

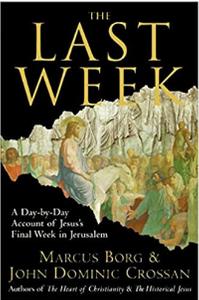
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ADULT FORUM It's pivotal to our faith. It is the epicenter of the Christian life. Holy Week, that is. In the Gospels, it is the climax of the story of Jesus. For more than one reason, the story of Holy Week—the whole week from Palm Sunday onward—is not as well known as it could and should be among Christians.

There is more than one reason for this gap in our understanding...like liturgical, lectionary and social.

Take the social. There was a time in my life when Good Friday was a public holiday: no school, companies gave time off to go to church, and I couldn't roller skate. And there were the services from 12 to 3 in the afternoon and the ubiquitous sermons on the "seven last words." But the world doesn't stop on Good Friday anymore and Christians are too busy to attend weekday services anyway. So, the Good Friday story needs to be told on the Sunday before Easter—otherwise Christians would go from one triumph to another, from "the triumphal entry" on Palm Sunday and singing "Crown Him with Many Crowns" and "Lead on, O King Eternal" to the triumphant celebration of Easter: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." Well, what happened in between? It brings me to the Adult Forum's Lenten read, *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Crossan. It fills in the "blanks." (9-9:45am) *Ken Gorman*

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This week at St. Mary's, Feb. 18, 2018

TODAY 9 am Adult Forum

7 pm Movie Night at The Branches

MON 11 AM Eucharist at The Branches

7 pm Vestry Meeting

TUES 8 PM AA meeting

WEDS 12 noon "Giving Up Something Bad," Lenten Music and Lunch

5 PM Choir

FRI 10 AM Alanon

SUN 9 AM Adult Forum

3 pm CAPE AID CONCERT, Cape May



Giving Up Something Bad for Lent. There is room in all of our lives to say goodbye to a limiting habit and adopt a new and healthier one. Yet making and keeping a commitment can be challenging. Stepping up to the plate to create real change takes more than just courage. It takes realism, openness to discovery, and a willingness to explore the underlying issues. No one can expect that in an hour program (even with some music and discussion) we will be able to rid ourselves of some unhealthy habits, but we will at least pinpoint a few and see what our faith has to say about them. Beginning this Wednesday, February 21st and on the next five Wednesdays (12 noon-1 o'clock) that will be our Lenten theme. Unless you don't have any bad habits, you might like to join us. *Ken*

A simple lunch of soup, bread and dessert will be served. A sign up sheet is on the parish hall bulletin board if you would like to provide something for lunch.

Service
Worship
Education
Evangelism
Pastoral care

SWEEP is not about cleaning and dusting, it is a group (open to all) that coordinates the many ministries of our parish— service, worship, education,

evangelism, pastoral care. Our next meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 pm in the chapel. You're invited!

A Voice For The Homeless of Cape May County

PRESENTS

CAPE AID

2nd Annual Concert for the Homeless

Local Bands & Entertainers
Benefit For The
Branches Outreach Center



Sunday February 25th 3 PM

First Presbyterian Church
500 Hughes Street, Cape May

Donation Only No Ticket Needed

The second annual CAPE AID Concert for the Homeless is next Sunday, Feb. 25th at 3 PM. The First Presbyterian Church in Cape May has generously donated their space for the venue.

This was a terrific concert last year with a wonderful turnout. It looks to be even better this year. Not only do you get to enjoy great bands from our area, but the funds raised benefit The Branches Emergency Fund which helps to provide shelter for the homeless when needed. No tickets are sold; donations are accepted.

If you would like to help spread the word, extra posters are available in the parish hall and on the table in the church narthex. Please help yourself.

RAFFLE TICKETS are on sale at both services today and through the church office this week.

MOVIE NIGHT at THE BRANCHES

tonight at 7 pm

"Still Alice," starring Juliette Moore and Alec Baldwin

When 50-year-old linguistics professor Alice begins having trouble remembering words, her symptoms ultimately lead to a diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer's.

Questions: Dick Webber baybeachboy@gmail.com
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HELP WANTED—3 computers have been donated to The Branches along with a printer. Our guests will now be able to download job applications and create resumes, however, they need someone with computer skills to help guide them. If you can volunteer, please let Sandra Lockhart know. 886-5091 or email sandralockhart@mac.com. Thank you!

A NEW COFFEE HOUR SHEET is posted on the door to the kitchen. Please pick one Sunday and sign up today. Thank you!



Birthday Blessings to Julie McNulty on February 20th, Gloria Parker on February 22nd, and Sandra Harmon-Weiss & Katie Taylor on February 23rd!



The 2018 FLOWER CHART is posted in the narthex. If you would like to give flowers in memory or honor of someone, please make a note on the date on the chart. It's a wonderful way to remember loved ones throughout the year. Donations are \$45.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES—The next concert in the St. Barnabas Concert Series features Cristina Loscutova, pianist. She will perform works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and others. The performance is at 3 pm this afternoon. There is no admission charge, and a freewill offering will be taken. A reception to meet the artist will follow.

The next concert in the series will be a Bach Birthday Bash on Sunday March 18th.

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