

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome!

Last Sunday, the Rev. John Miller and Al Rider gave wonderful presentations for the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Dedication and Consecration of New St. Mary's.



When I was in journalism school at UNC, one thing that stuck with me was that when you write, you need to get

the essential information out first or entice the reader because people often stop reading. Here goes:

Geoff and I recently went to the Provence region of France. As we walked along a small town, there was a handicapped homeless man who was accepting gifts. I gave him a few extra Euros and said, "God bless you." He looked at me with a quizzical expression, and I realized he did not understand English, so I reached for my cross necklace and showed it to him. His face beamed as he reached

beneath his shirt and showed me his cross. God is truly everywhere! I was so moved by this and thanked God for this moment.

This year has brought such special blessings. Our daughter Jane became engaged and will be married here at St. Mary's on New Year's Eve. We bought a wonderful one-level house in our neighborhood and sold ours in record time. On top of all that, I have God moments frequently, just like the one in France, that remind me of God's presence.

But one of my favorite blessings is sharing my faith with you. I joyfully attend church here—it's an inviting place to worship, serve, and make friends. It is a blessing to all of us, but it requires our efforts and our funds to make all of this happen.

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. Marys

10 a.m. Adult Forum in the Parish Hall

10 a.m. Sunday School on the Nature Trail and in the Education Building

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

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

5 p.m. Outdoor Worship in the East Parking Lot

Weekly reflection continued...

If I have held your attention, let me get to my point. Giving back feels great and making it a priority feels even better. What I really mean is, I hope we'll all pledge now. I know there are plenty of things that worry us, but *God's got this!* Pledging is a way I show Him I believe that. It's a way I say, I trust you, God. No matter what.

St. Mary's puts God's mark on everything and everyone it touches: worship, educational, and outreach opportunities. And all these good endeavors require funding.

Ok, I am a dreamer. And I am dreaming for St. Mary's to reach its goal tomorrow, or at least by Thanksgiving. Then our staff and clergy can plan and move forward to provide us with all the wonderful opportunities that are ours for the asking.

We are loved and chosen by God. I want to live and love that belief everyday!



Ministry Highlight

The Rev. John Miller, Ph.D, our Rector Emeritus, leads the Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom. This is a decades-old educational offering where participants review and study the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. New participants are always welcome!



Outreach Opportunity

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St. Mary's Preschool is holding their annual Holiday Evergreens Sale to raise funds for a new and updated website. Items for sale can be found on the flyer located on the tables in the Narthex of New St. Mary's. Please place your order by emailing preschool@stmarysgoochland.org or calling (804) 784-2049 no later than Wednesday, November 1. Items will be delivered to the school for pick up between November 28 and December 7.



BBQ & BREWS '22

SECOND ANNUAL GATHERING TO BENEFIT
OUTREACH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 6:30 PM

RSVP AT:

WWW.STMARYSGOOCHLAND.ORG/FUNDRAISER

OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



OUTDOOR WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Today at 5:00 p.m., East Parking Lot

Join families of children and youth for an outdoor worship service at 5:00 p.m., and a potluck supper with time for fellowship right afterward in the East Parking Lot. We will provide chicken tenders, sandwiches, and drinks. If you are able, please bring a side dish to share. But if you are cruising in from the sports fields and can just make it here, we will have enough to share! Don't forget to bring a portable chair. Questions? Please email Amelia McDaniel or Kilpy Singer.

THANKSGIVING DRIVE FOR GOOCHLANDCARES

Through Friday, November 11

The Thanksgiving Food Drive for GoochlandCARES returns this year. Grab a list and fill a grocery bag with Thanksgiving pantry items to help our neighbors in Goochland County. The list of items needed per bag is printed out on the table in the Narthex. Please return filled bags to the Parish Office by Friday, November 11. Our goal is to fill 100 bags! For more information, please contact Doug Chiles (804) 556-0201 or dchiles@GoochlandCares.org. To learn more or donate online go to: www.GoochlandCares.org

ADULT FORUM

Sundays, 10:00 a.m., Parish Hall

These next two Sundays, October 23 and 30, we welcome back Melissa A. Jackson, DPhil, who is on faculty of the newly-founded Sophia Theological Seminary, based in Dinwiddie. Melissa will continue her four-part series titles, "The Word is Near Us: The Extraordinary in the Ordinary."

