



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

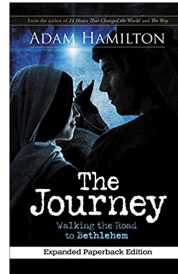
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The other night at conTEXTS, the group talked about how neighborhoods shape our thinking and perhaps even our personality. Few things are as important as where you come from, and no place is better to come from than a tight neighborhood or small town. One thing that is a bipartisan tradition is playing your hometown. Candidates as varied as Calvin Coolidge of Plymouth Notch, Vt., Jimmy Carter of Plains, Ga., and Bill Clinton — the Arkansan who campaigned as the son of "a place called Hope" — have tied themselves to one special place where their character and values were formed. It is customary for politicians to launch political campaigns in their hometowns. Hometown is supposedly where your most fervent supporters are. Jesus launched his public ministry in his hometown of Nazareth; a town, according to Adam Hamilton, of about four hundred people. It was there that Jesus grew up, played with friends, worshipped in the synagogue, and assisted his father around the carpenter shop. Much of what we know about Jesus' family life and even subsequent doctrines have their epicenter in Nazareth. That's the topic of this morning's discussion of *The Journey*, in the chapel, 9-9:45am. You're invited. kg



I think I can safely assume that all of us have been following the news all week of the rampant wildfires in both Northern and Southern California resulting in the loss of dozens of lives, hundreds of homes and at least one whole town. A recurring theme of such disasters is loss and "goneness." For this week's topic of conTEXTS, we will confront loss and the reality of things that are permanently "gone" and we will connect those life experiences with some scripture. (conTEXTS, Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm in the parish hall, you're invited) kg



Advent Wreath Making We will be making Advent Wreaths on the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 2nd after the 10 AM service in the parish hall. If you would like to make a wreath, or have one made for you, please sign up on the parish hall bulletin board so we can know how many wreath forms to order. Supplies will be provided but please bring in anything you would like to use to personalize your Advent Wreath. Donation \$5.



CHRISTMAS PARADE HOSPITALITY—St. Mary's has traditionally served hot chocolate and cookies on the front lawn the night of the Stone Harbor Christmas Parade. Please let Bill & Janice Haines know if you can help this year, Saturday, Nov. 24th at 6 pm. We will begin preparations at 5 pm in the parish hall kitchen and wrap up serving by parade start at 7 pm.

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This week at St. Mary's Nov. 18, 2018

TODAY 9 am Adult Forum

7:30 pm Ecumenical Service, Avalon

MON 11 AM Branches Eucharist

7 pm Vestry Meeting

TUES 8 pm AA meeting

WEDS 6:30 pm conTEXTS

THURS Happy Thanksgiving!

FRI 10 am Alanon

SAT 6 pm Hospitality on the Lawn

SUN 9 am Adult Forum

11 am Advent Tree ornament making

VESTRY Financial reports are in binders in the church office for you to pick up today in preparation for your meeting on Monday at 7 pm.



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ANNUAL ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

