



## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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**SEASON OF CREATION** Beginning Sunday, Jan. 13, Fr. Peter will lead us in following the role of Jesus, while He walked with friends on the roads around Jerusalem, inviting all to encounter God through God's presence in creation. The spiritual journey of following Jesus is closely tied to the wonders of nature that He experienced in His earthly journey. This Season of Creation, we will strive to more deeply understand the lessons Jesus taught us through creation, to better honor our Creator, and share fellowship with brothers and sisters along the way.

**ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY Jan. 27, 2019** There will one service at 9 am followed by a Potluck Brunch and the Parish Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



**HELP WANTED**—The Branches needs a few volunteers to help cover the extra hours they are open during a Code Blue. The homeless are given shelter when a Code Blue is called, however, they are put on the street at 6 am and are not allowed into shelters until after 6

pm. That leaves a gap when they are outside in the cold and when The Branches can come to their aid. Please call Sandra Lockhart if you can give an hour or two to help at The Branches in the morning or evening. 484-888-1591 or at The Branches 609-886-5091.

**DE-GREENING THE CHURCH** will happen today after the 10 AM



Service. It's beautiful and we love it, but it's time to put the garlands away until next year. Please stay and lend a hand. Thank you! And, the poinsettias are ready for pick up. Please help yourself to one for you and a friend.



Today is the Epiphany. And while Lent begins in about two months, there's a lot to plan in order for us to have a meaningful celebration of that upcoming season. Plus, we will look back at the past Advent and Christmas to review what we did and take notes for next year ... and do even more. By the way, who is "we"? SWEEP,

of course. We will meet this Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:30pm in our parish hall. You interested? You're invited.



**ALTAR FLOWER CHART**—for 2019 is posted in the narthex. If you would like to give flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please sign up on the chart and send a check 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!

**COFFEE HOUR SHEETS** for the upcoming months are posted on the door to the kitchen. We all enjoy coffee hour so please pick a Sunday and sign up today. Your fellow parishioners will love you for it!

This week at St. Mary's, January 6, 2019

**TODAY** 9 am Adult Forum

**MON** 11am Eucharist at The Branches

**TUES** 8 pm AA

**WED** 5 pm Choir  
6:30 pm SWEEP

**THURS** 11 am St Mary's Seniors Lunch Club Meeting

**FRI** 10 am Alanon  
5:45 pm Painting Party

**SUN** 9 am Adult Forum

**PAINTING PARTY! This Friday,**

Jan. 11th at 6 pm - \$20 per

person - You will be painting this

snowman picture using acrylic paint on a canvas. Table top easels will be used, and the teachers will take you step by step through the process—no experience necessary! Friends are welcome!

Details & sign up on the parish hall bulletin board to paint (the number of painters is limited and the teachers need to know how many easels to bring) and/or provide an appetizer.



The **ST. MARY'S SENIORS**

**LUNCH CLUB** will meet

this Thursday, Jan. 10th at 11 AM. Fun & Games will be on the agenda. Please bring a bag lunch. If you would like to bring something extra to share, call Sue Dowling.



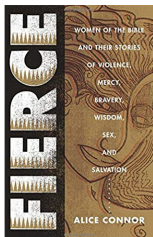
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

St. Mary's will host the clergy and members of our neighboring churches for breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 19th at 9 AM. We need you. Please sign-up on the parish hall bulletin board. Thank you! kg

**OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2019**—Our shipment has been delayed, however, your name on the check or an envelope is all that is needed for the counters and computer to correctly record your giving. Thank you for your patience.

**Birthday Blessings to**

Lou Schweickhardt on January 10th!



**ADULT FORUM**—According to the Catechism I was taught in the 1950's, Jesus divinity far out-paced his humanity. Of course, no one said that in so many ways. We all memorized the doctrine that clearly stated: "Jesus is fully human and fully divine." I certainly wasn't going to question the fact that he knew everything that was going to happen from the time his infant head hit the straw of the manger. Jesus was an unstoppable force until the precise hour he permitted himself to be stopped, in order to fulfill a celestial timetable. But the question loomed in this youngster's mind: Did Jesus ever change? Did he ever learn something that he did not know beforehand?

Could what he learned, actually change him in some way? Here in church this morning, we are celebrating the Magi coming to Jesus' house bringing belated birthday gifts (Jesus, no longer an infant but a toddler). In the Forum, we see him around the age of 30 or so. In his adulthood, he faced some very different realities. I'm not playing some kind of one-upmanship with you. Just telling you something that will be discussed in the Forum (9-9:45) in the chapel, and your invited! kg

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

As is required by Diocesan Canon and State Statute

It is hereby announced -

The Annual Meeting of the  
Congregation and Corporation  
of

Saint Mary's Parish in Stone Harbor, New Jersey

will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019

at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall  
(or when a quorum is present).

The purpose of the meeting is to

- review the budget for 2019,
- elect parish officers, and
- transact any other business

that may properly come before the meeting.

Ms. Cheryl L. Barton  
Clerk of the Vestry

(Diocesan Canon 90; New Jersey Revised Statutes 16: 12-1)