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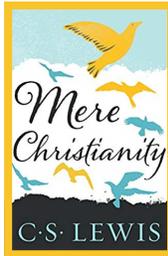
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If you are a visitor to St. Mary's this morning, thank you for joining us for our services. Whether you are a single person, a couple, a family, married, partnered ... please be assured we want to recognize you. We ask a favor: kindly sign our guest book or fill out a pew card. Why? As you can guess, as a vacation destination, we greet people from all over! And we want to thank you for taking time to be with us. Bless you!

Admittedly, it was an American crisis of a different time and different sort when Tomas Payne wrote: "These are the times that try men's souls." Wouldn't you say these are "trying" times? I'm not talking about political maneuvering because that's people's behavior and you can quibble over that as a Republican or Democrat.

What's "trying" my soul is whether there is such a thing any more... some guidepost, some principle, some inner strength ...about how we *ought* to behave. It's not Christian, not Jewish, not Muslim, not straight or gay, conservative or liberal. I know that sounds indefinite, but Lewis says there is such a thing and it's real. That's what the Adult Forum is dealing with in C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*, 9-9:45, today in the chapel. What better time or place to deal with things that are "trying men's souls"! kg



Today is a sad day for our Church and for everyone who found the path home to our loving, liberating, life-giving God because of Rachel Held Evans." Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said that this past week. Rachel died on May 4 at the age of 37. She publicly and courageously shared her personal faith journey from conservative evangelicalism to a progressive expression of Christianity, a.k.a. the Episcopal Church. She provoked many of her opponents to consider different interpretations of scripture and theological perspectives, while encouraging those struggling with doubt not to abandon their faith, the church, or the Bible. Wrote Emma Green in *The Atlantic*: "The lasting legacy of Evans's writing, and of her public life, is her unwillingness to cede ownership of Christianity to its traditional conservative-male stewards - her unwillingness to give up on Christianity, period." This Wednesday at conTEXTS (6:30-7:30 pm in the parish hall) we will discuss how her life provides an opportunity to explore tough questions regarding challenges to faith. Join us for engaging conversation. kg

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 and Fred's parking lot may also be used. Fred's does ask that cars be removed by 12 noon.

Priest in Charge

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TODAY 9 am Adult Forum

MON 11 am Eucharist at The Branches

TUES 8 pm AA

WED 5 pm Choir

6:30 pm conTEXTS

FRI 10 am Alanon

SUN 9 am Adult Forum



Birthday Blessings to

Marlene Casper on May 15th!



We invite you to join us for a special brunch in honor of The Rev. Canon Dr. Peter B. Stube to

thank him for his ministry at St. Mary's.

Cost per person: \$20

Date: June 23, 2019

Time: 11:30 am - following the 10 AM Service at St. Mary's

Location: The Shore Club, formerly the Wildwood Golf and County Club

1170 Golf Club Road, Cape, May Court House, NJ 08210

Tickets will be available this week through the church office, and on Sundays.



ST. MARY'S SENIORS JUNE LUNCH PROGRAM



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 lunch and a

musical program by an ensemble from The Bay Atlantic Symphony. It will begin at 12:30 pm and end at 2 pm. Cost for the lunch and program is \$30 which includes a gratuity for the servers.

30 tickets have been reserved. A sign up sheet is on the parish hall bulletin board. Any unused tickets will be released to the MAC organization for public sale.

Strawberry Festival

Jersey berries
are the best!

Please join us
Sunday, June 16th
6 to 8 pm

for strawberry desserts



St. Mary's berry delicious Strawberry Festival only happens once a year when Jersey strawberries are in season! Plan to enjoy fresh strawberry desserts on Father's Day, June 16th from 6 to 8 pm. Your help with this fun event would be very appreciated! Please sign up on the parish hall bulletin board.



There's lots of stories about Mother's Day. How it started, say some historians, with Ann Jarvis in 1868. She wanted to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day" to "reunite families that had been divided during the Civil War." Its history is both religious and political (first Mother's Day service in St. Andrew's Methodist

Church, Grafton, West Virginia in 1907; in 1914, Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May). I do not want to forget any mothers this morning. But harkening back to Ann's original thought, my wish, my prayer, my celebration is for all women who love children unconditionally, who use a myriad of creative means to nurture kids of all ages and races, who authentically reveal their femininity in nurturing the sons and daughters from their womb or not...and thereby perpetuate Ann's magnificent tribute.

God bless all of you! kg

NEWS from the Stone Harbor Garden Club
**Saturday, May 11, 8 am – 2 pm, and Sunday,
May 12, 8 am to noon**

Annual Plant Sale, Stone Harbor Firehouse
Saturday, May 11, 8 am to 2 pm

Annual Bake Sale

Thursday, May 16

Community Planting

Saturday, May 18, 8 am to 2 pm

Community Yard Sale, First Ave. & 96th St. Parking lot
Saturday, June 1, 12:30 – 4 pm

Annual Tour of Homes

FORWARD DAY by DAY devotionals in large and small print for May, June and July have arrived and are in the church narthex. Please help yourself.



St. Mary's This 'n That Thrift Shop is open and business is brisk. Winter items are on clearance and spring selections are available.

Please remember our thrift shop when you are spring cleaning. Your donations of gently used clothing, household items and furniture may be brought to the shops in Rio Grande or call for a pick up— 609-886-7272. Volunteers are always welcome. All proceeds from the thrift shop benefit St. Mary's outreach ministries.

St. Mary's This 'n That Thrift Shop is located in the The Village Shoppes, 1304 Rt. 47 So., Rio Grande.