

THE ANNUNCIATION

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A wonderful afternoon of Acolyte Training with 27 youth! This year, we'll have Acolyte teams of three for the 11 a.m. service.



Why are you here? David recently asked that of our congregants at our fall kick off Sunday. We laughed, but

really, why are you here? It's a great question. Honestly, Mike and I can't imagine being anywhere else.

Earlier this month, we returned to our two services and celebrated the beginning of our new season with a family picnic. Children's Chapel has made a resurgence and our church is back in action after a slower summer pace. We hosted the Diocesan Ordinations and welcomed approximately 300 visitors and priests to celebrate Virginia's newly

ordained who are ready to serve in our communities. There's excitement around a newly formed Welcomers Committee to serve our newest members. This is just a small snapshot of what makes St. Mary's special.

Our stewardship theme this year comes from Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." In a way, St. Mary's is a beautiful treasure that we are privileged to call our own. We are blessed by faith, reflection, education, tradition, and friendship. We know your heart is at St. Mary's. Is your treasure here also?

Mike and I think about the money we spend at the beach on vacation, the box seats for a football game, or those Hamilton tickets! It's

Weekly reflection continues...

Welcome!

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. Stewardship Kick Off in Parish Hall

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

11 a.m. Morning Prayer in New St. Mary's

12 p.m. Cookies and Coffee on the Terrace

easy to justify the money when it's something you want to do. We've been blessed and God has been good to us. We ask ourselves, are we giving all that we can?

As with other organizations, our costs continue to rise but our giving levels are not reflective of our financial needs. We hope that you will consider your individual capacity for making a difference in the life and work of St. Mary's. A thriving church such as St. Mary's needs a strong stewardship culture.

Let our giving reflect our blessings and gratitude by participating and pledging in the Annual Stewardship Campaign. This 8-week pledge campaign begins today and concludes on November 17. Throughout this time, we are leaning on you to make a commitment to support the many ministries of the church for the following year. You may complete your online pledge by visiting the website or mail your pledge card prior to November 17. Our Finance Committee is hard at work preparing the budget for the upcoming year. Together, we can make a difference in the work that God has prepared us to do.

"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

*Karen & Mike Huennekens
2020 Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs*

Ministry Highlight

Thank you to everyone who donated meals or volunteered their time with CARITAS on Saturday, September 14. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church hosted a last-minute emergency shelter for the homeless. St. Mary's filled a critical gap by providing and serving dinner on the first night. Over 20 parishioners donated and cooked food and 15 parishioners from ages 11 to 75 years old served 28 women. As one volunteer said, "it provided some light in those people's lives and also within my own." What a wonderful way for St. Mary's to support an outreach partner outside of the one week of hosting. Thank you to all who helped!

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.



St. Mary's Stewardship Campaign 2020

WAYS TO PLEDGE:

BRING... your pledge card to church during the week or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning by Sunday, November 17.

WRITE... return a pledge card by mail to 12291 River Road, Richmond, VA 23238.

CLICK... www.stmarysgoochland.org/pledge

EMAIL... chayslett@stmarysgoochland.org

CALL... (804) 784-5678 to speak with Carl Hayslett.



STEWARDSHIP KICK OFF

This morning, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

This morning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall, we kick off our Stewardship Campaign. Members of the Stewardship Committee will have pledge packets available for pick up in the Parish Hall. 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

This morning, 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 this morning at 10 a.m. Please email Emily Bruch at ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org with any questions or for more information.

YOUTH COOKING CLASS

Today, 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 today at 4:30 p.m. Contact Emily with any questions at (804) 784-5678 or at ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org.

ADULT FORUM NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, September 29, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

Next Sunday, September 29 at 10 a.m. join David May, Eleanor Wellford, and Amelia McDaniel for an exciting overview of what's to come in the upcoming year for Adult Formation. The Adult Christian Formation Committee has been hard at work to create an exciting and engaging calendar of Adult Forums. We cannot wait to share this with everyone.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, October 13, 4:30 p.m., New St. Mary's

On Sunday, October 13 at 4:30 p.m., the St. Mary's Choir offers a service of Choral Evensong. Repertoire includes the stunning Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis written by Latvian composer Ēriks Ešņvalds for the choir of Merton College, Oxford; the "St. Michael's" Preces & Responses by Robert W. Lehman; and anthems by David Ashley White and J. S. Bach. A prelude recital at 4 p.m. will feature oboist Dr. Sarah Huebsch Schilling in works for oboe and organ, as well as music for organ solo. Dr. Schilling will also perform with the choir in both anthems. Please join us for this contemplative service.

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 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.,
Education Building
 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*

Tuesday, September 24

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish*
Office
 Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Office*
 Vestry, 5 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Wednesday, September 25

Pastoral Care Team 1, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*
 Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
 Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing,
 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Welcomers Dinner, 6 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Saturday, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Forum: Overview of the Year with David
 May, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10
 a.m., *Classrooms, and Education Building*
 Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 11 a.m.,
New St. Mary's
 Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish*
Hall
 Youth Fishing Club, 12:30 p.m., *Education*
Building



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...



Kicked off youth group last Sunday with slip-n-slides, wrecking balls, and more fun! A great start to the year for youth ministries!



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CLERGY AND STAFF

Gersain Agudelo, *Assistant Sexton*
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 Ashley Cameron, *Director of Communications and Parish*
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