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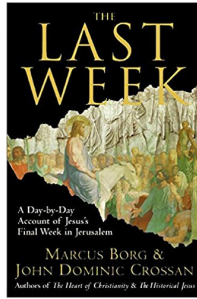
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It is the tradition at St. Mary's to listen quietly to the prelude and postlude as part of our worship service. Therefore, we encourage you to use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship. At the postlude, we remain seated until David has finished playing.

ADULT FORUM - Good Friday is not an easy day on which to preach, nor is what happened on Good Friday easy to explain. Many thoughtful Christians have a difficult time understanding how this very bad day in the life of Christ has become for Christians a "good" day. What's more, many find it perplexing to say that Jesus died for their sins because he died some 2,000 years before they were born. Then perhaps most perplexing of all are those theories of atonement that come to us in the New Testament, theories steeped in a popular culture light-years removed from ours. So, it is well for me to confess that there is a profound mystery about the Friday called "Good." Hear the voice of the eminent Anglican theologian John Macquarrie: "We can first of all clear the ground by setting to one side some theologies of atonement which, though they have been very influential, appear to me to presuppose ideas of God which, from a Christian point of view, are very questionable. I mean theologies which represent God as angry and offended, or as a punishing God intent on exacting the penalty for sin." Why do I mention this mystery, this confusion, this deep theological thought? It's because that is what we will be grappling with at today's Adult Forum (9-9:45). Though Good Friday is a couple of weeks away, join us to be prepared.



Ken Gorman



BACH BIRTHDAY BASH celebrating 333 years with music for harpsichord, piano, organ, flutes, and voice and featuring David Condo and Cheryl Barton will be held Sunday, March 18 at 3 pm at St. Barnabas, Villas, 13 West Bates Ave., Villas. A reception will be held following the concert. 886-5960



Happy Birthday! *Birthday Blessings to Robert Burns on March 15th, and Stanley Lane, Audrey Buckingham, & Stanley Ziembra on March 16th!*

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This week at St. Mary's, March 11, 2018

TODAY 9 AM Adult Forum

MON 11 AM Eucharist at The Branches
5 PM Finance Committee Meeting

TUES 8 PM AA meeting

WEDS 12 noon "Giving Up Something Bad," Lenten Music and Lunch
5 PM Choir
6:30 pm SWEEP meeting in the chapel

FRI 10 AM Alanon

SUN 9 AM Adult Forum
FAMILY PROMISE families arrive
7 PM Movie Night at The Branches

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. Good music, good food, good discussion — come enjoy!





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: this Wednesday, March 14, at 6:30 pm
 in the chapel. You're invited!



Planning on spring cleaning?

Your donations of gently used clothing, household items and furniture may be brought to the **ST. MARY'S THIS 'n THAT THRIFT SHOP** 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—Do you like to search for treasures? There are lots of good bargains and great finds at the shops!

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

MOVIE NIGHT at The Branches
 Sunday, March 18th at 7 pm

"Taking Chance" starring Kevin Bacon This true story tells of the volunteer who accompanies 19-year-old Marine Chance Phelps's body to his hometown in Wyoming after his untimely death.

This film is Not Rated

Questions: contact Kevin Loftus 609 385 7231 or loftirish@hotmail.com



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St. Mary's is the host church for the 7 Mile Island churches who serve the Family Promise program. Our co-host churches are Our Saviour Lutheran, St. Brendan the Navigator RC church, and First Methodist Church of Avalon. **Two families will arrive Sunday afternoon, March 18th** and will make our parish hall their home for the week. **St. Mary's days to provide** for these



families are **Sunday, March 18 and Saturday, March 24th**. Help will be needed for dinner preparation, social time—spending some time playing with the children or talking with the parents— and overnight stay. Sign up sheets are on the parish hall bulletin board along with information about the families and their children, and suggestions for dinner.

Questions? Please talk to Joan Langston, our coordinator, 827-6686 or email jjlang@hotmail.com. We will also need help on Sunday, March 18th after the 10 AM service, with setting up the parish hall for their stay. Thank you!