

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome!

How special that Little St. Mary's has been actively used for weekly worship since its consecration in 1878!



What is it about music? How is it that we can make these amazing

sounds that our ears and brains work in tandem both to create and to decipher, that can evoke joy, sadness, exuberance or anxiety, and sometimes impel us to move and dance? It's a wonder to me.

Music has always had the power to move me. That could be literal and physical, as when frenetic Hungarian gypsy music propelled me at age 3 into energetic dancing, helpless to stop until I fell, exhausted and exhilarated! Even now, there are times when standing still is simply not an option. But above all, music,

especially sacred choral music, has the power to move me emotionally and spiritually.

Music was heard regularly in our house growing up—both live and recorded, most of it classical. I remember my dad taking guitar lessons with Laura Weber on public television and driving an hour each way to Nashville for flute lessons. While we (and the neighbors on open-window spring and summer mornings!) tolerated endless scales, we loved the results when he and my piano teacher got together at our house for piano-flute duets.

Both parents enjoyed classical music, but my dad especially loved it and would often enthuse over some particularly inspiring or moving

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, 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. Forum: Report from Convention in Parish Hall

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

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

12 p.m. Cookies and Coffee in the Cafe

Weekly reflection continued...

passage. He would point out identifying characteristics of a composer's music and it became a regular dinnertime game with my three sisters to see who could guess the composer being played that night.

My dad was a faithful lifelong volunteer choir member in the Episcopal church where I grew up, and in high school and college I often joined him. That special connection with him undoubtedly accounts for the fact that sacred choral music has the power to move me perhaps more than any other form.

As the newest volunteer choir member I feel very fortunate to get to sing at St. Mary's with musicians of such caliber under such talented, inspired, fun and caring direction. I have learned a great deal and feel that I get far more from singing with our choir than I could ever possibly contribute.

A prayer sung is for me the highest form of worship. Singing familiar text often makes me see it afresh, and the same verse can take on new meaning with each new musical setting, depending on my circumstances at the moment.

According to Episcopal Church guidelines, choir music is meant not for the entertainment of the congregation but as an offering to God. It certainly often feels that way to me. And now and then, especially when I am paying attention, I feel that I am given back a gazillion-fold. What I hope is that the choir's musical offering enhances each hearer's experience of worship and in some small way serves to deepen her or his personal connection to God.

Carol Evans



Ministry Highlight

This morning, 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 led by Ryan Tibbetts 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.



Outreach Opportunity

The Giving Tree goes up today! 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 today, please grab an ornament or two with the gift needs on them. Gifts will be collected by Sunday, December 8.

A wonderful St. Mary's tradition

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING



Sunday, December 1, 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall
Bring your clippers and greens.
Suggested Donation of \$15
Everyone is welcome!



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

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 27, 5:30 p.m., Little St. Mary's

We gather together to ask the Lord's Blessing: A Thanksgiving Eve Service for Holy Eucharist. Please join us this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Little St. Mary's for a Thanksgiving Eve service to sing the great old Thanksgiving hymns and give thanks to God for God's abundant goodness and blessings. This takes the place of the Thanksgiving Day service. So, please come - and sing out! - as we offer thanksgiving to God for the abundance of this good earth and God's faithfulness and many and manifold blessings.

REGISTER FOR YOUTH SUMMER 2020 MISSIONS

Deadline to register is Sunday, December 1

Registration for St. Mary's 2020 Mission Trips with YouthWorks is now open! Bring in or mail a completed registration form to the Parish Office with a \$100 deposit to Emily Bruch by Sunday, December 1 to secure a spot. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's Episcopal Church." As a reminder, the dates are: High School, June 21-27 to New Orleans, LA; Middle School, July 12-18 to Beckley, WV.

PRACTICE CENTERING PRAYER

Thursday, December 5, 11 a.m., Narthex of New St. Mary's

Many people crave a means to be still and put down the cares and worries of this life. And most of us need support for that because the world generally tells us 'to get busy!' The Christian tradition includes a rich history and practice of simply resting in God. If you are interested in learning more about this practice and practicing it with others, please join David May on Thursdays in December at 11 a.m. in the narthex of New St. Mary's. They will meet for approximately 30 minutes.

HOLIDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, December 2, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The holiday season brings on powerful memories and emotions, and it can be a particularly painful time for those who have lost a child. If you have experienced this loss, or know someone who has, we want you to know about a special service to be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 6000 Grove Avenue, on Monday, December 2, at 7 p.m., and co-sponsored by St. Mary's. The Holiday Memorial Service offers an opportunity to for families to remember the child they lost, whether your child died 30 years ago, or three weeks ago; whether as an adult, a teenager, a child or an infant; from illness, accident, violence, suicide, or other cause. This service is open to all.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 8, 4 p.m., New St. Mary's

Those of all ages are invited to join us for an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 8 beginning at 4 p.m. with a prelude and a service at 4:30 p.m. in New St. Mary's. It is one of the most meaningful and moving expressions of our great liturgical tradition. Come listen to readings from the scriptures that anticipate the coming of Christ that are coupled with choral music telling of God's promise of salvation. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience their gift of music and to raise your voices in song with them.

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, November 24

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum: Report from Convention, 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*
 Youth Service Project, 4 p.m., *Education Building*

Tuesday, November 26

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

Wednesday, November 27

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 5:30 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, November 28

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1

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*
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 Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café*



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...



Wishing Seward Gray (pictured left) a Happy 98th Birthday today, November 24! Isabel Souder Correll (pictured right) turned 98 years old earlier this summer. Wishing them both many blessings in the coming year!



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