



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, August 26

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Church)
9:00am - Informal Worship (Great Hall)
11:00am - Holy Eucharist (Church)

Monday - Friday

8:00am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)
6:00pm - Evening Prayer (Chapel)

Wednesday, August 29

12 noon - Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday, August 30

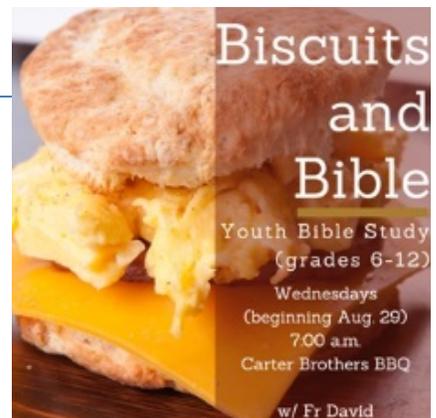
7:00pm - Centering Prayer (Chapel)

EVENING PRAYER W/ HOLY EUCHARIST TONIGHT

Join us this evening at 6:00pm in the Chapel for Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist to celebrate the feast of St. Bartholomew.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) will resume on **Wednesday, August 29, 7:00-7:40 a.m.** at Carter Brother's BBQ on N. Main St. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and engaging the scripture with our rector. Bring a Bible and money for breakfast. If transportation is an issue for you, [please speak with Amy](#).



CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Be still and know that I am God. - *Psalm 46:10*
Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10am - 3pm
Church of the Redeemer
Abbey at New Garden
5572 Garden Village Way
Greensboro, NC 27410

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop

Centering Prayer is a discipline to foster interior transformation, initiated by God and leading, if we consent, to divine union. One's way of seeing reality changes, which empowers one to perceive and respond to everyday life with sensitivity to the divine presence in, through and beyond everything. Thomas Keating, *Open Heart Open Mind*

About the Event: We will examine how Centering Prayer can deepen our relationship with God, others and ourselves. We will learn the method of Centering Prayer and how to deal with our thoughts during the prayer period. There will be two periods of Centering Prayer and a time for questions. A boxed lunch will be served.

All are welcome!

Included in the Workshop is the opportunity to attend 6 continuing sessions and options to join a Centering Prayer to support your practice.

Presenters: Diane Popalis, St. Marian and Commissioned Centering Prayer Presenter for Contemplative Outreach, and Tom Benson, Chapter Coordinator, Contemplative Outreach of Central North Carolina

To register: You can register for the event [here](#).

Registration is \$30.00. Scholarships are available upon request.

Make checks payable to Center for Contemplative Living and send to:
Center for Contemplative Living, Inc.
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Should you have questions, please contact Diane Popalis, popalis5@gmail.com



SAVE-THE-DATE - CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Save the date—Celebration Sunday is coming to St. Mary's!

On **October 7, 2018**, we will gather as a united community for a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. On this day we will celebrate, both the stewardship of God's blessings, and our individual contribution to the Ministry of Christ's Word. "Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 *Corinthians 9:7*) The sacrifices we make forge a connection to God. God's response to our sacrifices is the transformation of our humble offerings into something much greater, effecting positive change on both the giver and receiver of the gift.

Two weeks prior to Celebration Sunday, the committee will mail annual pledge cards to the congregation. We ask that you use those two weeks to prayerfully consider the gifts you possess by God's grace, and God's plan for your stewardship of those gifts. At the single service on Celebration Sunday, members will be invited to bring forward their completed pledges and place them on the altar to be blessed. "Generosity focuses on the spiritual qualities of the giver, derived from the generosity of God, rather than on the church's need for money." Robert Schnase, "*Practice Extravagant Generosity*"

Many families enjoy the 9:00 am service in the Community Life Center, where young children connect and play quietly during the service. On Celebration Sunday, a similar space will be offered in the Parish Hall. The service will be viewed in real-time on a large video screen, while children are welcome to play quietly together on the floor. We invite you to continue the celebration at our annual Parish Picnic. We will gather

together on Brantley Circle immediately following our worship. Fellowship, good food, good fun, old friends and new—the picnic is always a great time, an event not to be missed!

Please make October 7 a priority for you and your family! More than any other service in our year, the worship and picnic are an important time for us to be together as a loving community in Christ—St. Mary's—full of history, dedicated in service, and excited about what is to come next. We invite you to connect to our future and enjoy the transformation!

SERMONS

For sermons, visit St. Mary's YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ9osAC2J9PnSXygNCygakA>