

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome!

What a great start to Children's Chapel last Sunday with 53 children hearing the Gospel and a brief lesson from Eleanor!



For where your heart is...

In the fall of 1987 at the age of 28, I filled out my very first pledge card for my church. It was

the beginning of my own spiritual journey to offer a tithe - 10% - of my monetary means to God. That journey has had ups and downs, and ebbs and flows, feast and famine – just like the rest of my life. But I'm still on that journey. It's just too important to me to fail to say 'thank you to God' in a concrete way for how good God is and has been to me. That's where my heart is.

I turned in my very first pledge card in the offering plate at the Church of

the Holy Comforter here in Richmond. It wasn't much at all – I pledged \$20 a month. But it was mine, my pledge to God. I kept that pledge and my gratitude to God grew in ways that nothing else ever had done.

A couple of Sundays after I put my pledge card in the offering plate, one of my heroes at that parish came up to me at the coffee hour. He was a really successful lawyer in town. But more than that, I loved how he talked about his faith clearly and passionately. That Sunday, he said to me that he wanted to tell me something important. He said, "I'm on the stewardship committee and I know you pledged for this coming year."

Weekly reflection continues...

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church - we are so glad that you are here! Since the 1870's, God has gathered a beloved community of Jesus to worship and serve here, and where all are welcomed. We are committed to provide a holy place for worship, Christian Formation for all ages that is compelling and life-giving, opportunities to reach out in love for those in need, and an enthusiastic hope that all who call St. Mary's their spiritual home can participate in every area of our common life in Christ. The spirit of St. Mary's is grounded in a deep sense of gratitude for God's goodness and love. We give thanks for you and for your life, and we are grateful to God for the opportunity to welcome you!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Little St. Mary's

9:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast in Parish Hall

10 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation in Classrooms and Education Building

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist in New St. Mary's

12 p.m. Cookies and Coffee on the Terrace

I jumped in, "I'm so sorry. It's barely anything. I feel sort of embarrassed." He said, "I don't know what you pledged and that doesn't matter to me. I just want to let you know how much you've inspired me and encouraged me in my own giving – and not just me either! I just want to say, thank you. I went back and upped my pledge when I learned you'd pledged."

I was dumbstruck. That man was – and still is – a spiritual giant in my eyes. He said, "this is God at work, David. Just say, 'thank you'."

Next Sunday, we begin our season of Stewardship here at St. Mary's, together. The theme this year is from Jesus' words from his great Sermon on the Mount: "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). These words ask us to consider what matters to us most and decide what that means about how we want to use our monetary gifts and time and talents. This is important, prayerful work for each of us to do. Our pledged offerings fund the mission and ministry of St. Mary's. And in ways that matter as much, it is the single most important thing we each can do to do to the 'Spirit work.' As Bob Hetherington might say, to see and know God in our own lives.

So, let's encourage each other as we enter this season of Stewardship. Let's give thanks to God for this beautiful place in this most gracious time. And let's do the 'Spirit work' that will show us that where our heart is. Because there God's own heart is too.

*Your brother in Christ,
David+*



Ministry Highlight

There's a very quiet yet important ministry that's been happening for nearly 10 years at St. Mary's. Beautifully knitted prayer shawls and crocheted baby blankets are the fruits of this ministry. If you've been the recipient of one of these fruits, you know that you are cared for, celebrated and loved. The dedicated members of this ministry are looking for more hands. Do you knit? Are you aware of the many benefits of knitting such as increased sense of well being and reduced loneliness and isolation? This ministry meets on the third Thursday of the month from October through May. It's open to knitters of all experience levels!



Outreach Opportunity

During the month of September, we will be collecting school supplies for St. Andrew's School! Please fill a backpack (or bring in a bag) with school supplies to donate to St. Andrew's School. Items include #2 yellow wooden pencils, highlighters, wide-ruled loose leaf paper, and crayola crayons (24-pack). Please place in the cart in the Dover Lounge.



We're so glad you're here!

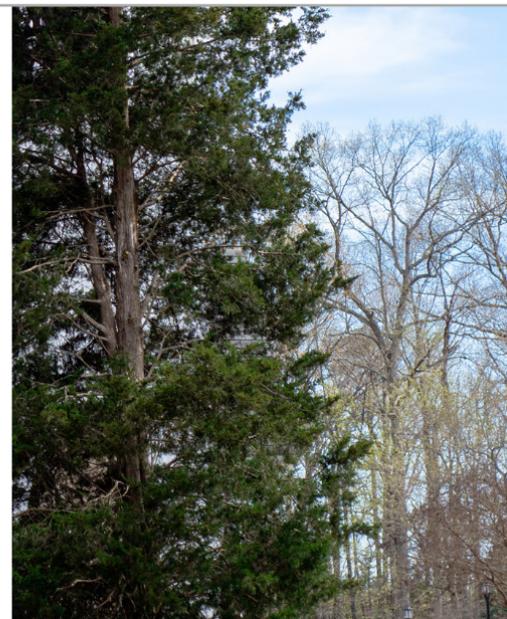
"WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S" FAMILY DINNER

Let us joyfully
welcome you!
Please come for a casual
meet-and-greet family dinner.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 6 P.M.
ST. MARY'S CHURCH | PARISH HALL

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 19
TO PATSY SIMRIL AT (864) 542-4700
OR PATSYSIMRIL@GMAIL.COM

Nursery Provided for
infants to 4 years old.



