

THE ANNUNCIATION

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A joyous Children and Youth Sunday that included the singing of "This Little Light of Mine" by our youngest members!



Picture this activity by the St. Mary's Mission Team while in Ecuador –

Greg and Allison Dunaway educating children and parishioners on the practice of recycling. Linda Rose providing health check-ups, complete with a stethoscope, to over 60 children. Ashley Cameron delivering a beautiful sermon during the regular Sunday service at Emaús Episcopal Church before a standing room only congregation. Wayne Dementi and Chris Ritrievi tilling the soil through a sifter to produce the sand that would become concrete for a church room

addition at Romerillo Church. We were blessed with meaningful and very rewarding work.

On another level, we shared another remarkable experience. It seemed that for the entire week I could describe our time as a perpetual "God Moment." Everywhere we turned it seemed that God's hand was guiding us, personally and collectively. I wish I had the words to describe this feeling better.

I was the rookie on this trip. The other five had been there before. They knew many of the people, had experienced the parish life of Emaús, and had an appreciation of how totally present the Holy Spirit is throughout the week. All of this was

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. Adult Forum with David May in Parish Hall

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

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

12 p.m. Cookies & Coffee in Parish Hall

new to me, and I could have been knocked over with a feather with the true joy of this time.

When people ask about this mission trip, I share the three things I experienced. First, the simple adventure of being in another country (on another continent) highlighted by the opportunity to straddle the eastern and western hemispheres while standing on the Equator. Second, the experience of participating in a church mission trip by doing God's work in two communities. And third, a very real growth in my personal faith. My ratings - 10's across the board!

It might come as no wonder that I am still living our week in Quito. Every day my mind's eye visits the people we met and the things we did. Every day I remember time specifically spent with Pastor Blanca of Romerillo, Reverend Nancy of Emaús, Mission leader Cameron, and my fellow mission mates. The inspiration lives on.

Last thought to offer in this reflection - Ashley Cameron has led this mission to Emaús for four visits in three years. We learned that St. Mary's Episcopal Church is in the regular prayers of Emaús and we have added them to our Outreach Cycle of Prayer. We have a very real, and lasting, relationship with this church family now, and Emaús has certainly become a sister parish for us. Let us continue to nurture this relationship by going again next year, and by continuing to recognize Emaús as part of our outreach program.

Wayne Dementi



Ministry Highlight

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School this summer - June 15-19! We will be globetrotting this summer at VBS looking at how God's love is at work all around the world. This will be a great start to the summer since we will all be following the 2020 Summer Olympics this year. Registration forms will be available on Easter Sunday, April 12 and the following week registration will be available online. But save the dates, June 15-19, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day!



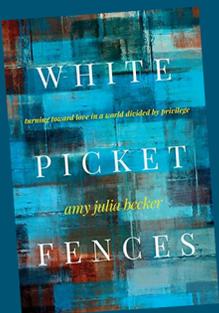
Outreach Opportunity

A fellow CARITAS Congregation, Christ Lutheran Church located at 7809 Woodman Road, Henrico, VA 23228 is hosting an emergency shelter for CARITAS and asked for assistance. St. Mary's has been called to prepare and serve dinner this Monday, February 17. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer and bring donations! Please deliver your donations to the kitchen area of St. Mary's. Please label all donations as 'CARITAS' and include your name and phone number. Please email Charmaine Trice at nesting7800@yahoo.com for more information.

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

This morning, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

David May concludes a three-part adult forum series titled, "How did we get here? Faith and Life in the Episcopal Tradition." Our faith and life are 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 traveling today. It's not the only way to follow Jesus, of course, but it is our peculiar way! David May concludes 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!

YOUTH COOKING CLASS THIS AFTERNOON

This afternoon, 4 p.m., Kitchen

Back by popular demand, Youth Cooking Class for all youth (6th through 12th graders) will gather in the kitchen at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 16. They will bake and decorate cupcakes in the spirit of Valentine's Day!

PARISH SUPPER & ECUADOR MISSION PRESENTATION

Wednesday, February 19, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

St. Mary's monthly Parish Supper is this Wednesday, February 19! This month we have a special presentation from the Ecuador Mission Team who recently returned from a life-giving week with our partners and friends at Emaus Episcopal Church in Quito, Ecuador. The team will show photos, videos, and tell stories of sharing God's love in the wider world. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation starts at 6:15 p.m. The menu includes chicken and wild rice casserole and salad. And, as always, chicken nuggets and mac 'n cheese will be served!

SHROVE TUESDAY AND MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

St. Mary's youth are flipping pancakes to raise money for summer mission trips! Come join us for Shrove Tuesday and a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 25 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The youth will prepare and serve pancakes, sausage links, and baked apples. There will be King Cake and fun activities for kids, too. And we will burn palms into ashes for Ash Wednesday. All proceeds and donations will support youth summer mission trips.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 26, 12 p.m. and 6 p.m., New St. Mary's

Christians all over the world make a good beginning to the holy season of Lent by making every effort to attend Ash Wednesday services. We hope as many of us as are able will plan to attend one of the Ash Wednesday services here at St. Mary's. Services will be held in New St. Mary's at 12 p.m. and at 6 p.m. The Ash Wednesday liturgy includes the imposition of ashes (which is optional) and the Holy Eucharist. Please join your sisters and brothers at St. Mary's along with Christians throughout the world in making 'a right beginning', as the Prayer Book has it, for a holy Lent.

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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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, February 16

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum: "How did we get here? Faith and Life in the Episcopal Tradition" Pt. 3, 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*

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

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, February 20

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

Friday, February 21

Amy Julia Becker Reception & Book Signing, 6 p.m., *Parish Hall*

Saturday, February 22

Workshop with Amy Julia Becker, 9 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, February 23

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum: Amy Julia Becker, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 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.

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...



10th grader Jack Ireland preached last Sunday for Children and Youth Sunday. Find his sermon on St. Mary's website.



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