

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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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.*



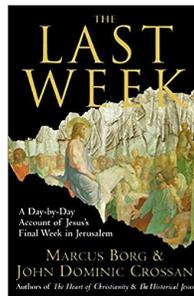
*Please remember Ronald Kavel, who died this past week. Mr. Kavel was the step-father of Yvonne Olthuis. Please remember him and his family, especially Yvonne's mother, Jack and Yvonne and their children, in your prayers.*

*Please also remember Frederick Blair. Fred was our florist who provided our altar flowers for many years. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.*

**ADULT FORUM** - One of my vivid memories of a trip to the Holy Land many years ago is of a visit - not at night, but during the day - to the upper room of a typical house in Jerusalem; it was supposed to be like the house where Jesus ate his last Passover meal with his disciples. The room and its ambiance were not especially impressive; only the fact that it was an "upper room" made the connection with Holy Thursday and the Last Supper. There was no table, no preparations for a meal, and, of course, no people gathered to celebrate the Passover in that place. The upper room I visited in Jerusalem was devoid of any of the reminders of how Jesus became the host at the meal that day, but all of us knew what took place in a room like that and, in our own ways, were able to remember the story and recreate the climax of it, at least, in our imaginations. When you only have your imagination, it's people like Borg and Crossan who provide insights into what might have happened, and importantly, what this meal calls us to. Those authors say: "It is, as it were, a final attempt to bring all of them with him through execution to resurrection, through death to new life." (p. 120) To learn more, join us this morning at the Adult Forum (9-9:45) in the chapel.

*Ken Gorman*



### ***This week at St. Mary's, March 4, 2018***

**TODAY** 9 am Adult Forum

**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

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

**FRI** 10 AM Alanon

**SUN** 9 AM Adult Forum  
Daylight Saving Time begins

**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 one of our lunches.*





Cape Aid, the 2nd Annual Concert for the Homeless held last Sunday, was a terrific success. \$5,455 was realized for The Branches Emergency Fund. We are grateful to A Voice For The Homeless, and The First Presbyterian Church of Cape May for hosting this event and their donation to The Branches, and to everyone who attended and supported the concert.



**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!



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](mailto: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.

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

Lunch will be provided




**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.



Happy Birthday!



**Birthday Blessings to** Brian Reynolds and Raymond Seckinger on March 5th, Tim Nobel on March 7th, and Garret Olthuis on March 8th!