



"The voice of the sea speaks to the soul." ~Kate Chopin



There is Nun Like Her!

"This year for Mother's Day I am looking at the most valuable gift a mother can give to her children, the gift of life. Children who cherish this precious gift of life given them at birth can in turn show their appreciation by developing their talents and wisdom and become persons who enrich our world. What children do with their lives is the gift they give back to their mothers." ~God Bless you all, Sr. Albertine

Sisters of Saint Joseph Celebrate 100th year at St. Mary's by-the-sea



Shoreham Motel

In 1898, Philadelphia Fairmount Park commissioners wanted to add to their parkland holdings in upper Wissahickon. For \$20,000, the Sisters of Saint Joseph transferred part of their land at Mount Saint Joseph. The following year, they built Saint Joseph's Convent, a summer home in Sea Isle City. As the years passed, the ever-growing community found it could no longer accommodate all of the sisters. When the furnished, old Shoreham Hotel in Cape May Point became available for \$9,000, a deal was soon made. Pastor Father McDermott of Philadelphia's Saint Mary's Church settled the deal and financially provided for the sale. The retreat home Saint Mary's-by-the-Sea became a reality. Located at the southern most tip of New Jersey, its serene setting lends inspiration to its many retreats.

Adding to its rich history, the home was temporarily used as a military barracks during World War II for the troops stationed at the camp now inhabited by the Cape May Point State Park.

For 100 years, through combats and hurricanes, the retreat house has endured, providing a quiet place for prayer, rest, and reflection and one of the few scenic sanctuaries where sunrises and sunsets can be enjoyed from the same spot overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

Above:
c.1895) When it opened in 1890, the Shoreham Hotel was the last hotel to be constructed in Cape May Point. The Sea Grove House and the Cape House were still open at that time, but the Shoreham is the only hotel structure that has survived to this day. Since 1909 it has been owned by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and converted into their summer retreat house. *Courtesy of the Cape May County Historical Society.*

Below:
c.1895) The Shoreham Hotel, built in 1890 at the extreme eastern end of Cape May Point, had an immediate influence on the development of this part of the town. In no time a half dozen huge new homes sprung up nearby along Beach and Harvard Avenues. *Courtesy of the Cape May County Historical Society.*

St. Ann's Honors Choir

March 29, 2009 ~ Cape Music Educators, inc. presents Cape May County Elementary & Junior High School Honors Choir at the Performing Arts Center in Cape May Court House. Sr. Marie & Sr. Albertine have been directing their choir together for 13 years.



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1997 ~ Laura Six, Debbie Mattera, Lynn Pierce, Sr. Albertine, Kevin McGarry, Sarah Miller, Stephanie Mancuso



1999~ Laura Six, Justine Palmer, Cara Manlandro, Front: Kaitlyn Smith, Eileen McGarry, Stephanie Mancuso, Sara MacCulloch



{now}

2009~ Caitlyn Nanos, Katherine Fiore, Amanda Rossi, Ashley Hennessey, Barry Hennessey, Addison Wetzel, Isabella Nunamacher, Maggie Peters, Mia Capozzoli, Stephanie Roach Sr. Albertine