

Weekly Update

March 6, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

8 am & 10 am*

Celebrants: Reverend Victoria Pretti and
The Rev. Deacon Chris Miller-Marcin

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

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



This week at

St. Martha's



Wednesday, March 6th:

- The Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Thursday, March 7th:

- Game night from 5:30 - 8 pm in the parish hall. Soup and salad beginning at 5:30 with games to follow.

Saturday, March 9th:

- Christian Yoga at 10 am. Please bring your own Yoga mat, blanket, and water. Abstain from eating 1.5 hours prior to class. This is a gentle beginner class. Participants must be able to get up off the floor by themselves. \$10/class.

Sunday, March 10th:

- Book Study will continue the Lenten devotional book, "A Book of Hours" by Thomas Merton. They will meet in the Narthex in between services from 9 to 9:45 am.

Monday, March 11th:

- Yoga at 9:30 am. \$10 drop in. Bring your own mat, blanket, block and/or strap. Some will be available.

Tuesday, March 12th:

- Qigong class at 9:30 am in the parish hall. Qigong is a mindful movement practice that helps us to calm our minds, balance our emotions, and feel more energized. These gentle movements can be done seated or standing and is accessible to everyone. Bring a yoga mat, if you have one and some water. Suggested class donation: \$10.
- Bible Study at 1 pm in the parish hall. They will continue reading the Gospel according to Matthew.
- Yoga at 5:30 pm. This is a beginner's class starting with the basics for anyone new to yoga or just looking for gentle practice. \$10 drop in.

Wednesday, March 13th:

- The Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Lenten Prayer, Soup & Salad at noon. St. Martha's and Bethany Beach Christian Church will be co-hosting at BBCC.
- Seashell ringers practice at 1 pm.
- Finance Committee Zoom meeting at 4 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events

Lenten Prayer, Soup & Salad

Wednesdays at Noon



February 21st : St. George's United Methodist Church

February 28th: Ocean View Presbyterian Church

March 6th: St. Matthews's By the Sea

March 13th: Bethany Beach Christian Church &
St. Martha's Episcopal Church

March 20th: St. Ann's Catholic Church

A free-will offering will be accepted
for the Emergency Fund of the
Southeast Sussex Ministerium
providing housing, utilities and
medication for those in need.



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday (3/24): Services 8 am and 10 am

Tenebrae (3/26): Service at 7 pm

Maundy Thursday (3/28): Service with Potluck Dinner at 6 pm. Sign up sheet in the parish hall.

Good Friday (3/29): Service at 3 pm. The Church will also be open from 9 am to 3 pm for private prayer and Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday (3/31): Services at 8 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am



SMHBC March Meeting

The March meeting of the book club will be held on Thursday, April 4th from 3 - 4 pm. The book of the month will be *Broken for You*, by Stephanie Kallos. In April, they will resume their normal schedule of the 4th Thursday of the month and will meet on April 25th.

Outreach

A big “thank you” to the wonderful St. Martha’s Parishioners who made **The Way Home** clothing drive a huge success. Outreach received more than 100 pair of socks, plus dozens of pairs of underwear, t-shirts, sweat shirts and pants. Other items of clothing were also donated.

The next Outreach Project in March will be the Diaper Drive for the IRSD Pantry. Outreach accepts monetary donations and buys the diapers needed in bulk. If you would like to donate to the diaper drive, you may put your check in the offering plate with Diapers on the memo line. Cash donations are also fine. Just put your donation in an envelope with Diapers written on the envelope.

Remember to save your aluminum pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House!

Flower Guild

During Lent, we do not have flowers in front of the altar on Sunday morning, but will use an arrangement of dried materials, signifying a more somber time in our church life. As in the past, we will add something each week to keep the arrangement interesting and fresh. A clue will be included on the preceding Wednesday, and you are invited to find the addition the following Sunday morning. **Hiding in plain sight – a rugged cross. Next Sunday, a symbol of new birth.**

Easter is coming; don’t forget to fill out a form for donating a plant in honor or memory of a loved one. Forms will be in front of Jaclyn’s office or in your Sunday bulletin.



Robert W. Radtke
President & CEO

February 22, 2024

The Reverend Victoria Pretti
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Dear Mother Pretti,

Thank you for the extraordinary support from St. Martha's Episcopal Church over the last year.

In 2023, the war in Ukraine, the fires in Hawai'i, the Israel-Hamas war, and other disasters and crises called for urgent, bold, and inclusive humanitarian action. These crises exacerbated the ongoing struggles in too many communities across the world that face injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change.

At Episcopal Relief & Development we believe systemic change requires collaborative, just, and reconciling leadership. Moreover, we believe the present state of the world does not fulfill the dream God intends either for us or the most vulnerable.

St. Martha's Episcopal Church's generosity and partnership enable us to bring these beliefs to life and demonstrate that by *Working Together for Lasting Change*, we can make the world more just and humane. Your leadership in encouraging that generosity means more to me than I can express.

May you have a blessed and peaceful Lent.

Faithfully,