



“I remember asking the Vestry at a meeting last year what they really needed God to be for us and how they saw that as the thing they hoped for most for our parish. There were really two things that I thought the Spirit was leading them to hope for. The first was that God would (please!) continue the momentum of new life they had been experiencing. And the other thing they hoped for was stability! One Vestry member said, ‘can we just enjoy how far we’ve come, and can everybody just stay put for a little while!’ I think God has been faithful to that desire. We have gotten our feet up under ourselves, are stable, and *alive*.

*David May, Rector*



## PARISH REGISTER

17

CONFIRMATIONS

+1

DIOCESAN ORDINATION



8

WEDDINGS

16

BURIALS

BAPTISMS 16



# WORSHIP



HOMEMADE **33**  
LOAVES OF BREAD  
\*FOR THE WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICES

**14,249** COMMUNION WAFERS  
RECEIVED

## LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

“The LEM experience was something I really wasn’t ready for. I don’t know what I expected except to be part of the service. Not only do you get a different perspective, literally, of the church when you’re up there, but to be a part of the giving of grace Jesus gives to us is powerful. It’s not that you are giving, but that Jesus has given. It’s emotional. It’s humbling. It reminds you that you can share God’s love with others.”

- Jesse McCoy on serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister



**6** NEW LAY  
EUCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS

## ACOLYTES

## MUSIC

“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.”

- Carol Evans, Choir Member



SUNDAY MORNING

**40** SERVICES

**+5** SPECIAL  
SERVICES:  
EVENSONGS, ADVENT  
LESSONS & CAROLS, ETC.

**52** ACOLYTES  
\*AGES 11-17 YEARS  
**+2** NEW TORCHES



**100+**  
HYMNS SUNG



# WORSHIP

## ALTAR GUILD

“I did not even have to think about it when Carol Evans asked me to co-chair the Altar Guild with her. I feel like Altar Guild has always been part of my life, even as far back as my childhood. I remember watching my Grandmother stand at the end of her dining room table ironing church linens, pulling them down the table so they would not wrinkle and rolling them on cardboard tubes to carry them back to her church.”

- Dianne Dementi, Co-Chair

ALTAR **81**  
GUILD MEMBERS



**40** EASTER WINDOW  
BASKET ARRANGEMENTS

# FORMATION

## ADULT EDUCATION



Adult Christian Formation is the lifelong process of growing in relationship with God, self, others, and all creation. Every experience in our lives can provide us with the opportunity to express our faith; the challenge we face is recognizing these opportunities and learning ways to live a sometimes counter-cultural life in a secular world. St. Mary's offers different opportunities on Sunday mornings and during the week throughout the year for adults to explore and express their faith.



ENGAGING GUEST  
SPEAKERS FOR  
ADULT FORUMS  
AND SUPPERS

**45** LECTIONARY  
BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

**6** PROPHETS  
HEARD FROM  
**+1** NEW PSALM  
EACH WEEK

**18** INQUIRING  
MINDS MET FOR  
**8** WEEKS

**11**  
**+24** LIVELY  
GATHERINGS OF  
ADULT FORUMS



# FORMATION

## FAITH & FILM

MINUTES OF FILM

**427** WATCHED

FILMS WATCHED  
SINCE JUNE:  
**4** CASABLANCA  
JOYEUX NOEL  
DRIVING MISS DAISY  
ON GOLDEN POND

**+21** PIZZAS EATEN



## CENTERING PRAYER



“ For God alone my  
soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from  
him.”  
- Psalm 62:5

**1** NEW CENTERING  
PRAYER PRACTICE  
GROUP STARTED

## MEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICE



**38** HOURS OF SILENCE,  
REFLECTION, SHARING, AND  
PRAYER

## LUNCH & LEARN



**9** ENGAGING LEARNING  
EXPERIENCES FROM  
COMMUNITY LEADERS  
SERVED ALONGSIDE  
INCREDIBLE LUNCHES



# FORMATION

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

“Here at St. Mary's, the Sunday School teachers step forward each week to recognize our children by name and remind them how beloved they are in this community. But most importantly, they share the story of God's never-ending love for them. And to share this is to say, “you belong with us and we belong to you always.”

