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Congratulations and God's Blessings to Sebastian Lloyd Tobias who will be confirmed today at the 10 AM Service. We welcome The Right Rev. William Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey, and thank him for joining us.



TODAY IS SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

St. Mary's Church School has participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring since 2006. During the past 12 years, the children have collected \$5,100 for local charities. This year they will again participate in this national effort by youth to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need. Today, after the 10 AM Service, our Church School families will be serving soup and bread. A soup pot will be available for donations at both services. They have chosen The Branches and the Cape May County animal shelter as their charities to collect for this year. Please join their effort to care for those in need & enjoy a bowl of soup with them. Thank you!



Census experts say that by the year 2050, America will be a "majority minority" nation when people of color will make up more of the population than white people. One of the great issues is how the needs and expectations of this new majority will be addressed. Will the U.S. become a country more divided along the lines of race, religion, and ethnicity, or will it embrace diversity in a manner that builds a more inclusive society? Tony Campolo, a sociologist, pastor, author, who spoke at our Diocesan Convention some years ago, said: "...virtually every major Protestant denomination in the United States has developed antiracism initiatives and encouraged their congregations to open themselves to greater racial diversity. Yet the separation of white church and black church remains entrenched." *Building Beloved Community* is the Episcopal Church's attempt to get congregations to rethink our ideas about race, ethnicity, and religious understanding. Jennifer Harvey was quoted in the "Anglican Theological Review" as having said the problem with racial reconciliation lies with "white racial identity, which complicates our vision of beloved community as diverse and reconciled community." The Adult Forum has been discussing those issues in building such a community during this year's Epiphany. We invite you to join us (9-9:45) in the chapel. Ken Gorman

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This week at St. Mary's, Feb. 4, 2018

TODAY SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

MON 11 AM Eucharist at The Branches

TUES 8 PM AA meeting

WEDS 5 PM Choir

THURS 11 am—1 pm St. Mary's Seniors Luncheon Club meeting

FRI 10 AM Alanon

SUN 9 AM Adult Forum

*St. Mary's Seniors Luncheon Club
will meet on Thursday, February 8th
from 11 am to 1 pm*



for Lunch, Fun & Games

*Bring a bag lunch and a game to play
Drinks & Desserts will be provided*

Invite a friend & join us!

LENTEN LUNCHES



GETTING INTO LENT—It's that time of year again, when church-going people ask one another "what are you going to give up for Lent this year?" And people craft their "good byes" for a

season on or about Ash Wednesday. Last year according to one Twitter research (an analysis of 73,000 tweets), food items were high on the list. Fasting from a favorite food or beverage ranked 57%. Truth to tell, one year Ken gave up chocolate chip cookies...never to be done again! But seriously, from an early age we were told to give up something as a part of our Lenten practice. This year on Wednesdays in Lent starting on February 21st, David and Ken are going to offer an interesting luncheon program of Lenten music and "Giving Up Something Bad." We invite you to join them from 12-1 o'clock. Go ahead, treat yourself to something different these next 40 days. *David Condo and Ken Gorman* If would like to help with soup, bread or dessert, a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the parish hall. As always, all in the community are welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT at THE BRANCHES

February 18 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.

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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 *David Bond today, Jeremy Kehoe on Feb. 6th, Marion Myers, Ashley Andrews, & Alexandra Nielsen on Feb. 7th and Cheryl Barton on Feb. 9th!*



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.

Candlemas Name Sharing. As of this writing, I did not receive the number of names that would have made this little survey representative. My thanks to those who contributed. You may like to know about my name: My given name is William. I was named after my dad. I have always used my middle name, Kenneth, in case I ever got in trouble, I would not be confused with my dad who was a police officer(!). Kenneth means "handsome" with which I have no quarrel, but my friends may. My middle name was a corporate decision. My close relatives had different suggestions. And since they could not come to an agreement, names were put into a hat and, voila, Kenneth was pulled out. My name was made public the day I was baptized, Sunday, April 30, 1944, when Father Bailey asked my godparents to "Name this child." In younger days, my nickname was "freckles." *Ken*

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

YELP—St. Mary's can be found on YELP. If you would like to give us a good review, it would help move us to the top of the list. Thanks!

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