



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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ADULT FORUM 9 to 9:45 am Sundays—

What is May 13? Mother's Day? Easter 7? Ascension Sunday? My guess is that people attending are 97% thinking Mother's Day. I know, personally, that flash backs of my Mom will catch my thoughts this day. My Mom wasn't of royalty, but she was regal, i.e., imposing. Early on, my brother and I learned: don't mess with Mom. In the passage for this Sunday, we hear desperation as Jesus looks to the heavens, praying for his friends. Surrounded by his loved ones, Jesus begs God to watch out for his friends while he's gone. But our memory also flashes back to Maundy Thursday when Jesus gushes with love, beginning when he confesses his devotion to his friends by washing their feet. "I have loved you," he says three times, repeating himself like a lover who doesn't want this extraordinary night to end. Where is Adult Forum in all of this? Glad you asked! You have probably heard the question: "So what do Episcopalians believe anyway?" Well, it's all in the Nicene Creed. And there you'll find the greatest love story ever told: the story of God, who "so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." And that's what we will be doing for several weeks - reflecting on the wonder of the Nicene Creed. So, regardless if it's the first time or the 4,000th time you've said it, join us for insight and analysis of this continuing love story. Ken Gorman

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This week at St. Mary's, May 13, 2018

TODAY 9 AM Adult Forum

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

TUES 8 PM AA meeting

WEDS 5 PM Choir
6:30 pm conTEXTS

FRI 10 am Alanon

SUN 9 am Adult Forum

ST. MARY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE—

will meet on Monday May 14 at 5:30 pm. April's financial reports are printed and in the binders in the church office for your review prior to the meeting.

BACH'S LUNCH—If you signed up to attend the lunch and concert on June 13th at the Emlen Physick Estate in Cape May, please make sure your payment is received by the church office this week or given to Matt Dowling, if you haven't already done so. Matt will hand out the tickets at the luncheon in Cape May.



That's what you are asked to do next Sunday. And, thank you for being so nice!

Also, we would like to celebrate Pentecost as the apostles did on that first Pentecost by

saying the Gospel together in several languages. If you can help, please let Fr. Peter know. Thank you!



St. Mary's launches a new weekly parish program, conTEXTS, with a discussion on a recent magazine article that has caused a stir. GQ listed a number of books it says are boring and "you don't have to read" which includes

the Bible. This week - The Bible: relevant or let down?

conTEXTS begins this Wednesday, May 16th, and will meet weekly on Wednesdays (excluding SWEEP Wednesday) from 6:30—7:30 pm in the chapel. You are invited to join the discussion.



NURSERY CARE - We would like to provide nursery care for children on Sundays especially once summer arrives. Can you help on a Sunday or two?

USHERS & GREETERS—Like to be an usher or a greeter? We have openings available on the schedule for men and women.

FLOWER DELIVERY—Would you like to deliver the altar flowers on Mondays to parishioners?

Let the church office know if you can help with any of the above. Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR—A sign up sheet for the upcoming months is posted on the door to the kitchen. Everyone enjoys coffee hour! Why not make your fellow parishioners happy and sign up today. No need to make it fancy, just coffee and something to go with it is perfect! Thanks!



GARDEN CLUB OF STONE HARBOR ANNUAL PLANT SALE—continues today from 9 am to 12 noon at the Stone Harbor Firehouse, 96th & 2nd Ave.



The Garden Club of Stone Harbor's Annual **Community Yard Sale** will be held on Saturday May 19th, from 8 am-2 pm, 96th & 1st. Ave. To request a space: contact Marilyn at mstoneharbor@aol.com (\$20).

THE GARDEN CLUB OF STONE HARBOR will hold their **32nd ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR** on Saturday June 2nd, from 12:30 - 4 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the following Stone Harbor locations: Mimis's/Suncatcher, Diller and Fisher, Moonstruck and Chamber of Commerce.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY—large print and small size booklets for May, June and July are available on the table and in the wall rack in the church narthex. Please help yourself.



Happy Birthday! Birthday Blessings to Marlene Casper on May 15th and Melanie Pfizenmayer on May 16th!

Thank you to Elaine's of Cape May for dedicating the proceeds of this event to The Branches!

PARTY LIKE ROYALTY



WITNESS THE UNION OF
PRINCE HARRY + MEGHAN MARKLE
ON THE BIG SCREEN

SATURDAY, 19th MAY - 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

ELAINE'S CAPE MAY
513 Lafayette Street

BENEFITTING BRANCHES OUTREACH CENTER

\$20 payable upon entry includes
Full English tea, silent auction + more!
Reservations suggested 609-884-1199

Specialty champagne cocktails +
traditional Pimm's Cup available for purchase
Prizes for most spectacular hat/fascinator
Gentlemen encouraged to participate



Re you new or visiting with us? We're glad you are here! We would love to be able to welcome you more personally. If you would like that as well, please ... Fill out a welcome card. These are located in each of the pews. You may place it into the offering plate or hand it to any of our ushers, greeters, or liturgical assistants. Also, please take a welcome packet & sign our guestbook on your way out of church.

Holy Communion Here at St. Mary's, everyone is welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Consecrated grape juice and gluten-free hosts are available. Please tell our Eucharistic Minister when you come to the rail. Should you wish to receive a simple blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms across your chest.