- Amelia McDaniel, Lay Associate for Christian Education



**62** KIDS PARTICIPATED IN  
VBS **+100** TOWELS  
COLLECTED  
FOR PPDC



**28** FISH CAUGHT  
FOR FISHING  
CLUB



**152**  
MINUTES  
OF HARRY  
POTTER  
WATCHED

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



DARLING  
CHILDREN **57**  
CAME TO THE FIRST  
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL  
IN SEPTEMBER



**4** SETS OF TWINS  
REGULARLY  
ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

“The Youth Ministry has meant so much to our family from the fellowship of Sunday school and 8th grade confirmation class to youth group and outreach and mission opportunities. We are immensely grateful for the youth community that St. Mary's provides to our children. St. Mary's has been a huge part of their lives and we are certain that the faith-building and fellowship they have experienced will always stay with them as they continue to grow and learn in their faith.”

- Emily Weinstein



**540**  
DONUTS  
CONSUMED  
DURING SUNDAY  
SCHOOL





# PARISH LIFE

## FELLOWSHIP

“There is really know better way to bring people into communion together than around the table.”



VOLUNTEERS  
**42** HELPING  
IN THE  
KITCHEN  
THROUGHOUT THE  
YEAR.



**1,260**  
PHYLLO CUPS FILLED  
FOR RECEPTIONS

**18** MEALS  
SHARED

\*THIS INCLUDES PARISH  
BREAKFASTS, PARISH SUPPERS, &  
LENTEN SUPPERS

## ST. CLARE'S GUILD

Needlepointers and stitchers of all abilities and ages have been creating some beautiful new pieces for St. Mary's sanctuary including silencers for the offertory plates and a Nativity scene.



**35,286**  
STITCHES TO CREATE THE  
NATIVITY SCENE **+187** FRENCH  
KNOTS ON  
THE SHEEP



**57**

NEWCOMERS  
ATTENDED A  
WELCOME  
DINNER THIS FALL

## WELCOMERS

“Here at St. Mary's, we give thanks for you and your life, and we are grateful to God for the opportunity to welcome you!”



# PASTORAL CARE

## PASTORAL CARE TEAMS

“ ‘A non-anxious presence.’ What is that? It’s at the heart of Pastoral Care. It means showing up, leaning in, listening, but despite our natural inclinations, not trying to fix anything. It’s about letting grace abound by simply being present and letting a person know that he or she is loved and not alone. It’s about helping people stay connected when circumstances in our lives make it difficult for that to happen.”

- Eleanor Wellford



1,135

BIRTHDAY CARDS SENT OUT

150

“GET WELL” NOTES WRITTEN

42

PHONE CALLS MADE TO CHECK IN ON PARISHIONERS

## PRAYER SHAWL



11

PRAYER SHAWLS KNITTED

8

SHAWLS DELIVERED

12

BABY BLANKETS MADE AND PRESENTED AT BAPTISMS



98

YEARS OLD IS THE AGE SEWARD AND ISABEL CELEBRATED THIS PAST YEAR!



# STEWARDSHIP

“THANK YOU for responding to the call to tithe to St. Mary's. A thriving church such as St. Mary's needs a strong stewardship culture. We currently have a participation percentage of approximately 55% of our congregation. We know we can do better. Our ministries continue to need your help as costs continue to rise to operate these programs. We thank those that have pledged to the 2020 stewardship campaign and hope that if you have not made a pledge, that you will consider making one soon. God has been good to us. Let's let our giving reflect our blessings and gratitude.”

- Karen and Mike Huennekens, 2020 Stewardship Co-Chairs

## \$1,150,000

PLEDGE GOAL FOR 2020

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



## 325

PLEDGES RECEIVED

## 30

NEW PLEDGES

## 55%

OF ST. MARY'S HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PLEDGING FOR 2020



## \$1,051,085

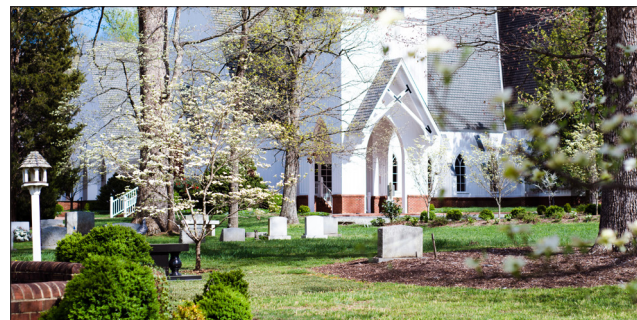
IN PLEDGES  
RECEIVED FOR 2020

\*AS OF JANUARY 17, 2020



## BUILDING COMMITTEE

Stewardship, at least as the Bible has it, is the work of caring for the good gifts that God has put into our hands. Our Building Committee is filled with good stewards. It is a group of faithful, committed and expert parishioners who spend time thinking about the beautiful buildings of our parish campus. They know every space and nook and cranny by heart. They know what's bright and shiny and in good order. And they know what is next to receive care and attention. They are gifts of this parish, and our good stewards.



