



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 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 with Holy Baptism, *New St. Mary's*

11 a.m. Reception in Honor of Mike, *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

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

-Dr. Seuss

I still vividly remember my first morning at St. Mary's. On the drive in, I became anxious and began to worry a bit. Would my skill set match up with what St. Mary's needed? Would my recent heart surgery cause problems? Was I too old for a new job? Do my socks match?

Weezie and I met for coffee three times before I finally asked her if she could use my help. "Sure, that would be great," she replied. I felt ready to be useful again and a few months of work at St. Mary's as their Interim Executive Director might be good for them as well.

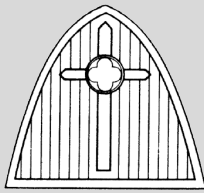
Weezie will put my nervousness to rest the minute I walk in the door, I thought. She knows what she's doing. I entered the Parish Office for the first time, walked up to Weezie's door and heartily said, "Good morning!" Weezie lifted her head, stared at me for a moment and said, "Oh Mike, I'm sorry. I had forgotten you were starting today." Not the auspicious start I was hoping for, but things would get much better.

I remember the following three months as a foggy period of chaos, stress, and long hours. The staff was new and none of us knew much about anything. More new faces soon arrived and we all slowly began to find our footing. Things started to happen - positive things.

After several months, there was no doubt that the staff was becoming a high functioning team and when coupled with the dedicated church members, great new things were taking shape. Even after Weezie's departure, there was a definite "we can do this!" attitude in staff meetings. I have no doubt that the Holy Spirit was at hand and very busy.

Fast forward. I'm driving home from St. Mary's on my last day. I think back on those questions I had my first day while driving in and I smile. I also think about how dearly I will miss all the St. Mary's people I have worked with and have come to love. St. Mary's, you are blessed and a blessing. Thank you!

Mike Koschak



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Kim O'Shea, **Doug Pera**, **Ann Ramsey**, **Seth Schaeffer**, **Danny Williams**, and **Russell Wyatt**.

FAITH AND FILM THIS WEDNESDAY

The next installment of our Faith and Film series will be this **Wednesday, July 24 from 5-8 p.m.** in the Dover Lounge. We'll be showing the movie **Driving Miss Daisy**, and discussion will follow. The movie is about getting older and being fiercely independent; it's about connections and friendship; it's about the South and change—and all done with a great sense of humor. **Pizza and refreshments will be provided.**

ELIZABETH IS NOW A STARLING!

It's official! Elizabeth Baker is now Elizabeth Starling! For those of you who may not know, **St. Mary's Administrator got married** a couple months ago and **the name change is now official!** Please change your email contact for her to estarling@stmarysgoochland.org.

RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE MIKE KOSCHAK

Come celebrate Mike's ministry! Join us after today's service to **help send Mike off with a reception in the New Parish Hall.**

SUMMER CHOIR RETURNS

You don't have to be a regular member of the Choir to participate - you just have to love to sing and enjoy singing with others! Join the informal Summer Choir **on Sunday, August 4 or Sunday, August 18. Meet at 9 a.m. to learn** an easy anthem which they will sing during the 10 a.m. service.

This Week at St. Mary's

- Sunday, July 21**
Colossians Bible Study, 9 a.m., *Library*
Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Reception in honor of Mike Koschak, 11 a.m., *Parish Hall*
Tuesday, July 23
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Office*
Wednesday, July 24
Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*
Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Faith & Film, 5 p.m., *Dover Lounge*
Saturday, July 27
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Coming Up

- Sunday, July 28**
Colossians Bible Study, 9 a.m., *Library*
Morning Prayer, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Lemonade and Cookies, 11 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*
Wednesday, July 31
Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Wednesday, August 2
Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Parish Office*