

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome!

What an amazing turn out for St. Mary's monthly Parish Breakfast! Thank you to all the Fellowship Committee volunteers!



Home is a comforting and peaceful place after returning from a trip. There is a deep sense of serenity and solace gained

by being among familiar belongings. Home is a place where we can be ourselves, and be loved, respected, and cared for by those who mean the most to us.

My wife, Jeannie, and I returned home to Richmond after being in Alexandria for twelve years. We sought and found a new home to house our cherished items, to get a great night's sleep, and to share good times with family and friends. We also sought a new church, a new parish

home. It was logical to check out St. Mary's and we soon knew we had found our church home.

St. Mary's meets precisely our needs – to be ourselves among fellow parishioners, to be loved, respected and cared for by clergy and lay members. We come to be fed weekly at God's table with divine nourishment, to be forgiven as only God can do, and to be with family. We are very comfortable and at peace in our St. Mary's home.

The campus and church buildings are beautiful and meet the needs of young and old alike. What really makes St. Mary's the wonderful, peaceful, and comforting home is the living presence of the Holy Spirit. God is exceptionally good to me, to

Weekly reflection continues...

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church - we are so glad that you are here! Since the 1870's, God has gathered a beloved community of Jesus to worship and serve here, and 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!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

10 a.m. Adult Forum with Annie Campbell in Parish Hall

10 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Class in Classrooms and Education

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

12 p.m. Cookies and Coffee in the Cafe

Jeannie, to each of us. Everything I have, possess, and need is provided by God. I owe all to him.

Stewardship time is an opportunity to reflect and respond to God's generosity and kindness. This opportunity affords us the specific time to evaluate what time, talents, and treasures can be returned to God. Like every other home, there are expenses of brick and mortar as well as personal needs. Clergy and staff must be compensated for their compassionate work. Most importantly, we want – not need – to show God our sincere gratitude for everything he has given to us. I personally receive far more from God in my parish home than I could ever give.

The biblical guidance for our stewardship effort this year is "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." I ask you to consider how much our St. Mary's church home means to you and to share your time, talents, and financial gifts for God's work in this place. I urge you to increase your pledge or to give for the first time. To continue to invest in St. Mary's will enhance the place where we are loved, respected, and cared for by God, fellow parishioners and staff. May the Holy Spirit continue to grace and bless our St. Mary's home.

Harry Baldwin

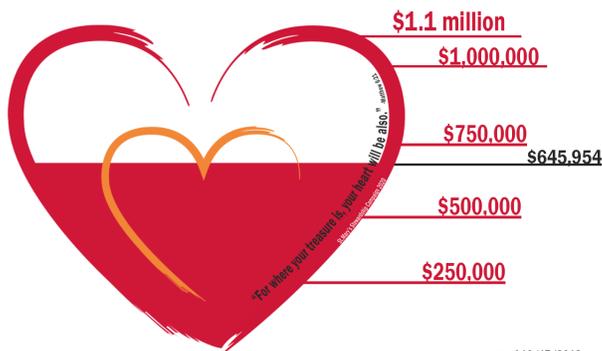
Ministry Highlight

There's a very quiet yet important ministry that's been happening for nearly 10 years at St. Mary's. Beautifully knitted prayer shawls and crocheted baby blankets are the fruits of this ministry. If you've been the recipient of one of these fruits, you know that you are cared for, celebrated and loved. The dedicated members of this ministry are looking for more hands. Do you knit? Are you aware of the many benefits of knitting such as increased sense of well being and reduced loneliness and isolation? This morning, we are blessing a number of these beautiful prayer shawls and baby blankets before they are given away with love.

Outreach Opportunity

This month, we are collecting take-home snacks for students at Peter Paul Development Center to have food either in the evenings, on weekends, or during school breaks. Suggestions include: 100% fruit drinks or shelf stable milk; granola, protein or energy bars; packaged crackers; baked chips, pretzels; applesauce, fruit cups; dried fruit; trail mix; and nuts.

St. Mary's Stewardship Campaign 2020



COMING TO YOUR INBOX TOMORROW!

A special Stewardship video featuring parishioners sharing why their heart is at St. Mary's.



ADULT FORUM WITH ANNIE CAMPBELL

Sundays, October 20 & 27, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

Beginning this morning, we welcome Annie Campbell to lead the Adult Forum in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m. Annie is one of the founding members of Richmond Hill, a professional storyteller, retreat leader, and recently retired from 40 years of teaching. We are excited for her to share with us about the role of spiritual formation in the lives of both children and adults.

