

Weekly Update

March 20, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

8 am & 10 am*

**Celebrants: The 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 20th:

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell Ringers practice at 1 pm.
- Scholarship Committee meeting at 2:30 pm in the conference room.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Thursday, March 21st:

- Becoming Beloved Community meeting at 1 pm in the parish hall.
- Outreach Committee meeting at 2 pm in the parish hall.
- Vestry meeting at 3 pm in the parish hall.

Sunday, March 24th:

- Book Study will conclude 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 25th:

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

Tuesday, March 26th:

- 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 a gentle practice. \$10 drop in.
- Tenebrae Service at 7 pm.

Wednesday, March 27th:

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell ringers practice at 1 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE



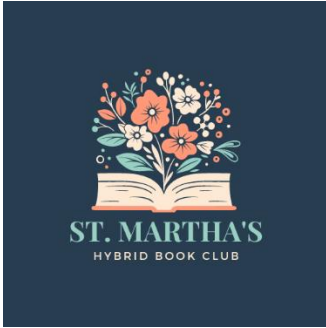
Palm Sunday (3/24): Services 8 am and 10 am

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.



You're Invited

2nd Annual Informational Brunch

Here We Grow Again!

April 6, 2024

10am-12pm

American Legion Post 28

31768 Legion Road, Millsboro, DE 19966

Please join us for a morning of fellowship and information about the state of family homelessness in Delaware and the role of Family Promise of Southern Delaware in addressing this crisis.

Brunch is free, but a donation would be appreciated.

Proceeds will directly benefit families in Sussex County.

RSVP to <https://givebutter.com/FPSDEBrunch> or call Carolyn at 302-278-0020



GAME NIGHT

JOIN US
April 18, 2024
5:30 - 8pm

Sandwiches and salads from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
with a variety of games to follow

Sign up sheet is in the parish hall.

Outreach



March is the Diaper Drive for IRSD, SVDP, and Union Wesley UM Pantries. 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. **You found it – our final addition was a blue crab.**

Thank you St. Martha's and Bethany Beach for being a gift to all of us. Last chance to donate a plant in honor or memory of a loved one. The forms for donation are in front of Jaclyn's office or at the entrance to Church.

Announcements

Christian Yoga

The class scheduled for **Saturday, March 23rd** has been canceled. Please stay tuned for further information on when these classes will resume.

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. If so, make your lump sum pledge as soon as you are able.