

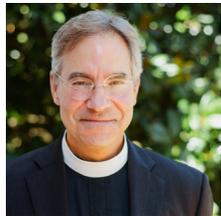
THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome!

Today, we thank Bob and celebrate his guidance, wisdom, and spirit that he's shared with St. Mary's over these past few years.



The Church has always treasured the story of Jesus' baptism. Since it's very earliest days,

the Church set aside the Sunday following the Day of Epiphany (always January 6th) to remember Jesus' baptism. It is very precious for those who follow Jesus to remember that we have been baptized just like he was. Jesus plunged into the waters of baptism in solidarity with all the rest who streamed out to the wilderness who were looking for a second chance, a new beginning, a fresh start, or who were just hoping that such things were possible. Did Jesus need a second chance on life, a new beginning, a fresh start? Maybe not

the way we do. But his baptism did start something brand new in his life. Immediately following his baptism, ready or not, he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness out past and beyond what he had known before. We know now that he wrestled with Satan during that time, a time that refined and defined what his ministry would be. But I don't think Jesus knew that. What did he know of what was to come? Maybe nothing, other than knowing that his heart was right beside God's heart, come what may.

Amelia McDaniel shared a quote with me a few days ago that speaks of this going forward without knowing what's coming next. The quote is: "God uses uncertainty to chase us out into the open where we

Weekly reflection continues...

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!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

10 a.m. Reception in honor of Bob Hethrington in Parish Hall

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

12 p.m. Reception in honor of Bob Hethrington in Parish Hall

Weekly reflection continued...

can find him all over again.” I like this quote. A lot. I think it speaks right into our experience of our brother, Bob Hetherington, concluding his ministry here at St. Mary’s today and wondering what will come next.

Bob’s departure leaves a big, old, holy hole in our community. A hole we might be tempted to try to fill too quickly. I think we probably shouldn’t try to fill it at all, actually. I think we should just leave it there – the place our love for him made – as a reminder of how much we need one another, and how much we can belong to one another.

It’s so tempting to want to rush into the uncertainty of not knowing what comes next and make it certain – to fill empty holes. I understand why people want to do that because I want to do that sometimes. But I think it’s better to try and give God a little room to work. If we can keep an open space about what comes next, maybe we stand a chance of finding God or being found by God.

On this day when we celebrate Jesus pitching his lot with us by being baptized too; on this day when Banks Wall and Chloe Slade and Alston Mayfield join Jesus and us in the waters of baptism; on this day when the Spirit is leading Bob on to what comes next, and us; on this day, may we be led to leave space open for God to work, out past and beyond what we already know, and keep our own hearts right there beside God’s heart.

David May



Ministry Highlight

Next Sunday at the 9 a.m. service, we commission the Ecuador Mission Team before they head down to Quito, Ecuador from January 20 to 28. They’ll partner with Education Equals Hope on the ground to visit our friends at Emaus Episcopal Church to continue to develop relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the wider Anglican Communion. We hope that you will keep Ashley Cameron, Wayne Dementi, Allison and Greg Dunaway, Chris Ritrievi, and Linda Rose in your prayers as they represent St. Mary’s on this mission.



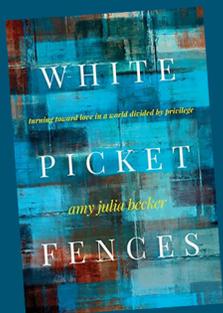
Outreach Opportunity

The Annual GoochlandCares Clothes Closet drive is underway! From now through the end of January, St. Mary’s is collecting clean, gently used or new winter items. Specifically, GoochlandCARES is asking for women’s socks, women’s long underwear, baby clothes for newborn through 2T, men’s jeans, blankets, and socks, winter boots, hats, gloves, and underwear for all ages. Collection boxes are located in the Dover Lounge. Thank you for your support!

ST. MARY’S INVITES A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

AMY JULIA BECKER

WRITER · TEACHER · AUTHOR



“The real privilege of my life has come in learning what it means to love others, that love involves suffering and sacrifice and sleepless nights and tears and heartache and great gifts.” FROM *WHITE PICKET FENCES*



FEBRUARY 21 - 23



HONORING AND SAYING GOODBYE TO BOB

This morning, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., Parish Hall

Sadly, today is Bob Hetherington's last Sunday at St. Mary's. As shared in a recent letter to the Parish, Bob Hetherington knows "that his call and his ministry at St. Mary's is complete." While he will be deeply missed, we need to trust the Spirit and this call. Please join us for receptions following both services this morning in the Parish Hall. There will be time to hug Bob's neck, tell him we love him, and especially say thank you.

REGISTER FOR YOUTH SKI TRIP

Friday, January 24 - Sunday, January 26, 2020

St. Mary's youth are taking a weekend ski trip to Massanutten! Whether you are an expert skier/snowboarder or you enjoy drinking hot chocolate in the ski lodge, we hope that you will join us for this weekend of fun. We will leave St. Mary's at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 24 and will return Sunday, January 26 at 1 p.m. Learn more and register today by emailing Emily Bruch at ebruch@stmarysgoochland.org.

LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesday, January 14, 12 p.m., Parish Hall

St. Mary's seniors (well, adults of all ages) are invited to a delicious lunch and engaging program on Tuesday, January 14 at 12 p.m. This month, we welcome Jane Sternheimer who has owned Charles Schwarzschild Jewelers on River Road for 37 years! This Richmond Jeweler helps continue a remarkable legacy as it serves second and third generations of this community. Come learn the answers to questions such as: "What do I do with old family silver that no one wants?" or "How can I transform antique jewelry that is too outdated?" Please RSVP to the church office, (804) 784-5678.

PARISH SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, January 15, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser! Colonial Williamsburg spaghetti with mediterranean salad and garlic bread. This old-world recipe has been pleasing the palettes of our country's forefathers and mothers since the Revolutionary era. It will be prepared by Williamsburg chefs who, it has been reported, actually dined with some of our forefathers. As always, there will be chicken tenders and mac 'n cheese for the non-spaghetti eaters and we will serve a vegetarian and gluten free option. See you this Wednesday, January 15 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

NEW ADULT FORUM SERIES WITH DAVID MAY

Sunday, January 19, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

David May is offering a new, three-part adult forum series titled, "How did we get here? Faith and Life in the Episcopal Tradition." Episcopalians worship and think and act and believe in a particular way (some would say peculiar!) for a reason. Our faith and life is anchored in a set of core beliefs that emerged from the churning of the 16th century Reformation in England that set us on a path we are still travelling today. It's not the only way to follow Jesus, of course, but it is our peculiar way! David May will lead this series on Sundays, January 19, 26, and February 16 to connect us with our past for the sake of the future to which God calls us. Please plan to bring your questions – a very Episcopalian thing to do!

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, January 12

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Reception in Honor of Bob, 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*
 Reception in Honor of Bob, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Tuesday, January 14

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*
 Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*
 Lunch & Learn, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Wednesday, January 15

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
 Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Pastoral Care Team 3, 4 p.m., *Parish Office*
 Parish Supper, 5:30 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Thursday, January 16

Centering Prayer, 11 a.m., *Narthex*
 Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum: "How did we get here? Faith and Life in the Episcopal Tradition" Pt. 1, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew, 10 a.m., *Library*
 Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Classrooms and Education Building*
 Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*



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.

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A PART OF OUR STORY...



One of the many gifts we've received from Bob in his time with us is the establishment of the Men's Spiritual Practice group. This ministry will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.



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