



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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FAREWELL to George & Lorrie Zitnay

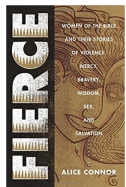
Today will be the last Sunday that George & Lorrie will be with us at St. Mary's. We would like to wish them God's blessings on their new home and thank them for their many contributions to our church. Please join us for a Potluck Coffee Hour after the 10 AM service in their honor.

Blessing of the Animals



All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small... To mark the celebration of St. Francis, on Saturday, October 6th, we will have our traditional animal/pet blessing on the church lawn at 10 am. We will welcome your pets (dogs, cats, hamsters and rabbits, *et.al.*). If the weather is inclement, we will meet in the church hall. On Sunday, October 7th, we will have another animal blessing...of stuffed animals...at both services. Most children love stuffed-animal

toys, made with plush fabric or soft cloth. Lots of grown-up love them too, but sometimes we are shy to admit it. These animals, though they don't breathe like our pets, do bring comfort and encouragement. So, bring your stuffed animals to church next Sunday.



The women's movement has yielded hundreds of books, newspaper articles and television interviews that have lifted women of all races and backgrounds from their being discredited, diminished and ignored to headline news. "I don't know why we've got such a history of men refusing to hear women's voices or sharing power." Reading that quote you might think that it was said in the context of events of this past week. But no, it came from the chapter that we are exploring today about, of all people, Eve in Genesis. When it comes to faith issues, the advent of feminist theologies has recovered the feminine dimensions of church history and Biblical narratives from the depths of obscurity and silence to new levels of awareness. Alice Connor is one of the spokespersons. Now I realize and accept that this area of discussion may not interest some folks and maybe even lead to contentiousness, but what I can say is this – openness and attention to this perspective will bring new insights to what is engaging our world today. kg



Pledge cards for 2019 are due back on Sunday, October 7th! 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 box in the aisle or in the plate. Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of St. Mary's, Stone Harbor!

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This week at St. Mary's, Sept. 30,

TODAY 9 am Adult Forum

TUES 8 pm AA meeting

WEDS 5 pm Choir
6:30 pm conTEXTS

FRI 10 am Alanon

SAT 10 am Pet Blessing

SUN 8 & 10 AM Stuffed Animal Blessing



Birthday Blessings to

Janice Barna and

Brenden Bond today!



ST. MARY'S SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

resumes on Thursday, October 11th at 11 AM in the parish hall.

Bring your brown bag lunch & ideas for programs /speakers or topics that would interest you. This will be an organizational meeting to outline future monthly programs. Soft drink refreshments will be provided. *All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend.*



Most people who know me know that I am not one to watch many sports games. I will, on occasion, watch the Phillies (if they're

having a good season) or the Eagles (again, subject to their season). But I was surprised two weeks ago to read that the veteran footballer Vontae Davis, cornerback for the Buffalo Bills, suddenly retired from his football career of 10 years in the middle of a game. Probably nobody is surprised that the decision is costing him a heap of money in forfeited income for this year. But Davis says it was the right move after all -at-once admitting to himself that he wasn't physically up to playing anymore, and he declares himself at peace with his choice. I thought – wow, that was a pretty courageous move on his part! And, it raises some questions about how you and I make some important (and, at times, sudden) life decisions. Even if you are nonathletic like me, maybe you might find this topic worthy of discussion. Let's peruse it together for just an hour at conTEXTS, Wednesday, October 3rd, 6:30-7:30 pm in the parish hall. kg



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!

Church of the Advent ECW is holding their **Fall Luncheon Game and Card Party** on Tuesday, October 23rd at Aleathea's Inn, Cape May. Information and tickets are available on our parish hall bulletin board.



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.

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?

Let the church office know if you can help with either of the above. Thank you!



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!



FAMILY PROMISE FUNDRAISER— "At Your Service" will be hosted by The Windrift Resort on Thursday, Oct. 4th from 6:30 to 9:30. Hors

d'oeuvres, Tapas, music, dancing, a Silent Auction featuring local artists, and a Live Service Auction will be enjoyed. \$25 per person. Reservations: 609-846-7862 x9, or send a check to Family Promise, 505 Town Bank Rd., N. Cape May.

STONE HARBOR GARDEN CLUB FASHION

SHOW will be held at The Yacht Club of Stone Harbor on October 7 at 11:30 am. Tickets \$40. A flyer is on our parish hall bulletin board with details about the show and purchasing tickets.