

# THE ANNUNCIATION

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**Welcome!**

What a fun afternoon at Youth Cooking Class last Sunday baking and decorating cupcakes in honor of Valentine's Day!



I have to be honest. Shame, guilt, and perhaps a little defensiveness, were my knee-jerk reactions

when I first started reading Amy Julia Becker's book *White Picket Fences*. It's not the first time that my southern country club, private school educated self has felt this way and I'm sure that it won't be the last. Yes, like most of us I venture to say, I have lived in a bubble. I don't think I even fully realized that until I was in my mid-twenties just out of school and starting my career in the "real world." As I continued to read the book, I began to understand Amy Julia's intent was not to shame us,

but to encourage us to acknowledge our blessings and then put all of that privilege aside.

Compassion is not an emotion held only by those who have experienced hardship. We shouldn't feel apologetic for our upbringing or the upbringing we have provided for our children, and we should acknowledge that we are all a product of our environment. When we emerge from our protective but restrictive white picket fences and come out of the confines of our bubbles, we can imagine living life in someone else's shoes. Looking at another person's experiences through a different lens, their lens, we gain a new perspective. Whether it's the elderly woman who's struggling with loneliness,

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 Amy Julia Becker 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

the homeless man on the corner you pass every day, or the little girl with Down Syndrome, Amy Julia asks us to see the similarities, not the differences. She says "...understanding the value of every human being, independent of work or achievement, is a truth we all need to hear." Finding love and serving wholeheartedly is not easy; she acknowledges that. This is where God comes in. "It is an act of faith that God is love, that I am needy, and that by turning toward love, I will someday, somehow be given a way to participate in the restoration of the good world God made." Amy Julia warns that it will take thousands of us who are willing to do God's work.

I hope you all have taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity presented to our congregation this weekend. Amy Julia Becker has shared with us and inspired us. She knows that together we can make a huge impact in our world. I know that I want to be one of those thousands. How about you?

*Henly Deutsch*



## 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

The Episcopal Church celebrates World Mission Sunday on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, today. The purpose of this Sunday is to focus on the global impact of the Baptismal Covenant's call to "see and serve Christ in all persons," and to raise awareness of the many ways in which the Episcopal Church participates in God's mission around the world. St. Mary's participates in global mission through our partnership with Education Equals Hope in Ecuador. Therefore, today's loose plate offering is designated toward our partner, E=H, so please be generous!

SHROVE TUESDAY  
MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION &  
PANCAKE SUPPER

THIS TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25  
AT 5:30 P.M.

YOUTH ARE FLIPPING PANCAKES!

ALL DONATIONS SUPPORT  
YOUTH SUMMER MISSIONS!



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## WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST, AMY JULIA BECKER!

**This morning, 10 a.m., Parish Hall**

This morning we welcome Amy Julia Becker, writer, teacher, and speaker who invites us to “participate in the larger healing work of love in this world.” She is the guest preacher at the 9 and 11 a.m. services and please join her for Adult Forum at 10 a.m. titled, “How to receive the Love of God.” Come be equipped and empowered to take small, meaningful action steps toward love this morning.

## YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT TODAY

**This afternoon, 4:30 p.m., Youth Lounge in Education Building**

Youth Group is having a MOVIE NIGHT! Wear your most comfortable clothes and join us for a movie, pizza, and fun this afternoon. Meet in the Youth Lounge in the Education Building at 4:30 p.m.

## 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.

## LENTEN SUPPER AND SPEAKER SERIES IS BACK

**Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall**

Join us on Wednesday evenings for St. Mary’s Lenten Supper and Speaker Series. Each Wednesday begins with a simple meal of soup and salad at 5:30 p.m. followed by a presentation by a guest speaker. The evening concludes by 7 p.m. with our prayers for the evening. St. Mary’s welcomes the Rev. Whitney Zimmerman Edwards, the Rev. Ben Campbell, the Rev. Deacon Peggy Newman, and Dr. Charles Bryan. This year’s theme is “Do this in remembrance of me” with a focus on the redeeming work of Jesus and the work of the Kingdom.

## “GOOD GRIEF” FORUM WITH VIC MALOY

**Sundays, March 15 and 22, 10 a.m., Parish Hall**

Eldergarten, St. Mary’s aging ministry, is offering a two-week adult forum series on something we all have in common. They are excited to welcome back Dr. Vic Maloy, who is on the clinical staff of the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care, to lead it. He will address the topics of loss and grief because there is no better time than during Lent to explore that part of our humanity that affects so many of us in so many ways. Come hear his unique insights gained from decades of experience in pastoral care and counseling on Sundays, March 15 and 22 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

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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

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

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## This Week at St. Mary's

### 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*  
 Youth Movie Night, 4:30 p.m., *Youth Lounge*

### Tuesday, February 25

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

### Wednesday, February 26

Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*  
 Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*  
 Ash Wednesday Service, 12 p.m., *New St. Mary's*  
 Ash Wednesday Service, 6 p.m., *New St. Mary's*

### Thursday, February 27

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

### Saturday, February 29

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

### Sunday, March 1

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
 Adult Forum: "Good Grief with Vic Maloy," 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](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 checked out the new Outreach Committee's bulletin board near the bathrooms by New St. Mary's? It's a wonderful representation of all the work St. Mary's parishioners are doing outside the walls of the church to serve Christ in all persons.



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