

Weekly Update

October 4, 2023

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

8 am & 10 am*

Celebrant: Reverend Victoria Pretti

If you are unable to worship in person, please join us on Youtube.

*To view the livestream service please click the link below.



Seashell Ringers Practice

Wednesday, October 4 at 1 pm.

Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 4 at 7 pm.

Stitch & Sketch

Friday, October 6 from 10 am to 1 pm. We have knitters, painters, quilters and many other crafters who gather to stitch, craft and socialize. All are welcome.

Book Study

Sunday, October 8 in between services, 9-9:45 am in the parish hall. Continued discussion on "Learning to Pray", by James Martin.

Yoga

Monday, October 9 at 9:30 am in the parish hall. \$8 drop in. Bring your own mat, blanket, block and/or strap. Some will be available.

Bible Study

Tuesday, October 10 at 1 pm in the parish hall. This session focuses on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Yoga

Tuesday, October 10 at 5:30 pm. This is a beginner's class starting with the basics for anyone new to yoga or just looking for a gentle practice. \$8 to drop in.

Upcoming Events



Harvest Fest Potluck

Thursday, October 19 at 5 pm
Parish Hall

This is your chance to use all those delicious harvest foods! Be creative! Sign up for your choice of appetizer, side dish, main course or dessert. We will also need some help to set up and to clean up.

Sign up sheets are available now.



Men's Retreat

Saturday, **October 28** from 9 am to noon. A discussion will take place regarding the formation of a men's group that will focus on spirituality.

Outreach



Come and join the Crop Hunger Walkers on the Bethany Beach Boardwalk, Wednesdays, Sept. 13 to Oct. 11th at 10am. Meet the walkers at the Bethany Beach Christian Church at 10am and walk on the boardwalk to support ending hunger. Donations can be made by check with CWS on the memo line before Oct. 8th and placed in the offering. Cash donations can be placed in an envelope with Crop Walk on the outside. There will also be a final walk on Oct. 15 at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 2:30pm. 25% of all donations support our food pantries in Sussex County.

Announcement

St. Martha's Healing Ministry



We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to be trained to pray with people for healing and other requests during the services (before, after, or at Communion time, TBD) on Sunday mornings and at occasional Healing Services. This is a new ministry that we feel God is calling us to and we would love for you to join us by serving Christ in this way. If you're interested and/or have questions, please contact Rev. Ria or the office. An initial meeting will be planned once we have a team of volunteers.

Church Directory Photographs

If you have recently been added to the directory and would like to include your photo or you've been in the directory for awhile and just want an updated one then here are the options to make that happen.



1. The easiest option is to look for Wincy Jackson after services. She will be available this week and the following 2 weeks to take photos. You can find her on the way to the parish hall after both services.
2. Email a photo of your choosing to the [office](#) and we will add it to the directory for you.
3. Upload a photo yourself. If you don't already know how to access the directory online, please click the link below.

[How to access Instant Church Directory](#)



Are you 72 or older? Have you lost the ability to fully deduct charitable contributions because you no longer itemize federal income tax deductions? Do you make donations to St. Martha's regularly? If you answered yes to these questions, you may want to consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD is generally a non-taxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA to St. Martha's or other qualified charities. A QCD reduces your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and thereby reduces taxes. If you are receiving a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, a QCD can be used to satisfy the RMD. Please consult your tax advisor or tax return preparer to determine if a QCD could benefit you.



A hearing aid was found this past weekend in the Nursery. If it belongs to you or think you might know who it belongs to, please contact the office.

Stewardship Update

Please note the information below has not changed from last week. Updated figures will be available in next Wednesday's email.

As of date	Amount Pledged for 2024
9/17/2023	\$25,300.00
9/26/2023	\$72,820.00

Pledgers who:	Number
Increased their pledge	7
Pledged the same	17
Decreased their pledge	1
New pledgers	6
Totals	31

A big thank you to all those who have submitted their pledge cards thus far. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



MEETING MINUTES

Finance

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