

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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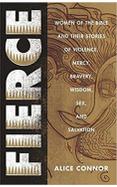
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### DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING today 11 AM

St. Mary's Discernment Committee members are: from the Vestry, Cheryl Barton, Tim Noble, Larry Schmidt (Parish Profile) and from the Congregation, Chair Janet Proulx, Ruth Ann Handley, Dee Pettit, and Dina Ziemba. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the Discernment Committee (aka Search Committee).

Our Diocesan Consultant, Rhonda Jackson, will attend the 10 AM service and meet with the Committee after coffee hour to kick off the process.



We get only a sip from the book of Judges. A sip may be all we want; a big gulp of the book might be more than we could take. So, the lectionary committee measured out only a spoonful of this book, seven verses, and gives us a sip once every three years. Our sip was last year. The committee must have been afraid that all of the blood and gore would turn our stomachs. So, the bottle marked "Judges" has a sticker from the committee that reads, "Caution, do not exceed recommended dosage." Why do I mention this? Well, this seven-verse story that I am alluding to from Judges involves Deborah and Jael and that happens to be the topic of this morning's Adult Forum. We are going to drink a little more than a Sunday reading gives us. I don't think it will hurt us. But with all of the violence in the world already, who needs a Bible story about a tent stake through the brain? Our group will discuss this "Fierce" topic from 9-9:45am. Truth to tell - I would rather stay in the back pew and sit this one out. kg



Last week Christie's art business announced the upcoming auction of a 1954 handwritten letter from Albert Einstein in which the great thinker declared the word "God" an expression of human weakness and the Bible a collection of primitive legends. This news gives us the opportunity to consider what weight we should give to the conclusions of highly intelligent people regarding faith and religion, as well as how our intellect should interact with our faith. conTEXTS meets this Wednesday, October 17th, 6:30-7:30pm in the parish hall. Sunday too busy for the Adult Forum? That's understandable. So try conTEXTS to see how the news fits into what you believe. kg

**Stewardship is everything that we do after we say "I believe."** Stewardship is more than the annual fall fund-raising necessary to pay the bills. Stewardship is about our commitment to God in thanksgiving for the abundance in our lives. *From the Diocese of New Jersey website.*

**Pledge cards for 2019** are due back. If you have not received a pledge card and would like to pledge to St. Mary's, please let the church office know. Copies are also available in the church narthex if you'd like to pick one up. If you have your pledge card with you today, please place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of St. Mary's, Stone Harbor!

### Priest in Charge

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### This week at St. Mary's Oct. 14, 2018

**TODAY** 9 am Adult Forum

11 am Discernment Committee Meeting

**MON** 11 am Branches Eucharist

7 pm Vestry Meeting

**TUES** 8 pm AA meeting

**WEDS** 5 pm Choir

6:30 pm conTEXTS

**FRI** 10 am Alanon

**SUN** 9 am Adult Forum

**Attention Vestry members**—Financial reports, Minutes and the October Agenda are available for pick up in the church office today in preparation for your meeting on Monday.



### Birthday Blessings to

Robert McIntire today, Serena

Smith on Oct. 15th, Theresa

Mascione on Oct. 16th, Carol

McIntire & Janet Proulx on Oct. 18th

and Sandra Lockhart on Oct. 20th!



For Lutherans and many other Protestants in America, the last Sunday in October (October 28) is celebrated as Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday honors Martin Luther's bold action on October 31, 1517. On that date Luther posted his statement of faith, known as the 95 Theses, on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation. On January 6, 2001 another bold action was proclaimed when the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially announced that it had entered into full communion with the Episcopal Church. As sisters and brothers in Christ, who now share this communion partnership, on Reformation Sunday we will send our greetings to the folks at Our Saviour Lutheran Church across the street. You can be a part of that greeting by signing the letter that can be found in the parish hall today and next Sunday.

**COFFEE HOUR**— A new sign up sheet is on the door to the kitchen. We all enjoy coffee hour!



Make your fellow parishioners happy by signing up for just one Sunday. It doesn't have to be elaborate ... a light snack and a cup of coffee—perfect!

**HELP WANTED!**



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**USHERS & GREETERS**—Like to be an usher or a greeter? We have openings available on the schedule

for men and women.

**FLOWER DELIVERY**—Would you like to deliver the altar flowers on Mondays to parishioners? Call the church office to sign up!



**TWO ORGAN RECITALS TODAY**

Critically acclaimed organist Gordon Turk makes his annual visit to Cape May in recital this afternoon at 4 pm at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Washington and Franklin Streets. A reception to meet the artist will be held in the Parish Hall following the concert. Admission is \$10 per person at the door. Call the church office at 609-884-3065 for more information.

AUTUMN BY THE SEA, an afternoon with the World's Largest Pipe Organ and Organist Scott Breiner is today at 3 PM at Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City. \$20 Admission. Music of all genres will be represented. Tours of the world's largest pipe organ will be offered beginning at 1 PM. For more information: 609-402-9584 or [www.boardwalkorgans.org](http://www.boardwalkorgans.org)



**Fall's a good time to clean out and St. Mary's This 'n That Thrift Shop will be happy to receive your clutter.** 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. The shops are open Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 4 pm. *Volunteers are always needed and welcome too!* Talk to our store manager, Debbie 886-7272 if you can give an hour or two of your time. 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!



**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.