

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Centering Prayer is a wonderful way to simply rest in God and in silence for 30 minutes on Thursday mornings.



Have you ever been on a retreat? My guess is that the answer is “Yes” and maybe

more than once. So, here’s another question: Have you ever been on a... hold on...wait for it...SILENT retreat? The idea of that strikes terror into the hearts of some people (probably extroverts) and joy into the hearts of others (probably introverts). I fall into the latter category of people - those who are introverts and find joy in silent retreats.

I have recently returned from one. There is an Episcopal monastery in Cambridge, Massachusetts called Society of St. John the Evangelist, or

SSJE for short. The brothers who live at the monastery follow a Rule of Life which includes prayer and service, and which expresses a common commitment to faithful discipleship. One of their ministries is hospitality, which means they open their monastery to guests who are seeking a quiet atmosphere for prayer, reflection and retreat in the setting of a monastic community.

Guests are invited to join in the rhythm of monastic prayer in the chapel and in the refectory for simple, yet delicious meals - probably something I look forward to the most. Actually, maybe not. Maybe it’s the smell of the chapel with its incensed-soaked wood or the way the brothers

Welcome!

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. Mary’s

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

10 a.m. Adult Forum with David May in Parish Hall

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

12 p.m. Cookies & Coffee in Parish Hall

break into harmony when singing or chanting. Maybe it's the taste of the communion bread or the bells signaling that a service is about to begin. And then there's the view of the Charles River from my room where I can watch the dedicated practice of crew teams from the surrounding Ivy League schools.

I cherish this time of rest and refreshment and am amazed at how quickly the time flies when I am there. Perhaps the hardest part of a silent retreat is re entry which first hits me when I arrive at Logan Airport. Unfortunately, it doesn't take long for the benefits of the retreat to dissipate. I'm hoping that some of the times of reflection and worship will, like the incense absorbed by my clothes, linger for longer.

“For God alone my soul waits in silence...” Psalm 62:1

Eleanor Wellford



Ministry Highlight

The Ecuador Mission Team is on the ground in Quito, Ecuador until this Tuesday, January 28. They are partnering 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.



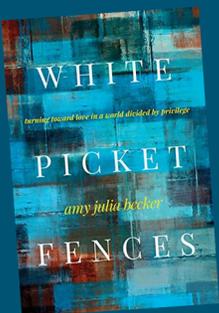
Outreach Opportunity

St. Mary's Church is part of a community-wide coalition of faith communities organized by CARITAS who take turns providing emergency shelter for a week at a time for homeless men, women, and children in our area. In 2020, our week is March 28 - April 4 and our guests will be women. The committee is beginning to come together and plan. If you're interested in becoming a member of this group, please contact Seth Schaeffer at sethschaeffer@gmail.com or Charmaine Trice at nesting7800@yahoo.com.

ST. MARY'S WELCOMES 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

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT WWW.STMARYSGOOCHLAND.ORG/ADULT



ADULT FORUM SERIES WITH DAVID MAY

Sundays, January 26 and February 16, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

David May offers a 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 continues this story this morning at 10 a.m. 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!

"I WASN'T READY FOR THAT!" PRESENTATION

Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

As part of Adult Education, Eldergarden is pleased to offer a series of presentations called "I Wasn't Ready for THAT!" Each series is open to adults of ALL ages and will address being prepared for issues not only associated with aging and end of life, but with life in general when it comes at you fast! The first in this series will be offered on Saturday, February 1 from 10-11:30 a.m., and the topic will be Dr. Armistead Talman's notes on lectures that he gave during his lifetime about End of Life Considerations. It will be presented by Peggy Talman and her son, Ros Bowers. It's a timeless gift of wisdom that Armistead left for us. So, please save the date to join us!

VESTRY NOMINEES & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, February 2, 10 a.m., New St. Mary's

St. Mary's is excited to announce its four Vestry Nominees for the Vestry Class of 2023! They are Jill Aveson, Wayne Dementi, Missy Roberts, and Robin Lind. St. Mary's will elect four new Vestry members on Sunday, February 2 at 10 a.m. at the Annual Parish Meeting.

An Annual Parish Meeting can be a boring annual event that congregations feel like they have permission to avoid. Or, they can be moments in our common life in Christ to say, 'thank you, God' that we are sisters and brothers of the Beloved Community of Jesus. Next Sunday, February 2 at our Annual Parish Meeting, we will say, 'thank you, God!' Please plan to gather at 10 a.m. in New St. Mary's with your sisters and brothers in the Beloved Community of Jesus and listen to celebrations of ministry from St. Mary's Rector, Senior Warden, and other leaders of the parish.

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, February 9, 4 p.m., New St. Mary's

On Sunday, February 9 at 4:30 p.m., the St. Mary's Choir will offer a service of Choral Evensong. Repertoire will include Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C-major and contemporary British composer Jonathan Dove's "Seek Him That Maketh the Seven Stars," among other works. A prelude recital at 4 p.m. will feature organ music for the seasons of Christmastide and Epiphany by Daquin, Bach, Buxtehude, and more. If you enjoyed the sung Morning Prayer on Choir Appreciation Sunday or Advent Lessons and Carols, you won't want to miss this beautiful service of prayer and song.

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

CENTERING PRAYER

Thursdays at 11 a.m. in New 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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The Annunciation | January 26, 2020 | Third Sunday after the Epiphany





This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, January 26

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum: "How did we get here? Faith and Life in the Episcopal Tradition" Pt. 2, 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*
 Morning Prayer, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Tuesday, January 28

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*
 Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*
 Vestry, 5 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

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

Saturday, February 1

Eldergarten: End of Life Considerations, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, February 2

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Annual Parish Meeting, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Classrooms and Education Building*
 Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
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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...



What a beautiful opportunity for St. Mary's children to see and be present for Holy Baptisms by sitting in front of the font.



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