

# THE ANNUNCIATION

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Last Sunday, David blessed a number of beautiful, hand-knitted prayer shawls and baby blankets made by parishioners.

**Welcome!**

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!



I'm not sure when Byron and I started putting a check in the collection plate every Sunday. We talk about what we pledge, but have

never formally discussed how we pay it; weekly, monthly, quarterly. But no matter, that weekly practice has become a ritual that if not done I feel like I've forgotten something. And it's not just me who is used to that ritual, but also our children. Every Sunday one will ask, "Can I put the check in today?"

I remember my parents pledging and putting their contribution in the collection plate on Sundays. I remember them encouraging me

to give, talking with me about the importance of giving back and taking responsibility for my part.

I'm not sure how God and faith all works. I know that my perspective on life is better and I can handle the stress I experience better because I invest in my relationship with God. I didn't always know that. I didn't always go to church or value the blessing of it. I didn't attend youth group or like Sunday school. Despite taking many wrong turns, I am exactly where I wanted to be since I was a little girl, and I believe there are many reasons why. I have wonderful parents who ensured that I grew up in a church community where I was loved, cared for, and prayed for many times by many people.

*Weekly reflection continues...*

## 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 Building

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

12 p.m. Cookies and Coffee in the Cafe

Weekly reflection continued...

When I went back to school to get a post-Master's Certificate in Nursing, I had to do a research project. I chose to research what helps prevent risk taking behavior in teenagers. I read fifteen studies and the common theme was communication and community. Children who had a place to belong, where they felt safe and loved, were less likely to engage in risk taking behaviors.

I am so thankful – for my husband and children, my parents, my family, my friends, my work, and my church. I am thankful to belong to a place where I feel renewed each week, to share in that with Byron and our children, and have a place where our children can build friendships and their faith. I am thankful for my relationship with God. My dad will say, "People do what is important to them." I agree. St. Mary's is important to me. I want to say thank you; to show my gratitude. My pledge helps me do that.

I realize from experience that our children may not truly appreciate the value of all this right now, but they see that Byron and I do, and for that I am thankful as well.

Brantley Holmes



## Ministry Highlight

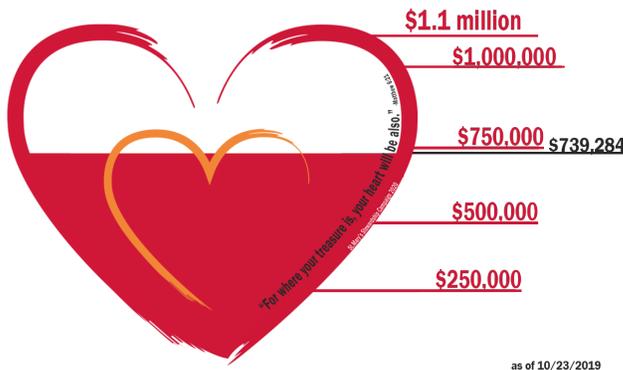
Over the past two years, *Date with the Daffodils* has become an integral fundraiser for St. Mary's Mission and Outreach ministries. Last year, we raised over \$65,000 to support local outreach partners and adult and youth missions. For the third year of *Date with the Daffodils*, it is changing from a spring Auction Gala to a fall Oyster Roast and Barbeque Bash with Bluegrass music! If you love to plan events or simply want to help create a fun afternoon for St. Mary's community, the committee is looking for new members. This cannot be executed without many helpful hands. If interested, please contact Katie Howlett at [katiehowlett@gmail.com](mailto:katiehowlett@gmail.com).



## Outreach Opportunity

Today is the last Sunday that 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; and dried fruit.

## St. Mary's Stewardship Campaign 2020



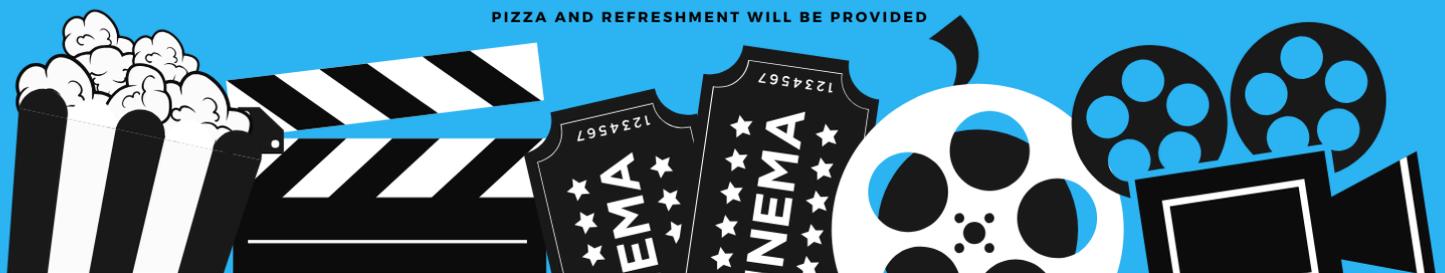
THE REV. ELEANOR WELLFORD PRESENTS

# FAITH & FILM

CASABLANCA

WEDNESDAY AT 5 P.M.  
OCTOBER 30

PIZZA AND REFRESHMENT WILL BE PROVIDED



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Would you like to write for us?  
Contact Ashley Cameron at [acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org) to learn more.

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## ADULT FORUM WITH ANNIE CAMPBELL

This morning October 27, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

This morning, we welcome back Annie Campbell to lead part two of 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 continue to share with us about the role of spiritual formation in the lives of both children and adults.

## CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

This morning, 12 p.m., Narthex

Many people crave a place and a means to rest and be still and put down the cares and worries of this life. And most of us need support for that because the world generally tells us 'to get busy!' The Christian tradition includes a rich history and practice of simply resting in God, in silence for a period for 20-30 minutes. If you are interested in learning more about this practice and practicing it with others, please join David May following the 11 a.m. service in the narthex of New St. Mary's this morning.

## YOUTH FISHING CLUB

This afternoon, 12 p.m., Education Building

Fishing Club is back today! Meet after the 11 a.m. service by the Education Building. Pack a lunch, water bottle, and your fishing gear. Whether you are an expert or new to fishing, youth of all grades are welcome to be part of the St. Mary's Fishing Club. The group meets several times throughout the year to fish all over the Richmond area. It is through time spent together in nature that we are able to truly connect with one another.

## 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 is now available for pre-sale. 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.

## "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:

Tuesday, October 29 at 6:15 p.m. led by Sally Roddey at 403 Walsing Drive

Tuesdays, October 29 - November 12 at 8:45 a.m. in the Library with Bill Huffman

Wednesdays, October 30 - November 6 at 1 p.m. in the Library with Bill Huffman

Thursdays, October 31 - November 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library with Amelia McDaniel

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

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## 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.

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## 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](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org) for updates.

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## This Week at St. Mary's

### 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*

### 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

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 31

Holy Envy Book Study, 10:30 a.m., *Library*  
 Centering Prayer Workshop, 11 a.m., *Narthex*

### Friday, November 1

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Library*

### Saturday, November 2

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

### Sunday, November 3, All Saints'

Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 9 a.m.,  
*Little St. Mary's*  
 Adult Forum: Panel Discussion on  
 Brookfield Sermon Project, 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*



## 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](http://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](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org)

## A PART OF OUR STORY...



This morning, we welcome back Annie Campbell for part two of "Why Formation?" She is a storyteller, retreat leader and lifelong Episcopalian sharing about the important role that spiritual formation plays in the lives of children and adults.



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### CLERGY AND STAFF

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