

Wednesday Information – November 11, 2020

Dear friends,

This morning we celebrated a special Eucharist to honor our military veterans who have served this country. Here is an excerpt from the tribute written by Fran Karns and Bill Gay:

“Today, Veterans Day, 2020, we honor 5 Veterans, of the over 20 Veterans who attend St Martha’s, and the half dozen names on our weekly Prayer List who are on Active Duty by presenting them with a Quilt of Valor made by St. Martha’s Stitches.

St. Martha’s connection to the Quilt of Valor Foundation began in 2014, when our Carol Boebel recruited members and friends of our parish to sew Quilts of Valor for the annual Operations SEAs the Day Warrior Family Beach Vacation Week that St. Martha’s has continuously supported with fund raising concerts, families to host the visiting Warrior Families, wedding vow renewal services, and much more.

This initial St. Martha’s quilting effort has now expanded beyond supporting Operation SEAs the Day, with a goal of honoring all the Veterans attending St. Martha’s.

As we show our appreciation for our Veterans, we also wish to recognize the spouses and family members who interrupted their lives to support these Veterans as they completed their military service. We wish them all God’s Peace.”

We are deeply grateful to our veterans for their service, and we are grateful too to our team of Quilt-makers, whose efforts have resulted in five beautifully made quilts of valor which were blessed today and then given to our veterans.

The veterans to receive a quilt were Hal Barber, Frank Bell, Clem Edgar, George Jones and Bill Parler. Three of them - Frank, Clem and George - were present at church to receive them. [Here](#) are photos of them taken today with their new quilts.

We thank them for their service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nation.

With blessings,

Father David

Upcoming events at St. Martha's

Coffee Hour

Sunday, **November 15, at 11 am Coffee Hour** online will be hosted by Father David. A link will be provided in the Saturday Inspiration email.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, **November 16, at 7 pm** online. A link will be sent to Vestry Members by separate email.

Bible Study

Tuesday, **November 17 at 1 pm**. A study of Exodus, Chapters 17-19 led by Dianne Burlew. Meet in the Parish Hall. Masks and physical distancing required.

Art and Faith

Tuesday, **November 17 at 7 pm**. Our final session will contemplate "The Prodigal Son" by Rembrandt. The evening will conclude with Compline. To join the group, please contact Father David at davidberesford@gmail.com.

Handbell Choir

Wednesday, **November 18, at 1-2 pm** in the Parish Hall.

SMVBC

Thursday, **November 19th**, 3:00 – 4:00 PM. The book club is discussing chapters three and four of "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life", by Richard Rohr. If you would like to join the discussion please contact Rick Legeer at rlegeer@comcast.net by Thursday at 9:00 AM so you can be added to the zoom invitation.

A Quiet Day - "In Loving Service"

The life of the Church is rooted in the practice of discipleship and loving service. The Church has honored Mary as the first disciple of Christ and her example of loving service continues to inspire us today. As we enter the Advent Season, Father David Beresford will lead a silent retreat exploring the faithfulness and humility of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

At Memorial House, Rehoboth, Saturday, December 5 from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Admission is free, however donations are invited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jaelyn Hickman by email at admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org or by telephone on 302-539-7444.

Maggie's 4th Annual Coat Drive

Mimi Dupont's granddaughter has begun her annual coat drive. The economic challenges brought on by the pandemic have increased needs. All coats donated will go to local charities as they have in the past. New and gently used. Adults and children of all ages. Hats, gloves, and scarves are welcome, too. Drop off locations are Selbyville Middle School, where Maggie is now a sixth grader, Next Step Learning Center in Selbyville, Coldwell Banker in Ocean View, Milton Police Department, and the Frankford Town Hall. Mimi will be glad to pick up coats from St. Martha's, if that is more convenient for donors, or call Mimi at 302-228-2755. See Maggie's flyer [here](#).

Committee Updates

Outreach

Community Food Pantry, located at Salem United Methodist Church, is looking for volunteers to help with their monthly Friday food preparation and Saturday drive thru distribution. If you can help November 20 or 21, please contact Joyce Dennis (302-732-6565) or Myra Bare (302-732-9402).

Search

The Search Committee met on Monday, November 9. Editing is mostly completed and we are working with our webpage consultant to construct the Rector Search Page. Stay tuned...We are seeking parish input as we compile the list of qualities we seek in our new rector. If you have ideas about this, please email them to Tempe Steen, tbsteensr@gmail.com.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Campaign continues, and although we have had a healthy response this year, there is still hope that everyone will participate. Remember, no pledge is insignificant and every pledge is appreciated. Thanks to all who have contributed to date.

