



## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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*Thank you to our Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Guild, organist David Condo, flutist Cheryl Barton, and our choir, and to all who contributed to our flowers to make our church beautiful for Easter. Thank you to Fr. Peter Stube and Fr. Ken Gorman for making our Lenten journey meaningful.*

**Coffee Hour**—will be held after both services today. You are invited to join us in the parish hall for coffee and cakes.



**ADULT FORUM** begins delving into one of the most influential books on what Christians believe: *Mere Christianity*. Next Sunday, 9-9:45 am in the chapel.

**conTEXTS**—The black hole photographed last week and the Easter empty tomb described today in the Gospel both witness to seeing what was once “unseeable.” At - conTEXTS, Wednesday, 6:30—7:30 pm in the parish hall.

### Priest in Charge

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### ***This week at St. Mary's, April 21***

**MON** 11 am Eucharist at  
The Branches

**TUES** 8 pm AA meeting

**WEDS** 6:30 conTEXTS

**FRI** 10 am Alanon

**SUN** 9 am Adult Forum



***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. Whether you are visiting Stone Harbor or looking for a church home, we welcome you to join us for worship. We are here every Sunday at 8 and 10 AM.

**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.

### ***Spring is here and we are looking forward to Summer at St. Mary's!***

The doors of St. Mary's open out to the community all year 'round through our outreach ministries, The Branches and This 'n That Thrift Shop, but we literally open the doors and move outside in the summer to our front lawn and the beach to better enjoy summer at the Jersey shore. Please join us for ...

**Thursdays on the Lawn**—St. Mary's rocks when we join the summer scene in downtown Stone Harbor on Thursday evenings! Our front lawn is the perfect venue for outdoor concerts during July and August, 7:30 to 9 pm. This year's line up:

July 11	Jim Bannach of BLT	August 1	Three and One
July 18	The Snake Brothers	August 8	Bob Campanell
July 25	The Quietmen	August 15	Jim Bannach of BLT

**Worship at the Beach beginning July 6th**— "Come as you are," bring a beach chair, and meet us on the 101st St. Beach Pavilion for worship in a glorious setting! We are there every Saturday at 5 pm through August 31st.

**Strawberry Festival**, Sunday, June 16th in St. Mary's Parish Hall from 6 to 8 pm—Jersey strawberries are the best, and all things delicious and strawberry will be served at St. Mary's Strawberry Festival.

*Check our website [www.stmarysstoneharbor.org](http://www.stmarysstoneharbor.org) for more activities throughout the year.*



"What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me." - Jesus Christ

The Branches is located next to St. Mary's This 'n That Thrift Shop in the Village Shoppes in Rio Grande. It is an outreach ministry of St. Mary's serving our neighbors in the surrounding area. The center started several years ago with Coffee & Conversation two days a week. It has grown to a six day a week, multiple activity facility providing a safe, positive environment for the elderly, disabled, homeless and marginalized individuals and families.

The Branches is open from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm Monday through Saturday. During Code Blue, it is open seven days a week with extended hours.

Breakfast and lunch is served to as many as sixty people a day. Bag lunches are provided for folks to take with them at the end of the day. Local restaurants and churches help stock the kitchen. A full pantry is available for those who find themselves without food.

The Branches works with local churches and organizations in an effort to connect our guests with the services they require. Client Advocates work with a team to assist with doctor and hospital visits, court appearances, and social service issues. A Veteran's Advocate works with veterans who find themselves homeless and in need of medical care. Cape Counseling is available as needed.

Computers and a quiet place to work make it possible for guests to fill out job applications and resumes. A knowledgeable volunteer is on hand to assist.

Bible study is held every Monday morning, a chiropractor volunteers her time on Tuesday and an experienced yoga instructor visits on Thursdays. Healing Hands is there on Fridays and Narcotics Anonymous meets on Sundays. Once a month, a hair stylist gives free haircuts.

Our goal at The Branches is to treat everyone with dignity and respect.

For questions or more information, please call Sandra Lockhart, Director, or Terri Mascione, Administrator at 609-886-5091. Please see our website: <https://www.thebranchesoutreach.org>

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**EASTER BASKETS**—Thanks to generous donations and the help of families from St. Mary's and local churches, over 60 Easter baskets were filled at The Branches with goodies, toys and candies and distributed to children in the Rio Grande area on Easter Saturday.

## St. Mary's Church This 'n That Thrift Shop

1304 Rt. 47 So., Rio Grande, NJ 08242

609-886-7272— call to arrange for a pick up

**Store Hours:** Monday - Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM

In 2007, St. Mary's, Stone Harbor, opened a thrift shop for the express purpose of supporting the church's outreach ministries.

The shop has experienced great success in providing household items, furniture and clothing at low cost. With dedicated staff and volunteers, and generous, quality donations, steady growth has generated funds for the outreach ministries of St. Mary's, especially The Branches.

We also help our community by selling gently used items at an affordable price. Ways you can help: shop our store, donate clean re-sellable items, volunteer. We would love to have you!

### ST. MARY'S SENIORS MAY LUNCH & LEARN

May's program will be an interesting presentation by Ted Bryan, Museum Educator with The Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts, Cape May and Retired History Teacher, on Thursday, May 9th at 11 AM.

The topic will be **The Underground Railroad in Cape May County**. Bring a bag lunch, and a \$5 voluntary contribution to offset speaker fees. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the parish hall by Monday, April 29.

On June 12th, we will return to the Emlen Physick Estate for **Bach's Lunch** in the Carriage House Café & Tea Room.

This delightful event includes a Wine Tasting, lunch and a musical program by an ensemble from The Bay Atlantic Symphony. It will begin at 12 noon and end at 2 pm. Cost for the lunch and program is \$32 which includes a gratuity.

30 tickets have been reserved. A sign up sheet is on the parish hall bulletin board. Deadline for sign up is Monday, May 20th. Any unused tickets need to be released to the MAC organization for public sale after that date. After that date, tickets may be available on a first come, first serve basis.

