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**What are some of the things we do differently in Lent?** Look around.

(a different cross above the Altar; we don't say

\_\_\_\_\_ ; we use a different seasonal

color; we practice the custom of those figures

on the wall with numbers on them) Do you

know where the word *Lent* comes from? It has

to do with daylight saving time. (!?) This Sunday, if you will permit

me, at the 10 AM Eucharist we will use the contemporary form of

the Lord's Prayer. Why? Because one of the traditional features of

Lent is penitence: being sorry for the things we have done wrong.

And this form of the Lord's Prayer says explicitly – "Forgive us our

sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." Sins/trespasses – is

there a difference? Yes. A sin is to "fail to hit the moral bullseye,"

violating a defined wrong. It applies to deeds, thoughts, words. A

trespass is a failure to stand up and do the right thing, falling aside

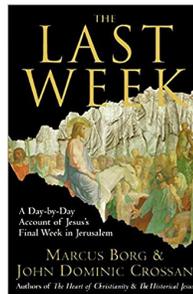
at a critical moment. The contemporary form covers both when it

says: "save us from the time of trial;" that is, forgive us when we

fail to stand up for what is right. Ken

**ADULT FORUM** - What happened on each day of Holy Week? Today we will be looking at the biblical events that took place on Tuesday and Wednesday during the week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday. We will base our discussions (9-9:45) on reading *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. I'll get to that in a minute. Holy

Week is the climax of the Lenten period and in my growing-up years, my home life reflected an intensification of sorts. It was the time of year when my mom insisted on spring house cleaning (ugh!) and she would take my brother and me for our Easter outfit. But did you know: spring housecleaning is an ancient tradition, going back to the customs of the Jewish families in preparation for Passover who wanted to put their houses in order? Wearing the right clothes for the holy days was also important. Now granted those were important ancient scriptural traditions; but mom was guided by her own seasonal rituals. Getting back to Tuesday/Wednesday in Holy Week. It was an unsettling-two-days of cursing a fig tree and dealing with failing disciples and a lot more. I have come to learn that our house cleaning and getting new clothes can hardly compare with what happened on those ancient "Last Week" days. In fact, Borg and Crossan make some startling observations. Join the discussion! Ken Gorman



### ***This week at St. Mary's, Feb. 25, 2018***

**TODAY** 9 am Adult Forum

**3 pm CAPE AID CONCERT, Cape May**

**MON** 11 AM Eucharist at The Branches

**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

### **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. That will be our Lenten theme for the Wednesdays of Lent. Unless you don't have any bad habits, you might like to join us at 12 noon to 1 pm. 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.*

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 **TODAY** 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.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** are on sale at both services today.



**ST. MARY'S THIS 'n THAT THRIFT**

**SHOP** Your donations of gently used clothing, household items and furniture may be brought to the

shops in Rio Grande or call for a pick up 886-7272.

**STORE VOLUNTEERS** are welcome and needed!

If you would like to volunteer an hour or two a week, please contact our store manager, Debbie **STOP ON BY**—There are lots of good bargains and great finds.

The Thrift Shop is located in The Village Shoppes, 1304 Rt. 47, Rio Grande next to The Branches.



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.

*Please join us for*

St. Mary's

*Seniors Luncheon Club*

Agenda:

11 AM promptly - Pary Tell will speak on the role of women in WW I  
12 noon Potluck Lunch to honor Clare & Charles Collet and Barbara Eckhardt

**THURSDAY | MARCH 8**  
**11 AM TO 1 PM**

If possible, please bring something to share for the Potluck Lunch

A sign up sheet is posted on the parish hall bulletin board.



**S**ervice  
**W**orship  
**E**ducation  
**E**vangelism  
**P**astoral 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, at 6:30 pm in the chapel. You're invited!