Flower Guild

Fr. David has approved the use of understated arrangements for the altar during Advent. **DECEMBER 20** is still available.

If you are interested in either of these available dates, please write or call Alice Anne Freund, 301-229-0799, or aafreund@verizon.net

Minutes from the October Vestry and Finance Committee meetings are now available. Click [here](#) to view the Vestry minutes. Click [here](#) to view Finance Committee minutes. If you would like to view any of the committee updates that were provided for the meeting, please contact the office.

October birthdays and anniversaries. Click [here](#) to view.

Seashell Ringers

Rehearsals have resumed! All COVID precautions are being taken to ensure the safety of the ringers. There is a need for 1 or 2 more ringers. No experience is necessary, and we will happily train you! Our rehearsals are held every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-2:00 in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Kemper

Please give by mail or website donate button

Please continue to support our mission work by submitting your pledge to St. Martha's Episcopal Church, PO Box 1478, Bethany Beach DE 19930 or give via the donate button on the website where there is a box to note your contribution purpose: <https://www.stmarthasbethanybeach.org/make-donation-or-pledge/>.

Prayer List

Bob Bauer, Ruth Simone, Ron Sutton, Kristen Jankowski, Martha, Wayne Argo, Paul Stutts, Justin Bence, James Moore, Jr., Evan Ballard, Cameron Vlassis, Charmaine Zoller, Tara Sprouse, Don Louk, Joey, Sara Suerose, Nancy Moore & family, Bill Ensor, Katherine Hobbs, Joe, Nancy Reed, Leigh Alexander Loeber, Ron Pickup, William L Brintnall, Laura N. Brintnall, Cuthie Family, Janice Fritsch, Kassandra Riddle, Sammy Schweers, Pauline Wise, Becky Warlow, Jean Bunker, Carolyn Clarke, Richard Hay, August Goeller, Bev and Jack Shubert, Margaret Duval, Marilyn Hoffman, Clari Hernandez, Lisa Carver, AJ Evans, Robert Hicks, Noel Tuck, Joanne Grant, Mimi Drew, John Conway and Keith Smith

For Our Serving Military: Quinn Barber, HM3 Kevin Murphy, Conner Warlow, Daniel Olnick

Prayer LIST – If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office at (302) 539-7444 or email admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org. The Prayer List is a way to ask for prayer from the whole congregation for a loved one who is dealing with a stressful issue such as chronic illness, job problem, or other personal problem. Only the person's name is listed. Names stay on the list for two months unless and until renewed.

Prayer CIRCLE – These volunteer prayer warriors pray for a person who has asked for urgently needed short-term prayer for a specific purpose like surgery or an upcoming medical test. These requests are confidential. You can email prayercircle@stmarthasbethanybeach.org for Prayer Circle intercessions. You can also contact Jaclyn at admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org or 539-7444. Voicemail messages are being monitored and you will receive a return call during normal office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm).

Pastoral CARE –If you have a pastoral care need, please call Elsa or Carol at (732) 216-6875 or contact the office using the email address or phone number listed above.

Pastoral Care EMERGENCY – Please contact Father David Beresford at (302) 468 9062.

Heavenly Father,
you are the fount and source of every blessing,
and you look with delight upon your faithful servants.
We thank you for the devotion and courage
of all those who have given military service for this country:
For those who have fought for freedom;
for those who have borne suffering of mind or of body;
for those who have brought their best gifts to times of need;
and who have entered into danger,
endured separation from those they love,
labored long hours, and bore hardship
in war and in peacetime,
for our sakes.

Give to us, your people, grateful hearts
and a united will to honor these men and women
and hold them always in our love and our prayers;
until your world is perfected in peace
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Have a wonderful week!

The Rev. David Beresford, 302-468-9062, davidberesford@gmail.com
Senior Warden Ron Kerchner, 609-424-7281, thekerchners@msn.com
Junior Warden Tina Edgar, 302-519-8688, tedgar543@mchsi.com
Secretary Mimi Dupont, 302-228-2755, mdupont228@yahoo.com
David Kemper, Music Director, 267-421-4453, dc.kemper@hotmail.com
Jaclyn Hickman, Administrative Asst., 302-539-7444, admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org