

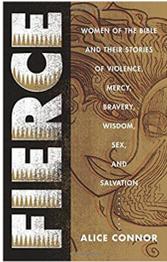
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Are you interested in your family genealogy? If you are, you're probably looking for decent blood lines, right? That's what Matthew was hoping for Jesus. It all started out fine with the inclusion of Abraham and David. But, oops, there were a few glitches like Tamar (who posed as a prostitute); Rahab (a real prostitute); and Bathsheba (who had an adulterous relationship with the king, no

less). Few parents would use the stories of ancestors like Tamar, Rahab, and Bathsheba as positive moral instruction for their sons and daughters. And yet, according to our author, Alice Connor, these are among the Bible's "fierce women." Such R-rated stories are not a preacher's favorite topic to talk about on Sunday, but they are ours at the Adult Forum (9-9:45 am in the chapel). Join us to learn how God chooses to reveal himself in our world...in fascinating feminine, if not stunning, ways. kg



The news about the sexual abuse of 1,000 children by 300 Roman Catholic priests in six Pennsylvania dioceses, along with recent revelations of similar crimes involving Catholic clergy in Australia and the

Pope's acknowledgement last week of sexual crimes against children in Catholic settings in Ireland have brought that whole topic up again. But that news also means all church-goers need to look at their own churches to see where each needs to improve child-protection policies and practices. And it is the aim of this Wednesday's conTEXTS (6:30-7:30 pm in the chapel) to help us see this issue as a Christian mandate.



FAMILY PROMISE WEEK September 5—8

St. Mary's will co-host one family from the Family Promise program beginning Wednesday, Sept. 5.

St. Mary's day to host is Saturday, Sept. 8. Help is needed to prepare and serve a dinner, for social time, and for sleep over. A sign up sheet is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. Staying with us will be: Dad, Mom, and 2 boys, age 12 & 10. No food allergies. Questions? Please see Joan Langston **Help will be needed this morning after the 10 AM service to turn the parish hall into a home for this family. Please plan to lend a hand.**



Thank to David Condo, our music director, for providing our Summer Concert Series. It was a wonderful way to continue our Thursday music in August and enjoyed by all.

Proceeds from last week's Sidewalk Sale totaled \$933. Thank you one and all!

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This week at St. Mary's, September 2

TODAY 9 am Adult Forum

TUES 8 PM AA meeting

WEDS 5 pm Choir
6:30 pm ConTEXTS

FRI 10 am Alanon

SUN 9 am Adult Forum
11 am help to ready the parish hall for Family Promise this week

DO YOU ENJOY SEWING? Then, save Saturday, September 22 at 1 pm for "MAKE A GIRL A DRESS" DAY at Quinn Hall, St. Paul's R.C. Church, sponsored by Prayers & Squares. Please see the flyer on the parish hall bulletin board for more information and be part of this event. Last year, 125 dressers were made. Questions? Call Terrie 368-4125 or Janet 967-7667 *Sewers and Non-sewers needed.*

RECOGNITION SUNDAY will be held Sept. 16th at both services. All new members since 2014 will be recognized.



Birthday Blessings to
Karin Hampel on September 4th and Kylie Markle on Sept.

PRAYING FOR YOU—We will send our wishes for recovery to David Mascione this week. Before his illness, "Mac" was a hard-working volunteer at The Branches. The card is on the table in the parish hall if you would like to add your signature.