

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome!

What a beautiful Holy Baptism of Sara Ellen, daughter of Alden and Gary McDaniel and granddaughter of Ann and Rick Ramsey.



Friends, when you pledge to St. Mary's, you will receive a thank you card featuring a lovely photograph of David baptizing

a baby. The Stewardship Committee chose that picture because that is where all of this church stuff begins.

Recently, I had to prepare a reflection for my Education For Ministry Class which I was dreading. Fortunately, I found a funny birthday card that made me laugh and then think. It features a butterfly driving a flashy sportscar who was stopped by a policeman, and she is showing him her driver's license. The license shows a picture of a caterpillar, and

she says to him, "That's an old photo." Inside, the card reads, "I love the way you are evolving." That sums up pretty well my feelings about you, us, and St. Mary's. We are all evolving in so many beautiful ways.

When we are baptized, we start our journey with people who love us, making promises and pledges to God on our behalf. We slowly evolve into people who question, search, and strive to be the best we can be. There are three components of strengthening our faith: prayer, study, and fellowship. Each is equally important, and I believe God loves to see us use our time, gifts, and talents to explore each one. That sounds like a lot of commitment, but when you attend St. Mary's, you can get all three

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!

at a time. The more you visit, the more you receive, the more you evolve into that butterfly.

As a member of the Stewardship Committee, I ask that you consider increasing your participation in our church life and generously sharing your time, talents, and gifts with our church. I am happy and proud of the way our church is evolving, and I believe God feels the same way. How else can we explain the many gifts we have here--from our beautiful church and grounds to the welcoming and talented staff and clergy? Let's keep our evolution and momentum going!

Patsy Simril



Ministry Highlight

The Fellowship Committee generously provides their time and talent every month by serving St. Mary's parishioners a Parish Breakfast and Parish Supper. However, pulling off these wonderful community events requires many hands. The committee is looking for volunteers who can help prep, serve, and clean during each meal. You don't have to be a professional sous chef but simply someone who can provide support. Or if you feel comfortable enough to lead the charge, sign up to be a Lead Chef who prepares the menu, shops, and directs volunteers. Interested in volunteering? Email Sarah Richardson at sarah1967richardson@gmail.com



Outreach Opportunity

This afternoon as part of the Blessing of the Animals, we will collect dry dog food, dry cat food (Meow Mix, Friskies, or 9 Lives), and cat litter for our furry friends at Goochland Pet Lovers Animal Shelter. Their mission is to enrich the culture in Goochland County by promoting animal welfare through protection, adoption, community engagement, and education.

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.



CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

4 P.M. PRELUDE

4:30 P.M. CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

Repertoire includes the stunning Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis written by Latvian composer Eriks Esenvalds 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.



ADULT FORUM: JAY BURKHARDT

This morning, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

This morning at 10 a.m. join Jay Burkhardt, Director of Circle Center, in the Parish Hall. Burkhardt will address some of the challenges of caring for loved ones who have Alzheimer's and/or dementia. He received his Masters in Social Work which focused on aging studies and geriatric issues. This Adult Forum will hopefully be the beginning of an ongoing conversation about something that touches so many of our lives.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS THIS AFTERNOON

Today, October 6, 3 p.m., Terrace

We are not saying it will make your animals better or more well-behaved...but it can't hurt. Bring your animals (dogs, cats, horses, goats, hermit crabs, chickens, lizards, birds, stuffed animals, etc...) to the terrace to be blessed. Please be sure to secure your pet safely, on a leash or in a proper carrying case.

LUNCH & LEARN THIS TUESDAY

Tuesday, October 8, 12 p.m., Parish Hall

Join us for another St. Mary's Lunch & Learn this Tuesday, October 8. St. Mary's seniors (well, adults of all ages) are invited to a delicious lunch and engaging program at 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will welcome Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, former Chancellor of the University of Richmond. At the age of 93, he's a Marine Corps Veteran, an avid motorcyclist, and held a number of college teaching positions. He's going to share about "what it takes to live a life well-lived." Please RSVP to (804) 784-5678.

PARISH BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, October 13, 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Monthly Parish Breakfast is served on Sunday, October 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m. but service is rolling so come anytime before 10:30 a.m. It's always a delicious meal! The menu includes fresh fruit, hash brown casserole, bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits with jam, and cinnamon rolls. All are welcome!

"HOLY ENVY" BOOK STUDIES

Check out different opportunities for this Fall.

This fall our community book will be *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor, a noted author, preacher and Episcopal priest. The book is a reflection on her years of teaching World Religion in the college setting. In the process she discovered the spiritual riches God can teach us from the faith of others and how in the process she was offered "the chance to be born again within my own tradition." Please pick up a copy in the Café. There are a number of small group book study opportunities led by different parishioners this fall:

Tuesdays, October 22 - November 12 at 8:45 a.m. in the Library with Bill Huffman
Thursdays, October 24 - November 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library with Eleanor Wellford
Tuesday, October 29 at 6:15 p.m. led by Sally Roddey at 403 Walsing Drive
Thursday, November 14 at 7 p.m. led by Andy Howlett at Ardent Brewery
Thursdays, November 7 & 21 at 7:30 p.m. led by Ashley Barlow at 7201 Pine Tree Road

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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The Annunciation | October 6, 2019 | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost





This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, October 6

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Forum: Jay Burkhardt, 10 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*
 Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish Hall*
 Blessing of the Animals, 3 p.m., *Terrace*
 MS Youth Group, 4 p.m., *Education Building*
 HS Youth Group, 5:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 12

Youth Kings Dominion Trip, 9:30 a.m. A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, October 13

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*
 Morning Prayer, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Youth Service, 11 a.m. *Little St. Mary's*
 Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish Hall*
 Choral Evensong, 4 p.m., *New St. Mary's*



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...



David's first selfie! The last Sunday in September is marked as Social Media Sunday - a day for Christians everywhere to use digital devices intentionally to share their life of faith with the world. Thanks to everyone who shared!



Our Worshipping Life

During October, our pattern of Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer at the 11 a.m. service on alternating Sundays will be tweaked slightly. We will be blessed this coming month with a number of occasions for the celebration of Holy Baptism. To welcome these new members of the Body of Christ, our October worship pattern will be:

October 13: Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. and Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.

October 20: Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. and Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.

October 27: Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. and Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism at 11 a.m.

November 3: All Saints' Sunday! Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.



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