

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome!

Commissioning of the Vestry Classes of 2024 and 2025 last Sunday during the 11 o'clock service.



How many times, especially during the last two years, have we wished for things to be different than

what they are? Things like: I wish this pandemic would end and that we wouldn't have to wear masks in church or have to take Communion in only one kind. Or, I wish I were younger or smarter or prettier or any other adjective that compares me unfavorably. Or, I wish it wasn't so cold, or so hot, or so...what? The list is endless.

I wonder how much time I have wasted wishing for such things as if wishing could make a difference in the outcome. The worst part of wishing is that it interferes with our

ability to appreciate and live in the moment.

What are we really wishing for, anyway? The word "normal" comes to mind and when it does, there's usually a sigh that accompanies that thought. But, normal is elusive. It's one thing one day, and something else another day because nothing stays the same. Normal means one thing to one person and quite another to someone else because it's all relative. So why are we wishing for something that doesn't really exist?

As I'm writing this, I'm sitting in a hotel room in Asheville, NC, about 10 minutes away from the hospital where my daughter delivered her first baby two days ago. The snow and

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church - we are so glad that you are here! Since the 1870s, 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!

Weekly reflection continues...

**TODAY'S
SCHEDULE**

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

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12 p.m. Birthday
Cupcakes in the
Parish Hall

ice and wind are making traveling next to impossible. And the pandemic has taken away my ability to visit her in the hospital. So, guess what I'm wishing for? And guess what difference it will make?

So, I stop for a moment and come back to the present. And when I do, I notice that the view outside my window is actually beautiful! The clouds are covering the mountains, but I know they're there. The landscape is pristine. My room is warm and cozy and quiet, and I feel safe. I realize that my daughter and son-in-law and baby are getting all the care that they need at the hospital. So breathe...just breathe and let go of wishing for the moment to be any different than it is.

Things are just as they are supposed to be. They are unfolding as God intended. I only wish that I could remember that!

Eleanor Wellford



Ministry Highlight

The Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Election of St. Mary's Church, Dover Parish, was held at 10 a.m. last Sunday, January 30, 2022 in New St. Mary's. A livestream video of the meeting is available on St. Mary's Facebook page and written copies of each report are on St. Mary's website: www.stmarysgoochland.org/annual-reports/. Or pick up a hard copy of the Annual Parish Report in the back of the Narthex.



Outreach Opportunity

We're partnering with St. Andrew's School to support RVA Community Fridges, who is fighting the issue of unreliable food sources, through a Food and Essentials Drive. Some items they request are: water bottles, canned soup, peanut butter, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, condiments (mustard, ketchup, BBQ sauce, mayonnaise), spices (paprika, cumin, salt, pepper, red pepper flakes), and easy snacks (popcorn, pretzels, rice cakes, chips, trail mix). We are collecting items beginning today through Sunday, February 20 in the grocery cart.

PARISH TAKE HOME SUPPER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. PICK UP



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
SIGN UP FOR DINNER.

MEATLOAF
CORN CASSEROLE
BROCCOLI

OR VISIT
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Would you like to write for us?

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

CHORAL EVENSONG IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 20, Prelude 4 p.m. and Service 4:30 p.m., New St. Mary's

On Sunday, February 20 at 4:30 p.m., the St. Mary's Choir offers a service of Choral Evensong. Repertoire includes works by Herbert Murrill, Thomas Tallis, David Ashley White, and Ryan Tibbetts. At 4 p.m., organist Ryan Tibbetts and oboist Dr. Sarah Huebsch Schilling will play a prelude recital featuring works by J.S. Bach, Johann Ludwig Krebs, and Naji Hakim. We hope you can join us for this contemplative service of music, Scripture, and prayer.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S BOOK STUDIES

Three Opportunities in February and March

There are several different offerings for the Women's Book Study Group this winter. Please check out the options below. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org.

- **Tuesdays, February 22 and 29 at 1:30 p.m.** – *Miracles and other Reasonable Things* by Sarah Bessey - This book is a memoir of miraculous healing and everyday life. "A grown up, clear-eyed story of faith, told with so much soul and laughter and grit and elegance and plainspoken truth that it leaps of the page, straight into your heart." Shauna Niequist
- **Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 1:30 p.m.** – *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans - Jeff Chu took the book that Rachel Held Evans was working on at her death and completed work. "Rachel Held Evans was one of the most formidable figures in contemporary Christianity." The New Yorker
- **Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 1:00 p.m.** – *Sermon on the Mount* by AJ Levine - During Lent, taking a closer look at the Sermon on the Mount is a beneficial way of remembering what Jesus came to teach us. "Reading [the Sermon on the Mount] with Amy Jill Levine has been a born-again experience, renewing my faith that scripture always has more to reveal to me..." Barbara Brown Taylor

JOIN THE ECUADOR MISSION TEAM

April 19-26, 2022

Consider joining the Hope on the Ground Short-Term Mission Experience with Education Equals Hope (E=H) to Quito, Ecuador in 2022. A Hope on the Ground experience gives you the opportunity to become the "hands and feet" of Education Equals Hope. As E=H says, "All our Short-Term Missions Experiences give participants a chance to develop a deeper level of compassion and servant hearts." The dates are April 19-26, 2022. If you would like to say 'yes!' to this experience, email Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org to learn about next steps and more details.

YOUTH INVITED TO SIGN UP TO ACOLYTE

All youth (6th-12th Grades) are invited to be a St. Mary's Acolyte! Acolyting is an opportunity for youth to serve God and the church, and to develop leadership skills. And if you are new to acolyting, Somer Sentz and/or Kilpy Singer can meet with Acolytes before the service to walk them through the process. In a few months, there will be a training when it is safe to gather in larger groups. Please contact Kilpy Singer at ksinger@stmarysgoochland.org to learn more or to sign up.

SUNDAYS AT ST. MARY'S

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist in New 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 ON PAUSE

Nursery is typically offered for infants - 4 year olds every Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. But due to COVID, it is currently not being offered.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN LENT

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, March 6 for children 4 years old - 5th grade at 10 a.m. Each week the children will learn the stories of Jesus' life and the stories He told through singing and storytelling. Details on Sunday School for 6th-12th graders will be announced soon.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum gathers on Sundays in the Parish Hall during the 10 o'clock hour. All adults are welcome! A forum series with David May will begin on Sunday, March 20 and continue for three weeks.

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. via ZOOM

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. via ZOOM

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in Little St. Mary's

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Thursdays at 8 a.m. via ZOOM

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, February 6

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Birthday Cupcakes, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Tuesday, February 8

Men's Spiritual Practice, 8 a.m., *via ZOOM*
 Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Parish Offices*
 Grief Group, 1:30 p.m., *Library*

Wednesday, February 9

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

Thursday, February 10

Women's Spiritual Practice, 8 a.m., *via ZOOM*
 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Sunday, February 13

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

A PART OF OUR STORY...



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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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