Would you like to write for us?
Contact Ashley Cameron at
acameron@stmarysgoochland.org
to learn more.



PARISH BREAKFAST

This Morning, 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Come enjoy a delicious Parish Breakfast and participate in fun fellowship this morning! Serving begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall but service is rolling so come anytime between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome - even bring the kids before Sunday School! Menu includes: biscuits with butter and jam, cheese grits, sausage, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, and cinnamon rolls.

YOUTH GROUP FALL KICK OFF

Today, September 15, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., Education Building

The first youth group of the year is this afternoon! Get excited! There will be an inflatable slip-n-slide, bumper balls, cornhole, and more! Bring a friend for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Don't forget your swimsuit and towel. Middle School Youth Group is at 3 p.m. - 4:55 p.m. High School Youth Group is from 5 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. Contact Emily with any questions at (804) 784-5678 or at ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org.

STEWARDSHIP KICK OFF

Sunday, September 22, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

Next Sunday, September 22 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall, we are kicking off our Annual Giving Campaign. Members of the Stewardship Committee will share how we can all give our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to grow ministries at St. Mary's and out in the world. David May will also introduce the theme, "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Mark 6:21). Please join them to learn about the campaign and ask any questions.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday, September 22, 10 a.m., Education Building

At St. Mary's, young people often prepare to be confirmed in their 8th grade year. While this convention works well for many, it is certainly not a rule. Any youth entering 8th grade or older who is interested in continuing to explore his or her faith is welcome to join the class. Information session for youth and parents about the coming year is on Sunday, September 22 at 10 a.m. Please email Emily Bruch at ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org with any questions or for more information.

YOUTH COOKING CLASS

Sunday, September 22, 4:30 p.m., Kitchen

St. Mary's youth group is an all-welcoming community to youth grades 6-12. Throughout the year they meet for a variety of activities. One is youth cooking classes! Youth learn new recipes and techniques as they prepare a meal together. Following cooking the group breaks bread as a community to share the meal that they have made. Open to all experience levels! Join them next Sunday at 4:30 p.m. Contact Emily with any questions at (804) 784-5678 or at ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org.

SUNDAYS AT ST. MARY'S

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Little St. Mary's
10 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer in New St. Mary's*

*We have first, third, and fifth Sunday Holy Eucharist at both services. Second and fourth Sundays will have Morning Prayer, except during Advent, Lent and Easter.

NURSERY

Nursery is offered for infants - 3 year olds every Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. As a part of nursery time, the toddlers will hear a Bible story, sing, and play games.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is offered for children 4 years old - 12th grade at 10 a.m. Each week the children and youth deepen their understanding and connection to our shared story of faith.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum gathers every Sunday in the Parish Hall during the 10 o'clock hour. All adults are welcome! Forums range from guest speakers to panel discussions to hearing from St. Mary's clergy.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the 11 a.m. service, children (ages 4 years old - 5th grade) are invited to come forward during the Gospel hymn and go to the Block Room together. There, they hear the Gospel story, talk about it, and sing together. They return to the service during the Peace.

OCCURRING WEEKLY

MEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Office

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in Little St. Mary's

NEW BEGINNINGS

Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Education Building (open A.A. meeting)

*Events are subject to change. Please visit www.stmarysgoochland.org for updates.

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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, September 15

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10
 a.m., *Classrooms, and Education Building*
 Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Terrace*
 Middle School Youth Group, 3 p.m.,
Education Building
 High School Youth Group, 5 p.m., *Education*
Building

Tuesday, September 17

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish*
Office
 Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Office*

Wednesday, September 18

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*

Thursday, September 19

Finance Committee, 8 a.m., *Rector's Office*

Saturday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 22

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Forum: Stewardship Kick Off, 10 a.m.,
Parish Hall
 Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Classrooms, and*
Education Building
 Confirmation Information Session, 10 a.m.,
Library
 Morning Prayer, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish*
Hall
 Youth Cooking Class, 4:30 p.m., *Kitchen*



Contact Us

New Here? Be sure to fill out a welcome card located in the pews and in the narthex. Place it in the offering plate or bring it to an usher or clergy to learn more about the life and ministry of St. Mary's.

Need to Reach Someone? Please call the Church Office at (804) 784-5678. Or visit www.stmarysgoochland.org/staff to find contact information.

Want to Learn More? Please visit St. Mary's website for the most up to date information: www.stmarysgoochland.org

A PART OF OUR STORY...



A huge thank you to these Fellowship Committee members (Jeannie Baldwin, Kay Lowe, Linda Hyslop, Joan Wilkins, and Mary Elliott Wheeler) who provided such wonderful hospitality to the visitors for the Diocese of Virginia Ordinations last Saturday, September 7.



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