

Wednesday Information - April 14, 2021

Dear friends,

We are in Eastertide, the season which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Church gives us fifty days to celebrate Easter's joy, stretching between the Day of Resurrection and the Day of Pentecost, when Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit is fulfilled. Our Sunday gospel readings in the coming weeks provide a rich selection of sayings about Jesus and about his ongoing relationship with his followers.

Eastertide is a time of transition between Resurrection and Pentecost and then Ascension. It is a time for Jesus' friends to regroup and take in all that has happened. Henceforth their lives will be transformed as they rediscover their calling to proclaim the gospel.

Like the disciples, may you pledge yourself anew to the living God, by renewing your own relationship with Jesus and preparing the ground of your being to welcome the Holy Spirit. The power of God's new life is blowing through this Eastertide and now is a wonderful opportunity to shake off the dust of the past and prepare for the future.

May you receive the fullness of Christ's Easter blessings,

Father David

Join us as we worship together in person.

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:00 am & 10:00 am- Holy Eucharist

If you are unable to worship in person, please join us as we livestream.

To view the livestreamed service please click the Youtube link below.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SMVBC

St. Martha's Virtual Book Club resumes this Thursday, **April 15**, 3:00 – 4:00 PM by Zoom. We will study *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo for the next three weeks: April 15, April 22 and April 29. The first meeting will cover chapters one through four. Even if you have not read those chapters please join the discussion.

To learn more about the book club contact Rick Legeer at rlegeer@gmail.com or 301-758-7539.

In Person Bible Study

A study of the Book of Joshua, Chapters 8 & 9 on Tuesday, **April 20** at 1 pm. Led by Dianne Burlew. Meet in the Parish Hall. Masks and physical distancing required. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jaclyn Hickman by email at admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org or by telephone on 302-539-7444.

Vestry Meeting

On Tuesday, **April 20** in the Lighthipe Hall at 7 pm.

Movie Night

We continue our monthly movie night in the Church Hall, on Tuesday, **April 27** at 6:30 pm. Our next movie will be **Risen**, starring Joseph Fiennes. In AD 33, a Roman Tribune in Judea is tasked to find the missing body of Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead.

Art and Faith

Returns in May for a short season. Details to follow.

Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast will be held in the Lighthipe Hall on Wednesday, **May 12** at 9 am. Our guest will be the Right Reverend Kevin Brown, Bishop of Delaware.



Outreach

In April, Outreach is collecting personal care items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) to deliver to the Pyle Center. Items can be dropped off in the baskets by the church entrance. Monetary donations are also welcome. Be sure to put Personal Care in the memo line of your check.

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 April 16 or 17, please contact Joyce Dennis (302-732-6565) or Myra Bare (302-732-9402)



Camp Arrowhead is opening at 50% this summer. Some scholarships are still available. To apply, please contact Jaclyn Hickman at admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org to receive a copy of the scholarship form. When form is completed, please send to Josie Legeer at Jlegeer@comcast.net or mail to Josie Legeer 36310 Charleston Dr., Selbyville, DE 19975.

April 24 between 10 AM and 12 Noon is Parish Life Day at Camp Arrowhead. If anyone is

interested in attending and having a wonderful tour of Camp Arrowhead, please contact Josie Legeer at 301-801-2786. A car pool can be arranged."

Camp Arrowhead



As things begin to get back to normal, Father David would like to begin in person coffee hours. The first will be **May 2**. We will do the 8AM and the 10AM and will be outside. We are looking for volunteers. It will involve making coffee and bringing little nibbles that can be wrapped individually, such as a couple of cookies, a donut or a slice of pound cake. You get the idea. Also, cleaning up afterwards. Please let me know if you can help out on May 2nd or any other Sunday as we go forward. Also, let me know what service you can help with, 8 AM

or 10 AM. Thanks so much, Josie Legeer (jlegeer@comcast.net) or 301-801-2786

Prayer List

Bev and Jack Shubert, Marie Hogsten, Robert Hicks, Christine Mains, Carolyn Clarke, Jim Lucas, Jane Robbert, Cathy Jordan, Aiden Custance, Robin Weaver, Maria LaValle, Al Davidson, Ivette, Clari Hernandez, Paul Tarr, Diane, Elsa Fuentes, Madeline May and Joanne Boos

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 one month 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.

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*God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Have a wonderful week!

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