



# THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 4, 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, 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](http://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.

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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.** Summer Bible Study, *Library*

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

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

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## A WEEKLY REFLECTION

I did not grow up going to summer camp. As an only child who lived in a small town where I was free to roam, play in creeks, go to the library, and explore part of Teddy Roosevelt's taxidermy collection at the local college, what more was needed?

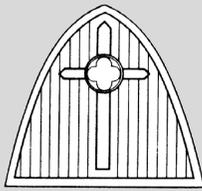
So, I did not know what to expect as I headed up to Shrine Mont to be a chaplain for St. Elizabeth's Camp, a camp for people aged 14 – 26 years who have mild to moderate disabilities. Shrine Mont was buzzing with hundreds of kids and counselors enjoying this beautiful hidden gem. Some campers were there for music and drama, others to hike and adventure through the mountains, and some for a more traditional camp experience.

During the week at St. Elizabeth's, we celebrated Christmas in July. Each day during Chaplain's Time, we talked about gifts, not the kind we buy and wrap, but the kind we share from the heart. We read the old O'Henry story, *The Gift of the Magi*, and the campers and counselors identified their own gifts, the gifts of others, and the gifts they would like to work on sharing with others.

On our last day, we imagined what it would have been like to be the Magi and given baby Jesus a gift. One camper said, "I would give him the gift of camp." Another camper asked, "You mean Jesus would be able to go to the pool with us?" As we talked about what it would look like for a young Jesus to be at camp, I could see the many ways He was already truly there. I watched campers and counselors at all the camps get so filled up. There was so much laughter and love shared. So many hugs and help given. Differences in abilities, in schooling, in home life—none of that was evident. There were just a bunch of great, sweaty, and happy kids enjoying each other's presence; kids encouraging one another, believing in each other, and just having fun together. The Gift of Camp.

I hope when next summer rolls around, many of our families will consider spending time at Shrine Mont. It is a gift we have right here in our Diocese that can't be wrapped up and put under a tree, but most certainly can be given and shared.

*Amelia McDaniel*



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

## 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](mailto: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 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 4

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

#### Tuesday, August 6

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

#### Wednesday, August 7

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

#### Thursday, August 8

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

#### Saturday, August 10

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

#### Sunday, August 11

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*

### Coming Up

#### Wednesday, August 14

Pastoral Care Team 3, 4 p.m., *Parish Office*