

THE ANNUNCIATION

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A packed house at Lunch & Learn last week to hear from Dr. Charlie Bryan, Jr., Ph.D. about changing perceptions of history.



To the members of St. Mary's, we would like to thank you for responding faithfully to the 2020

Stewardship Campaign during our eight week pledge period. Many of you increased your annual pledge, which is wonderful for the spirit and life of the parish. A lot of you have pledged for the first time, which is both comforting and important to know that we will continue to grow as a parish family. Your support highlights that we will be able to move forward in the daily life, the annual works, and the future plans of the church. After this pledge period, we have received 266 pledges for 61.5% participation of households. We are very close to our budget goal of

\$1,150,000 with results of \$927,477.

As we prepare for the budget year ahead we are reminded of the various St. Mary's ministries that rely on your support. From our outreach committee and youth and adult missions, to our fellowship and adult education programs, and all that are in between, there is a great need. We want to be able fully fund each one of these programs and needs as they answer to the passions of our congregation. Your stewardship helps meet these challenges.

In moving St. Mary's forward, we must anticipate the financial needs of maintenance, and restoration and preservation projects. Presently, this stewardship campaign is the only source of income to meet these needs

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!

Weekly reflection continued...

and the operating needs of a fully funded staff. As with other organizations, our costs continue to increase. Your stewardship helps meet these challenges.

We hope that you will continue to keep St. Mary's in your prayers. Stewardship cannot be defined or contained in an eight week campaign. It should become a culture that reaches beyond satisfying our financial needs, and live in the hearts of all of us as we give thanks for the blessings that have been given to us. Each week we've had the written gift of a wonderful reflection that has been shared with us during this Campaign. Each week we've had a new story to look forward to that clearly steers us in recognizing our blessings, and clearly shows us how spiritually inclusive our membership is toward the well being of the parish. Your stewardship helps share this faith.

It has been exciting to see a re-energized and re-engaged congregation as a result of David's leadership here at St. Mary's. We know that our Vestry is dedicated to keep the momentum going! We thank you for your part in this year's Stewardship Campaign as we join together and provide for all the possibilities that lie ahead of us.

*Karen Huennekens and Scott Stephens,
Senior and Junior Wardens*

St. Mary's Stewardship Campaign 2020



Ministry Highlight

Part of the ministry of the Altar Guild is to create beautiful arrangements behind the altars of Little St. Mary's and New St. Mary's every Sunday. What's even more special is when the flowers are offered in thanksgiving for someone or something special, a special celebration in your life or as a memorial remembrance for someone who died. Do you know how to do that? Call Elizabeth Starling at the church office. Let her know for which particular Sunday and service (9 a.m. or 11 a.m.) and provide an offering. A gift of flowers is \$50 for Little St. Mary's and \$75 for New St. Mary's. Altar Guild is such a special ministry here but even more of a gift when there's a flower memorial or thanksgiving.



Outreach Opportunity

The Giving Tree goes up next Sunday. St. Mary's offers the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for families through Goochland Christmas Mother, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, and Peter Paul Development Center. Starting next week, please grab an ornament or two with the gift needs on them. Gifts will be collected by Sunday, December 8.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT GOODNESS AND BLESSINGS |

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 5:30 P.M., LITTLE ST. MARY'S



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Would you like to write for us?

Contact Ashley Cameron at
acameron@stmarysgoochland.org
to learn more.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR ADULT FORUM TODAY

This Morning, November 17, Parish Hall

In Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Holy Envy*, there's a chapter about the Jewish faith called "Our Nearest Neighbor." It implies how closely Christianity and Judaism are related. For Adult Forum this morning at 10 a.m., St. Mary's welcomes Rabbi Gary Creditor who has been a Jewish leader for over 35 years, teaching all ages, envisioning and creating a community mikvah and participating on countless boards and communal agencies – Jewish, interfaith, and civic. He is highly respected and an engaging speaker. We hope you'll come learn about Judaism as it is a fascinating way to learn about and appreciate our own faith tradition.

YOUTH COOKING CLASS TODAY - DIFFERENT TIME

Today, November 17, 12:30 p.m., Kitchen

Youth Cooking class is open to all youth (6th-12th grade) and they meet today at 12:30 p.m. Please note that it is a different time than usual. During each class, they learn new recipes and techniques as they prepare a dish together. Following cooking, the group breaks bread as a community to share what they have made.

PARISH SUPPER WITH SPEAKER THIS WEDNESDAY

Sunday, November 17, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

The monthly Parish Supper is this Wednesday, November 20. Come break bread with your St. Mary's family in the Parish Hall. The menu is delicious and there's always mac and cheese and chicken nuggets for kids. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and then at 6:15 p.m., we welcome speaker Waleed Ilyas who is the Muslim Chaplain at the University of Richmond. During this time, there will be a children's program in the Sunday School Classrooms.

ECUADOR MISSION TRIP

Sign up to go - January 20 - 28, 2020

Did you know that St. Mary's has a relationship and partnership with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ecuador? Since 2017, parishioners have been on three missions to Quito, Ecuador to work, teach, and heal our friends at Emaus Episcopal Church in partnership with Education Equals Hope. E=H provides for the education of those living in desperate and difficult situations. This January 20-28, 2020, a team will again be in community and deepen relationships. It's always a wonderful and life-changing experience. If you feel called to join in this mission, please contact Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org.

CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday, November 24, 11 a.m., New St. Mary's

Next Sunday, St. Mary's offers a special celebration during the 11 a.m. service and gives thanks for the Choir's offering of music in our worship life and for their weekly dedication and commitment. The Choir offers a Choral Matins, a sung Morning Prayer service. It includes extensive musical offerings including the Herbert Howells *Collegium Regale Te Deum* and *Jubilate*, and music of American composers Robert Lehman and Randall Thompson. Please join us in appreciating and blessing the wonderful gifts this ministry offers us week after week.

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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Sunday, November 17

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Adult Forum: Rabbi Creditor, 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*

Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café*

Youth Cooking Class, 12:30 p.m., *Kitchen*

Tuesday, November 19

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

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

Wednesday, November 20

Pastoral Care Team 4, 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*

Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Thursday, November 21

Outreach Committee, 8 a.m., *Parish Office*

Holy Envy Book Study, 10:30 a.m., *Library*

Centering Prayer Workshop, 11 a.m., *Narthex*

Holy Envy Book Study, 7:30 p.m., *7201 Pine Tree Road*

Saturday, November 23

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

Sunday, November 24

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

Adult Forum: David May, 10 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*

Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café*

A PART OF OUR STORY...



As we wrap-up this season of Stewardship, David has invited a couple of parishioners to share during the services about how God has been good to them. Last week, Alison Dunaway gave a beautiful word and today, we welcome Frank Trice to share.

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.

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