

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome!

Welcome to St. Mary's! We are so glad you are here with us.



I was a child when the new Book of Common Prayer was put together. One of the major changes made

was that children were invited to the Eucharist. No longer was Confirmation the “admittance” to the altar rail. All baptized children were included in the feast.

I attended a small church near Kentucky Lake in the summers. Father Ray Lord, or Father Lord, was our priest and he and my mother decided that at the age of five I was ready to participate in this new option. For several weeks, Father Lord and I dutifully worked our way through a booklet where he asked me questions

and I drew pictures and “wrote” my responses with my “emerging reading skills.”

The day of my first communion came. It was the Feast of St. Peter and the service was to be held outdoors at a family friend's lake house followed by a big fish fry. Just before the service a storm rolled in and the skies opened up. So it was that I took my first communion while kneeling on sculpted green shag carpet in front of a dining room table. The power was out and it was dim. There is a blurry photo I have of the day. You can see me, towheaded with a Dorothy Hamill haircut with my grandmother and godmother standing beside me smiling.

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 Little St. Mary's

9:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast in the Parish Hall

10 a.m. Sunday School & Youth Gathering outside Education Building

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

12 p.m. Cookies and Coffee in the Parish Hall

It is a prized photo for me. Not because it really shows much of anything because it is so blurry, but because I remember that moment as clear as day. I can smell the musty storm air and the feel of the carpet on my knees. I can smell the bitter sweetness of the wine and recall how new that was to me. Mostly, I remember feeling that I was being included in something bigger than myself. I remember that my family was proud of me. (That was until I went sliding down the big grassy hill in the rain in the white dress my mother had made for me.)

Being able to participate in the Eucharist is one of the practices that forms us without too much fanfare or explanation. The mystery and power of this gift to us from Jesus will never be fully understood or explained, no matter what your age. This is the feast for all of God's people and that includes the little ones.

So, we want to introduce St. Mary's little ones to this feast through an interactive learning workshop. David and I will lead an instructed Eucharist on Saturday, March 19 for children (ages 4 - 5th grade ideally) to learn about this sacrament. We will begin by baking bread together in the kitchen followed by an instructed Eucharist in New St. Mary's. If you have wondered about how to introduce your children to communion, this is a great opportunity to learn together. Please reach out to me if you are interested in participating.

Amelia McDaniel

Ministry Highlight

Prior to March, 2020 and the arrival of the Covid pandemic, a group of parishioners met regularly to practice Centering Prayer together. David has resumed this offering on Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the Narthex. Centering Prayer is the ancient spiritual practice of directing the intentions of one's heart to God in silence for a period of 20 to 30 minutes. This practice includes simple guidance to become collected in body and spirit so that one may simply rest in God in silence. Contact David May to learn more.

Outreach Opportunity

Another opportunity to provide snack bags for Goochland Family YMCA! They serve 43 kids in their after school program who are food insecure when they go home. Snack donations include: Welch's fruit snacks, fruit cups, cheese cracker packs, 100% fruit juice boxes, rice krispy treats, and small bags of goldfish, popcorn, and pretzels. Please drop any snack donations off throughout Lent in the grocery cart in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for supporting this effort!

INTERACTIVE LEARNING
FOR ST. MARY'S CHILDREN

Instructed Eucharist

SIGN UP



LENTEN SUPPER AND SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, and April 6, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Thank you to everyone who joined us this past Wednesday for a successful revival of St. Mary's Lenten Supper and Speaker Series. It continues on Wednesday evenings March 16, 23, 30, and April 6. Each Wednesday begins with a simple meal of soup and salad at 5:30 p.m. followed by a presentation with a guest speaker. The evening concludes by 7 p.m. with our prayers for the evening. This year's theme is "Do this in remembrance of me" with a focus on the redeeming work of Jesus and our work of his Kingdom. This week, we welcome the Rev. Michael Sweeney, Middle School Chaplain at St. Christopher's School, to share about the redeeming work of proclaiming. The menu for this Wednesday is lentil soup with a strawberry spinach salad, rolls, and dessert.

ADULT FORUM RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY

Sundays, March 20, 27, and April 3, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

Adult Forum is an integral part of Sunday mornings at St. Mary's and we're excited to bring it back. It provides education, spiritual formation, and fellowship to enrich our faith and our community. On Sundays, March 20, 27, and April 3 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall, David May leads an Adult Forum series titled, "My Story, Our Story, THE Story."

ST. MARY'S IS BECOMING ADA COMPLIANT

Inviting parishioners to be a part of a focus group.

St. Mary's is beginning an effort to make our spaces more ADA compliant, and we could use your help! If you or someone you know has limited mobility, we would love for you to be a part of a new focus group and learn what changes would be most helpful for you or your loved ones here at St. Mary's. If this is something that might interest you, please be in touch with Elizabeth Starling at estarling@stmarysgoochland.org, or (804)784-5678.

SAVE THE DATES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1, 2022

Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School 2022! Monday, June 27-Thursday, June 30 for ages 4-years-old to rising 2nd Graders and for On-the-Go VBS for rising 3rd-5th Graders. Registration opens on Easter Sunday. More details to come.

YOUTH GROUP IN MARCH

Tonight and Sunday, March 27, 5 p.m., Education Building

Youth Group is back this evening and March 27 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. inside the Education Building. Join us for dinner, games, and compline. All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited! And, as always, friends are welcome! In addition, Youth Sunday School meets from 10 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. in the Youth Lounge of the Education Building on Sunday mornings.

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 - 4 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 IN LENT

Sunday School is offered 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. Sunday School for 6th-12th graders meets in the youth lounge at 10 a.m.

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 8 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, March 13

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Parish Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Education Building*
 Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*
 "Let it Begin with Me", 4 p.m., *Parish Hall*
 Youth Group, 5 p.m., *Education Building*

Tuesday, March 15

Men's Spiritual Practice, 8 a.m., *via ZOOM*
 Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Parish Offices*
 "Wholehearted Faith" Book Study, 1:30 p.m.,
Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 16

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *via ZOOM*
 Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12
 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Inquirers Class, 1 p.m., *Parish Hall*
 Pastoral Care Team 3, 5 p.m., *Library*
 Lenten Supper & Speaker Series, 5:30 p.m.,
Parish Hall

Thursday, March 17

Women's Spiritual Practice, 8 a.m., *via ZOOM*
 Centering Prayer, 11 a.m., *Narthex*
 Inquirers Class, 5:30 p.m., *Parish Hall*
 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Friday, March 18

"Sermon" Book Study, 1 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Sunday, March 20

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*
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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.

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...



All youth (6th-12th Grades) are invited to be a St. Mary's Acolyte! Contact Kilpy Singer if you are interested in learning more.



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