

Wednesday Information - March 31, 2021

Dear friends,

When Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem on a colt, he is greeted by crowds of people, many of whom have gathered for the annual festival of Passover. Like those pilgrims who have come from across the Holy Land for their annual celebration, St Martha's will experience its own influx of visitors at our annual festival of Easter.

Already we are seeing signs of this, as last Sunday a number of new people came to church. This trend will continue in the coming weeks and months. It's a blessing for the church, although it presents us with a number of logistical problems, especially as we continue to observe physical distancing. God will continue to guide new people to St Martha's and our job is to make them feel welcome. Like the Greeks who came with the wish to see Jesus, we want them to know that "he is here!"

We have a growing army of Greeters and Ushers to meet the demands of Easter attendance. I am very grateful for the positive response to our "problem" of having too many people attending. Fortunately, we have a large Parish Hall to cope with any overflow. Technology will help as well, as we can livestream and project the service onto a large screen. At the 9 am and 11 am services on Easter Day, communion will be distributed by me to those in the hall (I have added two communion hymns to the service while I am doing this).

Looking ahead, additional weekend services may be on the cards. But for now, we will manage as best we can, giving heartfelt thanks to God that we are able to celebrate this great festival once again.

Have a blessed Triduum,

Father David



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- THURSDAY APRIL 1** 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Solemn
MAUNDY Watch before the Blessed
THURSDAY Sacrament until Midnight
- FRIDAY APRIL 2** 3 pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
GOOD FRIDAY
- SUNDAY APRIL 4** 6 am **GREAT EASTER VIGIL**
EASTER DAY Lighting of the Paschal Candle
and First Holy Communion of
Easter
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist with Easter Egg
Hunt (by reservation only)
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Easter Egg
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If you are unable to worship in person, please join us as we livestream.

Please note, the 6 am Easter Vigil will not be livestreamed.
To view the livestreamed service please click the Youtube link below.



UPCOMING EVENTS

God and Us

Today, Wednesday, **March 31** at 7 pm. **“God and Us”**. Our final session of our online Lent course takes place this evening at 7 pm.

Session Six: **God our Friend**

In Person Bible Study

A study of the Book of Joshua, Chapters 2, 3 & 4 on Tuesday, **April 6** 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.

Men’s Breakfast

The next men’s breakfast will be held in the Lighthipe Hall on Wednesday, **April 14** at 9 am.

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 **The Way**, starring Martin Sheen. A father heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the "El camino de Santiago," and decides to take the pilgrimage himself.

St. Martha's Virtual Book Club will resume Thursday, **April 15, 3:00 – 4:00 PM**. The Club will discuss **White Fragility** by Robin DiAngelo. DiAngelo challenges conventional views held by many White Americans on race. Both conscious and unconscious attitudes are scrutinized, often with outcomes opposite to common thought. The book was a N.Y. Times best seller for over a year, reaching #1 frequently.



Weekly chapter assignments will be detailed shortly. **White Fragility** is available at Amazon (e-reader and hard copy) and other online stores. If possible check out local bookstores. To get on the Club's Zoom meeting list, contact Rick Legeer at rlegeer@gmail.com or 301-758-7539.



Outreach

Outreach is having our **Diaper Drive** during the month of March. Donations of diapers (pull-ups size 4 girls, pull-ups size 5 and larger boys) can be dropped off at St. Martha's or at Wincy Jackson's home: 18 Morgans Turn, Ocean View. Monetary donations for diapers are also welcome. Checks can be made out to St. Martha's with diapers in the memo line.

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 16th or 17th**, please contact Joyce Dennis (302-732-6565) or Myra Bare (302-732-940).



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 contract Josie Legeer at 301-801-2786. A car pool can be arranged."

[Camp Arrowhead](#)

Flower Guild

The order has gone in for the flowers and plants for the Garden of Gethsemane for Maundy Thursday and for the variety of flowers and plants for Easter Sunday. The Easter arrangements will remain in place through Sunday, April 11th. They will then be ready for distribution to those who designated them as memorials.

We have a few open dates upcoming for those who would like to remember a person or event with a Sunday arrangement – April 18, May 2, May 16, and May 30. Please write to Jaclyn at admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org or call her at 302-539-7444 if you would like to reserve one of those date.

There are additional live palms and palm crosses in the kitchen if you would like one.

Covid-19 Vaccination Program

Beginning April 6, all Delawareans 16+ will be eligible for the Covid-19 Vaccine.

Click [here](#) for more information.



The office will be closed on Monday, April 5th.

Prayer List

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

For the recently departed: Barbara and James Myhre

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.

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/>.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
set your passion, cross and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living,
rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord
and to us sinners forgiveness,
and everlasting life and glory.
Amen.

Have a wonderful week!

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