

MARCH 1, 2020 | FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

# THE ANNUNCIATION

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## Welcome!

We are grateful for the weekend that Amy Julia Becker spent with us and all who came to hear her inspiring message.



This Lent, I want to hold up before us the words of Jesus at the last meal he shared with his friends when he

said, 'Do this in remembrance of me.' I treasure the clarity of his words, 'Do this.' Think about it, yes. Talk about it, yes. Wonder at the mystery of it all, yes. But most of all, 'Do this.'

Jesus was specifically talking about sharing a sacred meal and with one another, and being fed by his life to live a life like his. Perhaps his instructions to 'Do this' given at this last meal can be just the beginning of many kinds of 'do this' in remembrance of him.

In preparing for Lent, some of us have been thinking about the ways that Jesus lived and naming some of the key characteristics of his life. We wondered, what would it be like if we applied Jesus's 'Do this' from the Last Supper to those key aspects of his life? For example, Jesus forgave. Shouldn't we 'Do this' – forgive – in remembrance of him? Jesus showed compassion. Shouldn't we 'Do this' – show compassion – in remembrance of him?

Our Wednesday night Lenten Dinner and Speaker series begins this Wednesday. I am excited about the four speakers who will be joining us to discuss a key aspects of how Jesus lived his life and how

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.** Cake & Coffee in Parish Hall

we are called to 'Do this' in remembrance of him. Here's our Lenten speaker schedule and the topics about which each will be sharing:

March 4: The Rev. Whitney Z. Edwards – 'Proclaim'

March 11: The Rev. Ben Campbell – 'Show compassion'

March 18: The Rev. Deacon Peggy Newman – 'Forgive'

March 25: Dr. Charles Bryan – 'Heal'

As baptized Christians and followers of Jesus, we are called to live lives like him. Proclaim good news, show compassion, forgive, heal – do this in remembrance of me. We'll begin with a simple meal together beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by our speaker's presentation starting at 6:15 p.m. We'll conclude by 7 p.m. with evening prayers. I hope you can join us for as many of these Wednesday evenings as you can, as we 'Do this' in remembrance of Jesus.

David May



## Ministry Highlight

The season of Lent is now upon us. The forty days of Lent are given as a time of intentionally making ourselves available to the work of the Spirit in each of our lives. The Lenten resource table is set up in the Café near the Parish Hall. There you'll find a variety of resources for all ages for learning, growing, and preparing that we hope you'll find useful. Please stop by and pick something up today!



## Outreach Opportunity

St. Mary's Youth are selling shares of "stock" for their summer mission trips! We are asking you to not only invest prayerfully into these missions but also support them financially. By buying a share of stock, you will receive a postcard from a youth after the mission trip and a special invitation to a Shareholders Dinner later in the summer to hear all about their experiences. Each share is \$25 and tax-deductible. Youth will sell shares each Sunday in March in the Dover Lounge. Stop by this Sunday to get your Stock Certificate and invest in these young people who are going out into the world to seek and serve Christ!



GoochlandCares kicks off 2020 with its first crowdfunding campaign recognizing 5 GoochlandCares Mission Champions.

**You too can be a Shining Star! Donate in honor of a Mission Champion.**

*Help them match a \$50,000 challenge gift by March 21.*

**[www.bit.ly/missionchampion2020](http://www.bit.ly/missionchampion2020)**

### Mission Champions of 2020 include St. Mary's own:



**Dr. Bob Bennett**



**Liz & Al Rider**

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Free Clinic and Family Services  
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## ADULT FORUM WITH DAVID MAY

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

Adult Forum this morning is led by David May at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. David will discuss what it means to celebrate a Holy Lent and the importance of observing lent as we prepare for the celebration of Easter.

## 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 our work in His Kingdom.

This Wednesday, March 4, the menu includes: vegan lentil soup, salad with rotisserie chicken, and bread. Also, St. Mary's welcomes The Rev. Whitney Zimmerman Edwards, an Episcopal priest, who is St. Christopher's Upper School Chaplain and Religion Teacher. Whitney will be focusing on the work of proclaiming to kick off this Lenten series.

## SIGN UP FOR ENNEAGRAM BOOK STUDY

**Mondays, March 16, 23, 30, and April 6, 7 p.m., Parish Office**

Were you intrigued by what you learned at the Enneagram workshop in January? Do you want to learn more? Come to a follow-up book study where you can delve deeper into who you are based on where you fall out on the Enneagram scale. The study will be led by Logan Jones, who is a certified Enneagram coach and is passionate about formation and spiritual development. He will be exploring with you "The Road Back to You" by Ian Morgan Cron. You will get the most out of the class if you have a general idea of your Enneagram number and have at least skimmed the book before the first class begins. The Book Study begins on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. and continues for four consecutive Mondays. It costs \$10 and space is limited to 12 participants. Please call the Church Office at (804) 784-5678 to reserve your place.

## LUNCH & LEARN NEXT TUESDAY

**Tuesday, March 10, 12 p.m., Parish Hall**

St. Mary's Lunch & Learn is back on Tuesday, March 10 at 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall. St. Mary's seniors (well, adults of all ages) are invited to a delicious lunch and engaging program. This month, we welcome Karen Stanley, President and CEO of CARITAS, one of St. Mary's outreach partners. We're excited for her to share about the future of CARITAS, opportunities for continued partnership, and this organization's impact on the Richmond community over the past 30 years. Please RSVP to the church office, (804) 784-5678.

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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)

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\*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, March 1

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Adult Forum: David May, 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*  
Cake and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*  
Youth Rock Climbing, 1 p.m., *Triangle Rock Club*

### Tuesday, March 3

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, March 4

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

### Thursday, March 5

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

### Friday, March 6

Pastoral Care Team 1, 9:45 a.m., *Library*

### Saturday, March 7

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

### Sunday, March 8

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
Parish Breakfast, 9:30 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*  
Youth Service, 11 a.m., *Little 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...



What a festive and fun Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Celebration on Shrove Tuesday! A huge thank you to all the youth who prepared and served over 400 pancakes. They raised \$945 for youth summer missions!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Last Sunday, the Episcopal Church celebrated World Mission Sunday. The purpose of this Sunday was 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. The loose plate offering with a match from the discretionary fund **raised \$2,377.70** for our partners in Ecuador!



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### CLERGY AND STAFF

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