



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 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

9 a.m. Summer Bible Study, *Library*

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

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

Do you receive email from us?

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

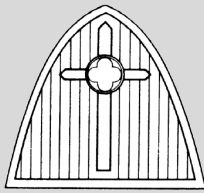
A WEEKLY REFLECTION

Respect. Dignity. Community. These three words quickly became a theme for our middle school mission trip to the Shenandoah Valley just a few weeks ago. On our first day of service, 7 of our youth had the opportunity to paint a mural on the new Waynesboro Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Before they began to paint the Executive Director, Lance Barton, came to speak about serving our communities. After sharing a personal story of struggle, Lance reminded us all that the importance of the work we do is so much more than our physical actions. We do not serve just to paint a mural, provide safe housing, or stock a food pantry. We serve to remind others that they are part of a greater community of love. It is our responsibility as Christians to treat everyone (and I mean everyone) with respect. When we create equal opportunities for all, stop to listen to our neighbors, and care for one another unconditionally we provide them with a sense of dignity. It is through our actions that reinforces the importance of respect and dignity for others.

As the week went on our youth had the privilege to serve a variety of communities; from volunteering at a nursing and rehabilitation home to serving alongside a group of youth from all over the diocese to providing trail maintenance for those who will hike after us. During daily journaling we would further reflect on Lance's words as we began to learn more about ourselves as individuals and as a part of several communities. Through outreach, worship, reflection, and lot of laughter, a community of our own was built. We created a community where we felt safe to be our goofiest selves, have deep discussions, and could support one another through daily tasks. We too were given dignity and respect.

St. Mary's youth not only made a significant, positive impact on the communities within the Shenandoah Valley, but on me. They created friendships and memories that will continue to shape their faith journey, and I feel privileged to watch them grow as the years go on.

Emily Bruch



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ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD

St. Mary's churchyard is a beautiful gift that is offered to active St. Mary's parishioners and their immediate families. After a generation of St. Mary's pricing staying at the same level, **the price of a plot will be increased to \$3,000 on September 15, 2019.** Until then, plots may be purchased at the current level. This is a means through which we can ensure the continuing care of our sacred grounds through which we see a sign of God's Church in heaven and earth. Please visit **St. Mary's website to learn more about what St. Mary's offers and guidelines** for use of the churchyard. **If you would like to purchase a plot**, please contact Elizabeth Starling at (804) 784-5678 or **via email at estarling@stmarysgoochland.org**.

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing continues every Wednesday 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.

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 28

Colossians Summer 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*

Tuesday, July 30

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

Wednesday, July 31

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

Friday, August 2

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

Saturday, August 3

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

Sunday, August 4

Colossians Summer Bible Study, 9 a.m., *Library*
Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Lemonade and Cookies, 11 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*

Coming Up

Thursday, August 8

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