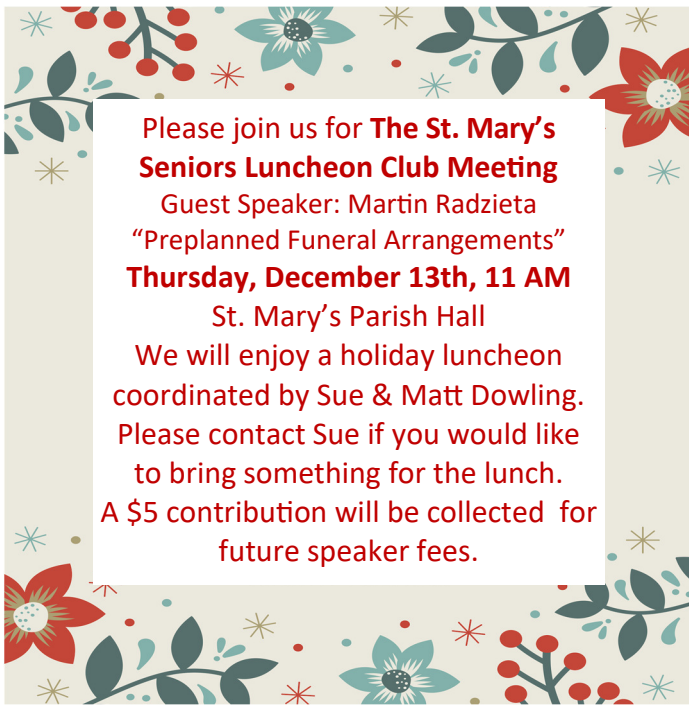
be held this year at the First United Methodist Church, 3344 Dune Dr., Avalon, tonight at 7:30 pm. The anthem will be sung by the combined choirs of the 7 Mile Beach churches.



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Building Community. Strengthening Lives.

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

We are scheduled to host a family from the program the week of Dec. 9 to 16th. St. Mary's days to provide dinner and sleep over are Sunday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 15. Please sign up on the parish hall bulletin board to help. Questions? See Joan Langston



Please join us for **The St. Mary's Seniors Luncheon Club Meeting**
 Guest Speaker: Martin Radzieta
 "Preplanned Funeral Arrangements"
Thursday, December 13th, 11 AM
 St. Mary's Parish Hall
 We will enjoy a holiday luncheon coordinated by Sue & Matt Dowling. Please contact Sue if you would like to bring something for the lunch. A \$5 contribution will be collected for future speaker fees.



 **St. Mary's & St. Barnabas Christmas Luncheon**
Avalon Links Restaurant
1510 N. Rt. 9, Cape May Court House
Saturday, December 8th—12 noon
Jumbo Lump Crabcakes,
Broiled Salmon or Chicken Piccata 
Salad, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert
Tickets \$27
 **Children's Entree**
Grilled Cheese or Chicken Fingers
Please see Lou Schweickhardt or Bill Haines to reserve your ticket.



ADVENT GIVING TREE ORNAMENTS—Next Sunday after the 10 AM Service, we plan to create our sparkly, glittery, beautiful ornaments for our Advent Giving Tree. Everyone is welcome to help!

"Tis the Season" is almost here. And to give you an advance idea of some of the things that will be happening at St. Mary's, here's a list (more information will be provided after Thanksgiving):

Saturday, Nov. 24th, 6 pm - Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be served on the front lawn the night of the Stone Harbor Christmas Parade. Lend a hand at 5 or stop by at 6 pm. Parade begins 7 pm.

Sunday, Nov. 25th, 11 AM - We will make our Advent Tree ornaments – Everyone is welcome to help out!

Sunday, Dec. 2, 11 AM - Advent Wreaths will be made in the parish hall. Make one or have one made for you, but please sign up on the bulletin board.

Saturday, Dec 8, 12 noon - Christmas Luncheon with St. Barnabas at the Avalon Links.

Thursday, Dec 13, 11 am - SMC Seniors December Luncheon meeting.

Dec 9 – Dec. 16 - Family Promise will make our parish hall their home.

Sunday, Dec. 16th, 11 AM – Please to help us "Green the Church"

Wednesdays at 12 noon, Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th. Making Our Jesse Tree—bring a bag lunch and join us for an Advent program of music, lore and ornament crafts.

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th

5 pm Family Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm Carol Sing; 8 pm Festive Eucharist with Choir

Christmas Morning Service, Dec. 25th

10 AM Holy Eucharist

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st

5 PM A Blessing of Time with Holy Eucharist. Party to follow.

Service of Lessons and Carols - 10 AM Sunday, Dec. 30th Shared service with Holy Trinity in Ocean City.

8 AM will be as usual at St. Mary's. There will be no 10 AM Service at St. Mary's