

## Wednesday Information - April 21, 2021

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Dear friends,

The Duke of Edinburgh, whose funeral took place last Saturday, had a lively faith and a questioning cast of mind. In 1982, he began a correspondence with Michael Mann, Dean of Windsor, on questions concerning the Christian faith. Prince Philip's faith was grounded in a practical application of the gospel truths, rather than in abstract theological ideas. In one letter, he writes, "Frankly I cannot see any criterion for acceptable actions unless they are based on Christ's teaching which I understand to be intended to benefit future generations. I would prefer to follow his teaching because I am convinced that it is right, rather than a means of getting a better deal in Heaven."

In effect, he is asking, do the gospels make sense? Are they useful? There is a humility underlying the Duke's approach. He is not seeking to find within the gospels a guarantee of a place in heaven for himself. He would be the last person to say, "I am saved." Leave all that to God, would be his reply, since I am saved not by my own actions, but by the grace of God.

He is thinking also of future generations. A generation of Christ's followers should leave the world in a better state for the next generation. Is that your experience? If Christ's teachings are the right ones, what actions can you do now to benefit those who follow you?

Now that the weather is turning warmer, St Martha's will be resuming in-person Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings from May 2. There will be two opportunities, once after the 8:00 am service and another after the 10:00 am service. The location will be the Lighthipe Hall and the deck outside. Tables and chairs will be provided. We will follow the rules for gathering: if you are standing up, you must wear a mask, but when you are seated, you can remove the mask to drink and eat. Keep a safe distance. (Note that the Zoom Coffee Hour has now ceased.)

From today I am away for a few days, and my place will be taken on Sunday by the Rev. Canon Martha Kirkpatrick. Please give her a warm welcome when she is here.

With Easter blessings

Father David

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***Join us as we worship together in person.***

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday, April 25, 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.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Martha's Virtual Book Club** continues on Thursday, **April 22**, 3:00 – 4:00 PM by Zoom. We are studying *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. On Thursday we are discussing chapters, 5-8. Even if you have not read those chapters please join the discussion. To receive the Zoom invitation or to learn more about the book club, contact Rick Legeer, at [rlegeer@gmail.com](mailto:rlegeer@gmail.com) or 301-758- 7539.

### ***In Person Bible Study***

A study of the Book of Joshua, Chapters 10 & 11 on Tuesday, **April 27** 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](mailto:admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org) or by telephone on 302-539-7444.

### ***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 on Wednesday, **May 5** at 7 pm. The Russian Icon of the Resurrection of Jesus. A Zoom link will be provided in next Wednesday's email blast.

### ***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.

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# Committee Corner

*What's new this week*

## 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 May 14 or 15, 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](mailto:admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org). to receive a copy of the scholarship form. When form is completed, please send to Josie Legeer at [Jlegeer@comcast.net](mailto: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 contract Josie Legeer at 301-801-2786. A car pool can be arranged."

## [Camp Arrowhead](#)

## Flower Guild

### GOING FAST

There are only eleven Sundays still available for honoring a person or event with altar flowers. This is a happy turn of events, but I wanted you to be aware of our shrinking numbers in case you wanted to remember someone this year.

The available Sundays are: July 25, August 15 and 22, September 12 and 26, October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21, and December 12 and 19.

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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](mailto:jlegeer@comcast.net)) or 301-801-2786

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## ***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, Joanne Boos, Cherisse, Jack, Dianna Irwin and Joan Kemper and family

**For the recently departed:** Charlie Kemper

**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](mailto: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](mailto:prayercircle@stmarthasbethanybeach.org) for Prayer Circle intercessions. You can also contact Jaclyn at [admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org](mailto: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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*We praise you and we bless you,  
our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,  
for you are with us,  
even when our eyes are closed to your companionship.  
Walk this day alongside the disconsolate and the despairing,  
open their eyes to your gentle illumination,  
and let their hearts burn within them  
at your invisible presence.  
To you, Lord Jesus,  
walking by our side,  
be honor and glory,  
now and for ever.  
Amen*

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**Have a wonderful week!**

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