

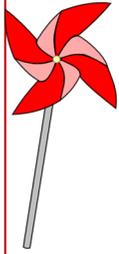
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We decorated the pews this morning with pinwheels ...red pinwheels. And you will get one to take home with you. Put it in your garden, decorate your home, tape it next to an open window to catch the breeze. Why a pinwheel? Let's start with its color red: it's the color of the fire that came down on this day. The pinwheel: it represents the winds that blew on

Pentecost. These spinners remind us that even though we can't see the wind, it is still there; just like the Holy Spirit. The air around us is hard to see, but we see the evidence of its work through the things it moves. Precisely...that's how the Spirit gets things done. Happy Pentecost!



Pentecost, one of the three great feasts of the church. Of course, Easter is the greatest feast of the church...Easter rabbits notwithstanding; and Christmas is a great feast of the

church, for believers and non; but today we are celebrating Pentecost, the third great feast of the church mainly for folks like you and me. Some years ago, I discovered and learned three favorite quotations from theologians of a generation ago (Brooks, Fosdick and Spurgeon), and these three quotations penetrate the heart of Pentecost. The first quotation is this: "Nothing but fire kindles fire." The second: "If you want to set someone on fire, you have to burn a little bit yourself." The third: "A burning heart will soon find for itself a flaming tongue." But this is not a homily. So more down to earth. Fire as in flames like tongues; confusing languages as in babel; birthday as in time to party; dove as in sweet bird of paradise; wind as in "I saw you toss the kites on high." Pentecost is about the only time we mainline Christians think about the work of the Holy Spirit. So, it's the timely subject for this morning's Adult Forum. (9-9:45) Maybe you might even feel swept into our gathering.

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This week at St. Mary's, May 20, 2018

TODAY 9 AM Adult Forum

MON 11 AM Eucharist at The Branches
7 PM Vestry 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 VESTRY—

will meet on Monday May 21 at 7 pm. April's reports are printed and in the binders in the church office for your review prior to the meeting.

Happy Birthday!



Birthday Blessings to
Bailey and Jake Mericle
today, Craig Mericle on
May 21st, William

Waldron, III & Julie Schellenger on
May 25th, and Norman Proulx,
Yvonne Olthuis & Bryce Bridgeman
on May 26th!

Many thanks to our readers today!

David Condo at the 8 AM service and Ruth Ann Handley
and Lou Schweickhardt at the 10 AM.



Happy Birthday Church!

Come and enjoy a piece
of birthday cake at coffee
hour today!



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!



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.

Thank you to Elaine's of Cape May for dedicating the proceeds of their Royal Wedding Event to The Branches!

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.

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.

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What was intended to be a summary posted here of the May 9th SWEEP meeting proved to be difficult. Too many topics, too many thoughts. So, we've provided a written review in the narthex and parish hall. What can be said is the terrain of SWEEP is wide and the discussion, fruitful. We stay away from finances and fund-raisers which we leave, appropriately, to the Vestry. Be assured, everyone,

and we do mean everyone, can contribute, and does. kg



Are 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.



One current event of this past week - the United States relocated its embassy in Israel

from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Since Jerusalem has a prominent role in the Bible, we will take this opportunity to familiarize ourselves with that city's 6,000-year history (yes!) and biblical significance and increase our understanding of the Bible. (conTEXTS meets weekly on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the chapel.)



SUNDAY PARKING - The Borough exempts us from use of meters on Sunday mornings. They include the meters in front of the

Church, Sturdy Bank, and on the other side of 95th St. Sturdy Bank lot, & Fred's parking lot may also be used. Fred's does ask that cars be moved by 12 noon.