



## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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*It is with sadness that we announce the death of Ellen Epple on August 5, 2018. Please remember Ellen and her family in your prayers.*

*May she rest in peace. +*

*Information about her memorial service will be posted when the family has finalized their plans.*

## Adult Forum

Every Sunday the church invites us to do something provocative. (Say, what?!) But that's what happens when we say the Creed. In a world that celebrates individuality, we are actually doing something together. In an age that avoids commitment, we pledge ourselves to a set of convictions and thereby to each other. In a culture that rewards novelty and creativity, we use words written by others long ago. In a society where accepted wisdom changes by the minute, we claim that some truths are so critical that they must be repeated over and over again. In a throwaway, consumerist world, we accept, preserve, and continue tradition. Reciting the Creed in this service is doing something pretty radical. Don't you think? Today is the last Sunday in our series *Loving the Questions* about the Creed. In two weeks, we will begin *Fierce Women of the Bible*. The people of Adult Forum (9-9:45) are neither offensive nor radical ... but our topics? ... well, join us and you be the judge. Sundays, 9—9:45 am

### Radical Worship



Around the world, deception is, sadly, an ongoing threat to the moral order of culture, economy, politics, sports, advertising, charitable giving and most other arenas of human interaction. There was a recent press release from the Federal Trade Commission regarding fraudulent charities that claim to help veterans but actually enrich scammers. Did you see the story about an apparent deception at an Egyptian zoo where a "zebra" is suspected of being a donkey with painted on stripes? That's how far deception can go! And yet, there are instances where some Christians might say deception is justified. This is a serious topic. On the other hand, it just might offer some cool summer conversation. Join us for insight and discussion, Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm (we start on time and end on time) in the parish hall.



**St. Mary's Day, Sunday, August 19** For those of us who are parishioners at St. Mary's Church, there are two dates of special importance to us: Sunday, July 2, 1911 and August 15. On that Sunday in 1911, it was the Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania, who dedicated our church. (Interestingly, history records two July dedication dates; one in 1911 with Suffragan Bishop Garland and the other on July 30, 1917 by our Diocesan Bishop, Paul Matthews.) Back in those years our church was called "St. Mary's-by-the-Sea" and the new church building being dedicated cost \$6,000 to build.

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### This week at St. Mary's, August 12

**TODAY** 9 am Adult Forum

**MON** 11 AM Eucharist at The Branches  
5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

**TUES** 8 PM AA meeting

**WEDS** 6:30 pm ConTEXTS

**THURS** 7:30 pm Summer Concert

**FRI** 10 am Alanon

**SAT** 5 pm Worship at the 101st St.  
Beach Pavilion

**SUN** 8 am & 10 am St. Mary's Day

**THURSDAYS ON THE LAWN** has concluded for summer 2018. Many thanks to Jack Olthuis and everyone who helped to make it a good time for all!

### WORSHIP AT THE BEACH

"Come as you are" and join us for worship at the 101st St. Beach Pavilion, 5 pm, every Saturday in August. All are welcome to join Fr. Peter and guitarist Tom Werkheiser for a relaxed worship service in a beautiful setting!



*St. Mary's Day continued*

The other date that is of significance to us is our patron saint's day: Saint Mary's Day, August 15. The honor paid to Mary, the mother of Jesus, goes back to the earliest days of the Church. Indeed, it goes back further, for even before the birth of her Son, Mary prophesied, "From this time forth, all generations shall call me blessed." There you have it. Two noteworthy dates: the first, the "baptism" (if you will) of our church; and the other, the naming of the saint whom we are known by (at one time, "naming" was a part of being baptized). Next Sunday, August 19th, we are going to celebrate Saint Mary's Day. Our services will highlight "our patron" Sunday. We hope you will join us and help us to commemorate this special Sunday!



**SWEEP Meeting Update** - At the Sweep meeting this past Wednesday evening, the group: (1) examined the Sunday attendance figures over the past five months and compared those figures with those Sundays in 2017; (2) then, discussed two ideas of following-up on service absen-

tees; (3) on the topic of "church-going," considered a newly released study "Why Americans Go (and Don't Go) to Religious Services;" (4) reviewed plans for observing St. Mary's Day on Sunday August 19; (5) decided that the parish event to be held on Sunday, September 16 would combine two themes: a "Recognition Sunday" acknowledging new members, and a "Welcome Back Sunday" inaugurating the fall season in the parish; and lastly, (6) heard a brief report on the number of guests/visitors we've had so far this summer. And these are only the highlights. As you can see, we deal with some very practical concerns that involve all of us; and we like to think, we accomplish something rewarding. SWEEP's next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm. Just come!



**SIDEWALK SALE** —Aug. 25th We're joining the community sidewalk sale with a sale on our lawn—we'll serve hot dogs, have a baked goods table, Christmas table and jewelry table. If you have things you would like to donate, bring them in. There are designated tables in the parish hall. Baked goods are always a hit. Bring them the day of, or day before. Help is needed with set up at 8 am, and selling 9 to 1 pm. A sign up sheet is on the parish hall bulletin board. Thank You!

## SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

begins this Thursday, August 16th with David Condo, piano and organ, and Cheryl Barton, flute. It will continue on August 23rd with Ryan McAteer & Cheyanne Shaud, Duet, and conclude on August 30th with Fr. Peter Stube, Baritone. All are invited to join us in the church at 7:30 pm for an enjoyable evening of beautiful music.



## ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Today is the last day for donations to our school supplies drive. We will be blessing the supplies on August 18 at 10 AM at St. Barnabas, Villas. Help will be needed from 9 AM to organize the supplies until about 10:30 when the supplies are picked up by the schools. Please let Dina Ziembra know if you can help. (ziels@comcast.net) Thank you!

The Annual St. Barnabas Art Group's Exhibition continues today from 10 AM - 5 PM. Please see the flyer on the parish hall bulletin board for more information.



*Birthday Blessings to Louise Mihalek and Tabitha Tobias on August 17th!*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**— Our beautiful altar flowers are provided by Blooms of Cape May Court House. If you would like to give flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please sign up on the chart in the narthex and send a check to the church office in the amount of \$45 with "altar flowers" in the memo line. It's a wonderful way to honor family and friends throughout the year!

**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 requires that cars be moved by 12 noon.

