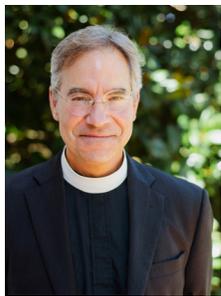


THE ANNUNCIATION

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17 rising 4th & 5th graders spent five days this summer serving at local outreach partners in the Richmond Metropolitan area.



At the August Vestry meeting, members of the vestry took turns answering the question, 'What is your hope for St.

Mary's Church in this coming year?' One of the common responses was the hope that the momentum we feel from the new life and new energy God is giving us will continue. This new energy and life *is a gift from God*. So, before anything else we should say, 'thank you, God!' But there is an important way that we can each make ourselves available to this gift of new life and cooperate with God's Spirit so that the momentum we feel may continue. It's not complicated,

I don't think. We each can offer a simple prayer: *Lord of my heart, speak to me and show me how you are calling me to serve my parish and you.*

At our Annual Parish Meeting this past January, I wondered aloud about my hunch that St. Mary's is 'a sleeping giant'. If that's true, I see signs that God has roused us. This has everything to do with God's faithfulness. But I think this has everything to do with members of our parish – both longstanding members and people brand-new among us – finding their call to serve here. You can see it in the way the Spirit is renewing members of our Outreach ministry group. You can feel it with our new St. Mary's Welcomers

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

10 a.m. Ministry Fair in Parish Hall and Sunday School Registration in Classrooms and Education Building

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

12 p.m. Parish Picnic in Parish Hall and on the Terrace

ministry and their hope for us all to give a holy and generous welcome to all who come here. You can sense it in the heart of our Adult Christian Formation ministry members who long to show that knowing God is loving God.

The leadership of our parish – both lay and ordained – have their part to play and their ministries to carry out for this new life and momentum to continue, to be sure. But the truth is, where God is leading us into new life – fully awake! – in him, **is happening because of all of us together.**

So, *what is your hope for St. Mary's Church in this coming year?* Ask God to show you how to put your life and your gifts into service for our parish and for God. And then say 'thank you' for God – who is always faithful – will surely show you, and give you life fully awake in him.

*Your brother in Christ,
David+*



Outreach Highlight

Over the summer, St. Mary's children and youth were involved in a number of outreach opportunities. During Vacation Bible School week, St. Mary's youngest members collected 100 beach towels for our friends at Peter Paul Development Center to participate in swim lessons. Seventeen rising 4th and 5th graders spent five days serving St. Mary's local outreach partners in various ways. One day they helped prepare and serve lunch to over 100 homeless people at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. In addition, six middle school youth completed service projects in the Shenandoah Valley for a week.



Volunteer Opportunity

Help prepare or serve dinner for CARITAS at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 14. There are a number of ways for you to assist by either preparing an item ahead of time, transporting the meal to the host shelter, or preparing and serving the dinner. Sign up sheets are in the Dover Lounge. Or please call Charmaine Trice at (804) 314-4757 to volunteer.

ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD

The price of a burial plot will increase on September 15, 2019.

If you would like to purchase a plot, please call or email Elizabeth Starling at (804) 784-5678 or estarling@stmarysgoochland.org



FALL KICKOFF PICNIC

Today, September 8, 12 p.m., Parish Hall & Terrace

Today St. Mary's kicks off the Fall with everyone! After the 11 a.m. service, we'll celebrate the beginning of this program year with a Parish Picnic! Burgers, chips, and ice cream sandwiches are served in the Parish Hall. Then grab a spot and catch up with friends either on the Terrace or in the Parish Hall. It's a family-friendly, fun, and free event!

ST. MARY'S LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesday, September 10, 12 p.m., Parish Hall

St. Mary's adults of all ages are invited to a delicious lunch and engaging program. We welcome local Richmond artist Claiborne Duncan Gregory. He is noted for his portrait paintings and his works of landscape, animal, and sporting subjects. Clairborne will address, "How do we know when no more 'paint' is called for? When is the work done, complete, or fini?" Suggested donation is \$5/person. Call the Parish Office to RSVP.

YOUTH GROUP FALL KICKOFF

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

The first youth group of the year is next Sunday! 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 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.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 15, 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Come enjoy a delicious Parish Breakfast and participate in fun fellowship next Sunday, September 15! 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.

WELCOMERS DINNER

Wednesday, September 25, 6 p.m., Parish Hall

Do you consider yourself a newcomer to St. Mary's? Did you start attending or transfer your membership since January 2018? Then you are invited to the "Welcome to St. Mary's Family Dinner" on Wednesday, September 25 at 6 p.m. Come gather and meet fellow members of St. Mary's and enjoy a delicious dinner. Nursery is provided. Please RSVP to Patsy Simril at (864) 542-4700 or patsysimril@gmail.com.

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

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

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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, September 8

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Ministry Fair and Sunday School
Registration, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall,*
Classrooms, and Education Building
Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Parish Picnic, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall and*
Terrace

Tuesday, September 10

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish*
Office
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Office*
St. Mary's Lunch & Learn, 12 p.m., *Parish*
Hall

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

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

Saturday, September 14

Sunday School Teacher Training and
Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *Parish Hall*
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

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., *Café and Parish*
Hall
Middle School Youth Group, 3 p.m.,
Education Building
High School Youth Group, 5 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...



Lectionary Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Library led by University of Richmond Professor Frank Eakin (not pictured) who celebrated his birthday this past week.



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