virginia Beach A.A.*, 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

**Sunday, June 16**

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

**Coming Up**

**Sunday, June 23**

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

**Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28**

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