On Sunday, November 6, The St. Mary's Eldergarten Committee welcomes the Reverend Vic Maloy, who will lead an engaging discussion on "Finding Joy in Our Mature Years—Aging with Grace." A counselor with the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care, Vic is a popular speaker and the author of *Reflections on the Journey and Night Musings*. He is also a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who holds a Doctor of Divinity from the Vanderbilt Divinity School, and is an ordained United Methodist Minister.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Sunday, November 6, All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, we remember all the saints of God who have gone before us and especially those who have died in our parish since the previous All Saints' Sunday. If there is someone whom you would like to be remembered this All Saints' Sunday, November 6, please be in touch with Lauren Clay at lclay@stmarysgoochland.org or call the church office at (804) 784-5678.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS HALF-WAY TO GOAL!

Please consider making a pledged offering to St. Mary's Church.

The Stewardship Campaign for 2022 is in full swing. Please pledge today! If you need a pledge card, a Season of Stewardship prayer booklet, and Stewardship brochure, they are available in the Narthex of Little and New St. Mary's. There are a number of ways to pledge: bring your pledge card to church during the week or place it in an offering plate on Sunday morning; mail in your pledge card to 12291 River Road, Richmond, VA 23238; click on www.stmarysgoochland.org/pledge; email lclay@stmarysgoochland.org; call the church office at (804) 784-5678. If you have any questions, contact Lauren Clay at (804) 784-5678 or via email.

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

Sunday School is offered for children 4 years old - 5th grade at 10 a.m. Each week the children will learn the stories of the Bible 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!

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. in the Library

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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

CENTERING PRAYER

Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the Narthex

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, October 23

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Adult Forum, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Nature Trail*
Morning Prayer, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies & Lemonade, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*
Outdoor Worship & Potluck, 5 p.m., *East Parking Lot*

Monday, October 24

Pastoral Care Team #4, 9 a.m., *Library*

Tuesday, October 25

Men's Spiritual Practice, 8 a.m., *via ZOOM*
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Parish Offices*
Women's Book Study, 1:30 p.m., *Library*
Vestry Meeting, 5p.m., *Parish Hall*

Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

Centering Prayer, 11 a.m., *Narthex*
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*
Frank Eakin Celebration, 5 p.m., *U of R*

Friday, October 28

Saturday, October 29

A.A. New Beginnings Meeting, 8:30 a.m., *Education Building*

Sunday, October 30

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Sunday School, 10 a.m., *Nature Trail*
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

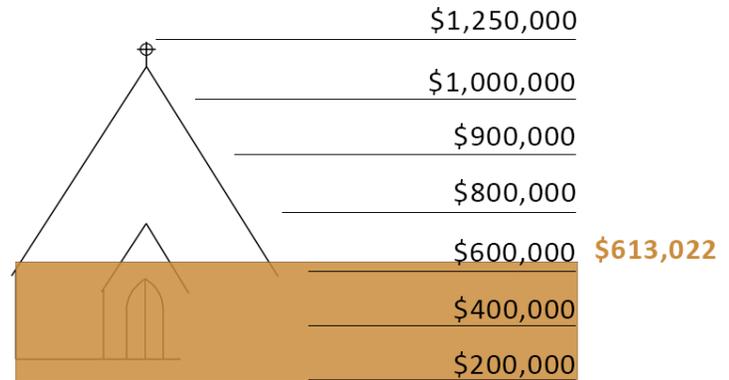
A PART OF OUR STORY...



Bill Gooch prepared a delicious spread for the 30th Anniversary reception last Sunday.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2023 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



ST. MARY'S

A COMMUNITY OF *Belonging*

AS OF 10/20/22



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