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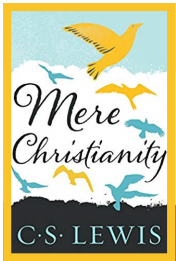
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If you are a visitor to St. Mary's this morning, thank you for joining us for our services. Whether you are a single person, a couple, a family, married, partnered ... please be assured we want to recognize you. We ask a favor: kindly sign our guest 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!



Not wanting to get political, but watching TV these last few days I've begun to wonder: Is there any standard of what is right and wrong? Or does every society, every political group, every era create its own morality? I, for one, am confused and need help. Fortunately, I'm reading (along with 8 or more other friends) C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* in the Adult Forum. Lewis is insightful and helpful. The Forum meets every Sunday, 9-9:45am in the chapel. (Thank God, it's Sunday!) kg



A small group of fourteen persons met this past Wednesday including three representatives from our Diocese (two clergy, The Revs. Rob Droste and Bob Fitzpatrick, and Phyllis Jones, Diocesan Chief Operating Officer) and the Discernment Committee consultant, Rhonda Jackson, to discuss the "transition" we are in as a parish. Actually, it was a continuation of a discussion we started a month

or so ago. These three Diocesan spokespersons know what they are talking about. They know how to stimulate thinking, center in on issues, and offer down-to-earth guidance and support. Why am I bringing this matter up now when I'm talking about SWEEP? Here's why: at the outset they wrote on newsprint – "Churches grow when people in them grow spiritually." I'm not sure all that we discussed last Wednesday will make its way on to this Wednesday's SWEEP's agenda. But of this I can be certain, we want to grow and we want to grow spiritually... and that's why we meet. Each month, second Wednesday, 6:15 -7:15pm in the parish hall. There's plenty of chairs for those who want to spend an hour discussing our growing! 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.

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This week at St. Mary's May 5, 2019

TODAY 9 am Adult Forum

MON 11 am Eucharist at The Branches

TUES 8 pm AA

WED 5 pm Choir

6:15 pm SWEEP

THURS 11 am St. Mary's Seniors Lunch and program

FRI 10 am Alanon

SUN 9 am Adult Forum

Birthday Blessings to

Lillian Armstrong and Michele

Seigel today, Betty Lou Darley on

May 8th, Doreen Morris on May 9th

and Dean Blair, Jr. on May 10th!



New to our Mary Garden is a memorial bench. The bench was donated by the family of Marilou Spaeth, a summer member, in her memory. It was made and installed by Zeth Matalucci. His grandfather did the original benches for the garden. Zeth attended St. Mary's as a child, and was married here.



ST. MARY'S SENIORS LUNCH PROGRAMS

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.



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.

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.

Strawberry Festival

Jersey berries
are the best!

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

for strawberry desserts



Mark you calendar for St. Mary's berry delicious Strawberry Festival on Father's Day, June 16th. A sign up sheet is posted in the parish hall for desserts and kitchen help.

It's time for the final concert of the 2019 St. Barnabas Concert Series! This Sunday (May 5th) Teri Hislop will present "Wrapped in Music: Sounds of a Flutist's Lifetime" including music by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, and Rimsky-Koraskoff, and featuring Claude Bolling's famous *Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano*. Teri will be joined by John Curtis and Sal Emma on piano, Lesley Weber on flute, Gordon Emma on bass, and Jim Doran on drums. The concert is at 3 pm at St. Barnabas By-the-Bay Church at 13 West Bates Ave. in the Villas. Admission is free and a reception will follow.