

# THE ANNUNCIATION

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**Welcome!**

Tomorrow is the Epiphany when we celebrate the coming of the Magi to visit baby Jesus.



Tomorrow is the Feast of the Epiphany. Twelfth Night is another designation for

the day. We are celebrating Jesus being revealed to the world as the Son of God - God made manifest with us. There are three stories that are associated with the day. One of them is the story of the Kings showing up to see Jesus and his kingship being revealed to them. Another is the story of John baptizing Jesus in the Jordan and Jesus being called out as the Son of God. And the third story is the Miracle of the Wedding Feast at Cana where Jesus in his abundance saves the day, turning water into wine.

In some cultures, Twelfth Night is a big celebration, as big as Christmas. Bigger for some because it is when the gifts of the season are exchanged. Probably for most of us, it will just register as a Monday or January 6. After the crush of the Christmas season and the ringing in of a new decade, it is understandable. Some of us will be happily packing lunches and sending our “friendly beasts” BACK. TO. SCHOOL. Some of us will be tucking away seasonal decorations. There may be exercise plans newly initiated. Our refrigerators may be full of better food choices. Life will be going on as usual, maybe a little bedraggled, but maybe with a renewed sense of order. Most likely it will be a mix of all those things together.

*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!

I think I am glad for this calmer observation of the day. But I wonder what it might look like to reframe all those ordinary happenings – kids going back to school, houses being tidied up, tending to these bodies we’ve been given – remembering that in all of it, Jesus is continually present and being revealed to us. And more than remembering Jesus’s constant presence with me, what might January 6 and beyond look like if I took the time to remember that I have been given gifts to share. I have been baptized into a new life. And that there is an abundance all around me that I can share. Jesus, please manifest in the abundance.

I doubt I will have the energy to make a grand celebration of The Feast of the Epiphany. But hopefully, in what I do, what I say, what I think aloud in my mind and in the silence of my heart, I will be able to see revealed, made true through life, Jesus manifested in my very midst.

Amelia McDaniel



### Ministry Highlight

The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up the altar and sanctuary, for maintaining the exquisite collection of linens and silver used, and for arranging flowers and greens for all services. Thanks to the members during the Advent and Christmas seasons who “greened” St. Mary’s with beautiful wreaths and poinsettia memorials, which beautifully complemented our worship experience. And special thanks to Dianne Dementi and Carol Evans, our new Altar Guild co-chairs, who would love to talk to you about joining them in this beautiful ministry.



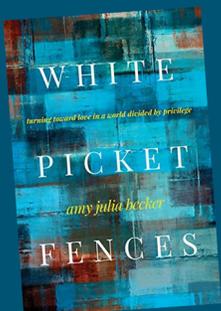
### Outreach Opportunity

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



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## HONORING AND SAYING GOODBYE TO BOB

Sunday, January 12, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., Parish Hall

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 on Sunday, January 12 in the Parish Hall. There will be time to hug Bob's neck, tell him we love him, and especially say thank you.

## BIBLE STUDY: GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Sunday, January 5, 10 a.m., Library

Now that we have started a new liturgical year, we will be hearing more and more from the Gospel of Matthew. So, have you ever been interested in diving deeper into Matthew's Gospel? Or wanted to have deeper understanding of the background, history, geography, and culture of the context in which the Gospel story takes place? Join Jim Evans for a 12-week Bible Study on Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning this morning. Pick up a copy of "Life Application Bible Studies" in the Parish Office.

## 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](mailto: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.

## ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP WITH MIMI WEAVER

Saturday, January 11, 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

As part of our overarching theme of Connectedness, we are excited to offer a workshop exploring an awareness of self which will help us understand our connections to others and to God. The Enneagram is a model of the human psyche principally understood and taught as nine interconnected personality types. Identifying which personality type you are and what that means for the relationships in your life is a fascinating process of self-discovery that will lead to spiritual growth. Mimi Weaver is a seasoned retreat facilitator and spiritual director, and owns a life coaching practice. Join her at St. Mary's this Saturday, January 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as she guides you through understanding who you really are, the gifts you have, and how to use those gifts in a life-giving manner. The cost is \$10. Please call the church office at (804) 784-5678 to reserve a space.

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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, January 5

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew, 10 a.m.,  
*Library*  
Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Café*

### Tuesday, January 7

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*  
Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*  
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

### Wednesday, January 8

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

### Thursday, January 9

Centering Prayer, 11 a.m., *Narthex*  
Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Parish Office*

### Saturday, January 11

Enneagram Workshop with Mimi Weaver,  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., *Parish Office*  
A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

### 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*



## 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...



Have you noticed the special, added greens throughout St. Mary's campus during Advent and Christmas? The Altar Guild does a beautiful job of "greening" St. Mary's throughout this season. Thank you to all who are part of that ministry!

## HAVE YOU SEEN?

Sometime between the 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve services, Eleanor misplaced her red leather Hymnal/Prayer Book. It has her name embossed on the front cover but it's faded. If anyone should find it, please return to the Parish Office. Many thanks in advance from Eleanor!



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