



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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With Deepest Sympathy

We have received word about the memorial service for Ellen Epple who died on August 5, 2018.

It will be held on September 10, 2019 at 10 AM at Sunset Pavilion, 2nd and Beach Avenues in Cape May. A copy of her obituary may be found on the parish hall bulletin board. Please remember Ellen's family in your prayers. May she rest in peace. +



This morning we will celebrate St. Mary, the mother of Jesus, as the patron saint of our parish. We could say - she was the very first Christian, the first one to say "yes" to the Word of God in her life. We could say - she was the first to acknowledge Jesus as the son of the Heavenly Father. We could say - the earliest of

Christians recognized Mary of Nazareth's unique role in the mystery of Christ and honored her with special reverence. We could say - Mary has always held a place of honor within the Anglican, and our Episcopal branch, of the English Church. All of that is very true. But what does that mean to me, to you, personally about her? Henry Emerson Fosdick, one of the really great preachers of the twentieth century, said to a group of students of different faiths: "I do not ask any of you here to change your religion; but I do ask all of you to face up to this question: 'What is your religion doing to your character?'" I would argue Mary's religious faith had everything to do with her character. This is the main reason that God asked her to play such a vital role in the great salvation drama that he was about to conduct. One thing that is obvious to me from the scriptures is that Mary's role of being the earthly mother of Jesus was never an easy one. It was tough to be the mother of Jesus, but I am very thankful for the efforts of this special Jewish maiden and mother called Mary. May our work and witness for the Kingdom of God be as steadfast, authentic, and courageous as hers. ken

Today at both coffee hours -

Mary, we meet her in the cool days of late fall and in the angry conclusion of Lent. Like a relative who enters our life during a season, she makes her presence known only occasionally. Here we are in the heat of summer acknowledging our relationship to her if only by ties of faith. Join us in the parish hall right after this service to do a simple seasonal craft to remind us of Mary. (This is for everyone...kids...families...you!!)

Priest in Charge

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This week at St. Mary's, August 19

MON 11 AM Eucharist at The Branches
7 PM Vestry 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

SAT 9 to 1 pm Sidewalk Sale

SUN 9 am Adult Forum

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!



SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

continues this Thursday, 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. Light refreshments will be served.



Last Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. A neo-Nazi who marched at that deadly rally last year has turned to Christ in repentance. At the next conTEXTS meeting we will explore themes of conversion, racial hatred and spiritual transformation. If you’re interested in exploring such topics, we invite you to join us this Wednesday, August 22, 6:30-7:30 pm in our parish hall. It’s a round-table discussion at square tables!

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE *Thank you to all who contributed to our School Supplies Drive. Supplies were blessed and distributed yesterday. **Special thanks to Dina Ziemba** for organizing the Drive.*



Birthday Blessings to Halsey Spruance on August 20th, Evelyn Pfaltzgraff & Wesley Andrews on August 21st, Dianne Boldt on August 22nd, Lorraine Zitnay & Clyde Pettit on August 23rd, and Alice Thorn, Julie Taylor and Emma Cleffi on August 24th!



SIDEWALK SALE —Saturday, August 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!

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.



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.