



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 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. 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

Sometimes, I'm too interested in what's coming next. So, when Ashley Cameron mentioned that I might write a reflection to mark my arrival at St. Mary's a year ago, I said 'sure, ok,' but inwardly found myself balking. Inside I thought: "I don't want to write a 'my first year at St. Mary's' reflection." (Let me be clear, that's not what Ashley suggested! But I guess that's what I heard.)

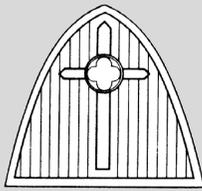
What I *am* interested in is what's around the next corner for St. Mary's. I believe the theme of "connecting" is the working of the Spirit among us that has been coming into view in these past months. It seems to be a word that we're using a lot these days and seems to have found a home here.

Two interesting ideas lie behind this word 'connecting' that do have a little poetry in them. First, the Latin for 'connecting' means 'binding or joining together'. The Latin is also related to 'ligare' which also means binding or joining. 'Ligare' is where we get the word 'ligament' (the stuff that joins bones together), and – surprisingly – 'religion'. 'Religion' (re-ligare) is the human pursuit to be joined back together with God. Maybe this word 'connecting' that seems to be peppering our words and thoughts these days is really about cooperating with God to make St. Mary's God's joining-back-together-place.

I think that's probably right. That seems to be the kind of thing that God is always up to. God is always working to join us back together – to connect us – with that deepest sense of who we are: *his beloved children whose hearts are the place where Jesus said the Father and the Son will come and make their home*. As we come, by grace, to be connected to that deepest, truest sense of who we are – to be found in Christ – we will find ourselves connecting more to people near and far, to those who are easy to love and to those who are not, to people like ourselves and people different than us.

I couldn't be more grateful to God to be here at St. Mary's – how can it be a year?! I'm so glad and hopeful for what in God's hands is around the next corner in this joining-back-together-place.

David May



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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

A dedicated team of St. Mary's adults works with each of our Sunday School Classes. Each class has a **team of four teachers with a rotating schedule**. Our teachers **need not be super experienced**, just willing to share our story of God's love each Sunday. You **only commit to teach two Sundays each month**. Amelia McDaniel is **still looking for a handful of teachers** for our 2019-2020 Sunday School year. Please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org if you are interested.

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 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, August 11**
Morning Prayer, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Lemonade and Cookies, 11 a.m., *Café and Parish Hall*
Tuesday, August 13
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Office*
Wednesday, August 14
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*
Saturday, August 17
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*
Sunday, August 18
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

- Wednesday, August 21**
Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*
Sunday, August 25
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*