YOUTH COOKING CLASS

This afternoon, 4:30 p.m., Kitchen

Youth cooking class is back! Youth learn new recipes and techniques as they prepare a meal together. Following cooking, the group breaks bread as a community to share the meal that they have made. Open to all experience levels! Join them today at 4:30 p.m. Contact Emily with any questions at ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org.

FAITH & FILM IS BACK THIS MONTH

Wednesday, October 30, 5 p.m., Dover Lounge

The next installment of our Faith and Film series is Wednesday, October 30 from 5-8 p.m. in the Dover Lounge. We will show the movie "Casablanca," and discussion will follow. Winner of 3 Academy Awards, this film is a classic love story starring Humphrey Bogart as Rick Blain, Ingrid Bergman as Ilsa Laszlo and Paul Henreid as Victor Laszlo. It takes place in Casablanca, Morocco where old flames reunite and where WWII is threatening, making travel in and out of the country difficult. It's a classic! Please call Elizabeth Starling (804-784-5678) if you plan to attend so we can have enough pizza.

BROOKFIELD SERMON PROJECT - PRE-ORDER NOW

Book Available on Sunday, November 3

The Reverend Christopher Morgan Brookfield's *Irreverent Relevancies, Selected Sermons 1983-2008*, edited by our own Kitty Williams. This hard bound, keepsake edition will be available on November 3, 2019 by donation (Per donor: \$100 first copy, \$50 subsequent copies) and you can now pre-order it on DementiBooks.com.

"HOLY ENVY" BOOK STUDIES

Check out different opportunities beginning this week.

This fall our community book will be *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor, a noted author, preacher and Episcopal priest. The book is a reflection on her years of teaching World Religion in the college setting. In the process, she discovered the spiritual riches God can teach us from the faith of others and how in the process she was offered "the chance to be born again within my own tradition." Please pick up a copy in the Café. There are a number of small group book study opportunities led by different parishioners this fall:

Tuesdays, October 22 - November 12 at 8:45 a.m. in the Library with Bill Huffman
Wednesdays, October 23 - November 6 at 1 p.m. in the Library with Bill Huffman
Thursdays, October 24 - November 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library with Amelia McDaniel
Tuesday, October 29 at 6:15 p.m. led by Sally Roddey at 403 Walsing Drive
Thursday, November 14 at 7 p.m. led by Andy Howlett at Ardent Brewery
Thursdays, November 7 & 21 at 7:30 p.m. led by Ashley Barlow at 7201 Pine Tree Road

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 - 3 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 - 12th grade at 10 a.m. Each week the children and youth deepen their understanding and connection to our shared story of faith.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum gathers every Sunday in the Parish Hall during the 10 o'clock hour. All adults are welcome! Forums range from guest speakers to panel discussions to hearing from St. Mary's clergy.

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. in the Parish Office

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

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 20

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

Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10
a.m., *Classrooms, and Education Building*
Morning Prayer, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish*
Hall
Youth Cooking Class, 4:30 p.m. *Kitchen*

Tuesday, October 22

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish*
Office
Holy Envy Book Study, 8:45 a.m., *Library*
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Office*

Wednesday, October 23

Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*
Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing,
12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Holy Envy Book Study, 1 p.m., *Library*

Thursday, October 24

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish*
Office
Holy Envy Book Study, 10:30 a.m., *Library*

Saturday, October 26

A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, October 27

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Adult Forum: Annie Campbell, 10 a.m.,
Parish Hall
Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10
a.m., *Classrooms, and Education Building*
Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism 11 a.m.,
New St. Mary's
Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café and Parish*
Hall
Youth Fishing Club, 12:30 p.m. *TBD*



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...



The youth held their first Youth Service in Little St. Mary's last Sunday. Each month the high school youth prepare and lead a worship service for all youth. Last week, Jack Ireland preached on social media.



Our Worshipping Life

During October, our pattern of Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer at the 11 a.m. service on alternating Sundays will be tweaked slightly. We will be blessed this coming month with a number of occasions for the celebration of Holy Baptism. To welcome these new members of the Body of Christ, our October worship pattern will be:

October 27: Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. and Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism at 11 a.m.
November 3: All Saints' Sunday! Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.



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