## GROUNDS COMMITTEE

he beautiful saints who serve on our Grounds Committee are like the people in one of Jesus parables. They are the one who 'sowed some seed' or 'dug around the bush and put manure on it' hoping for next year's growth and who know that unless a seed goes into the ground and dies, there can be no new life. Season by season, year by year, they steward the grounds and growing things of this sacred place.



# OUTREACH & MISSION

“In the prayer following communion, we ask God to send us out to do the work he has given us to do. The goal - the mission - of the St. Mary's Outreach committee is to serve others beyond St. Mary's and to help the parish share with others in need or whose less fortunate. St. Mary's does a great deal of wonderful work outside our parish and we strive to do more. Connecting with others through volunteerism, meals, spiritual support, money helps sustain our role as Christians and faithful members of our parish family.”

- Harry Baldwin, Member of Outreach Committee



**87** CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
FOR FAMILIES FROM  
GOOCHLAND CHRISTMAS  
MOTHER, CROSSOVER  
HEALTHCARE & PPDC

**+3** BRAND  
NEW BICYCLES

**114**

SNACK BAGS PACKED FOR  
FRIENDS AT PPDC



## CARITAS



**125**

LOVING PARISHIONERS  
SHOPPED FOR FOOD AND  
SUPPLIES, DID LAUNDRY,  
PREPARED AND SERVED MEALS  
FOR OUR GUESTS.

**588**

INDIVIDUAL MEALS  
PACKED AND SERVED



**1,318**

LBS. OF THANKSGIVING  
FOOD TO FEED NEIGHBORS  
IN GOOCHLAND



**23**

VOLUNTEERS AS  
YOUNG AS 2 YEARS  
OLD WENT OUT TO  
SHALOM FARMS TO  
WEED AND PICK  
GREEN BEANS





# OUTREACH & MISSION

## ECUADOR MISSION

“The generosity of the congregation of Misión Emaús deeply moved me. The St. Mary's team worked, taught, and healed, but I always felt that we received more spiritually than we gave physically.”  
- Allison Dunaway



**7** TEAM MEMBERS ON ECUADOR MISSION

\*A WEEK OF DEVELOPING COUNTLESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST AROUND THE WORLD.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION

“Throughout the whole Shenandoah Valley Mission Trip, the theme of our service was clear. Community. Dignity. Respect. We treated others with dignity and respect, and we served the community around us.”  
- Madeleine Dunaway, 7th grader



## ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

“Our children learn through play facilitated by some rich environments including our nature trail and 2 playgrounds and intentional planning and teacher provided experiences that help each child grow and develop as individuals. We love chapel every other week with Ms. Amelia, our after school programs have 12 to 14 students each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday playing soccer, tennis, cooking, CORE, yoga, and golf.”  
- Susan Rawls, Director

**12** TEACHERS AND  
**7** CLASSES



2 YRS  
- JK

**79**

STUDENTS ENROLLED

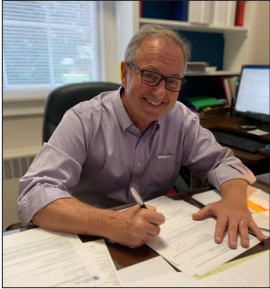
**16**

DIFFERENT ZIP  
CODES  
REPRESENTED  
AMONG STUDENTS



# STAFF CHANGES

## ST. MARY'S SAID GOODBYE TO...



**MIKE KOSCHAK**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
CHURCH OPERATIONS



**BOB HETHERINGTON**

PRIEST ASSOCIATE

## ST. MARY'S WELCOMED...



**EMILY BRUCH**

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES



**CARL HAYSLETT**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
CHURCH OPERATIONS



**ELEANOR WELLFORD**

PRIEST ASSOCIATE



**TYRELL WILKINS**

ASSISTANT SEXTON



SHARE ABOUT ST. MARY'S ON  
FACEBOOK AND DON'T FORGET TO  
TAG US @ST.MARYSGOOCHLAND



POST A PHOTO ON INSTAGRAM  
AND DON'T FORGET TO TAG US  
@STMARYSGOOCHLAND OR  
#STMARYSGOOCHLAND