



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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, *New St. Mary's*

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

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

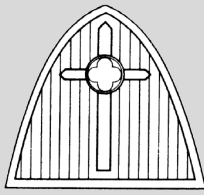
"But be doers of the word, not merely hearers who deceive themselves." - James 1:22

Throughout the whole Shenandoah Valley Mission Trip, the theme of our service was clear. Community. Dignity. Respect. We treated others with dignity and respect, and we served the community around us. The first night, we began journaling and I started to realize how this theme didn't just relate to the service we were performing and the community we were serving. It applied to the community and friendships that were forming within our service team too. Through working and living together for couple of days, we were already close friends. Though this was an important part of the meaning of these words, and the mission trip altogether, we learned more about these words through our service.

During our first day of service, we painted a mural on the entrance wall of a hardware store that was owned by Habitat for Humanity. All the things sold by the store were discounted and all the proceeds went to building affordable homes for the homeless. One of the things that day that really stuck with me was how friendly and supportive the people who passed by were. You could easily tell that they really cared about the store and loved the idea of the mural. The community within the store was striking. Everyone knew each other and greeted each other. Even members of our group, who no one had met before, experienced a piece of that community.

In the Bible verse that I started with, it says, "But be doers of the word, not merely hearers who deceive themselves." I think this verse really ties back to our theme of the mission trip. The way I take it, it means, serve in God's name. I believe that when you are gathered in a place in God's name, a community is formed.

Madeleine Dunaway, rising 7th grader who participated in the Middle School Mission Trip



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RETURN TO TWO SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **September 8**, we return to two services. Join us in **Little St. Mary's** for Holy Eucharist at **9 a.m.** Or come to **New St. Mary's** at **11 a.m.** for Holy Eucharist.

FALL KICKOFF NEXT SUNDAY!

Join us next **Sunday, September 8** as we kick off our fall programs! At 10 a.m. we kick off **Sunday School** and there will be **registration tables in the Dover Lounge**. Also, in the New Parish Hall there will be a **Ministry Fair** to learn about opportunities to become involved at St. Mary's. **After the 11 a.m. service**, we'll celebrate with a **Parish Picnic** with burgers, chips, and ice cream sandwiches! **It's a family-friendly, fun, and FREE event!**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & CAR KEYS

Next Sunday, **September 8** during the **11 a.m. service**, students and teachers are invited to **bring their back-to-school bags for a special blessing**. The Backpack Blessing is a way to honor the work that our children and their teachers put in every year. **Also, have you recently received your license, a new car, or learned to drive?!** Bring in your **licenses or car key to be blessed** for safe travels.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, September 1

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

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

Monday, September 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*

Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*

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

Wednesday, September 4

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Friday, September 6

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

Saturday, September 7

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

Diocesan Ordinations, 10:30 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

Sunday, September 8 – Fall Kick Off

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

Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Education Building and Classrooms*

Ministry Fair, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*

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

Parish Picnic, 12 p.m., *Terrace and Parish Hall*

Coming Up

Tuesday, September 10

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*

St. Mary's Lunch & Learn, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*