

# Weekly Update

## April 3, 2024

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Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 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



#### Thursday, April 4th:

- St. Martha's Hybrid Book Club at 3 pm in the parish hall. This month's book is *Broken for You*, by Stephanie Kallos. If you would like to attend by Zoom, please contact **Rick Legeer**.

#### Friday, April 5th:

- Stitch and Sketch from 10 am to 1 pm in the parish hall. We have knitters, painters, quilters and many other crafters who gather to stitch, craft and socialize. All are welcome.

#### Sunday, April 7th:

- Book Study will begin a new book, "Open Mind, Open Heart" by Thomas Keating. They will meet in the Narthex in between services from 9 to 9:45 am.

### Monday, April 8th:

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

### Tuesday, April 9th:

- Qigong 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. Done seated or standing and is accessible to everyone. Bring a yoga mat if you have one, and some water. Suggested donation: \$10.
- Bible Study at 1 pm in the parish hall. They will continue reading the Gospel according to Matthew.
- Hospitality Committee at 2 pm in the conference room.
- 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.

### Wednesday, April 10th:

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell ringers practice at 1 pm.
- Finance Committee at 4 pm (Zoom).
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

## Upcoming Events



## 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.



## Capital Ringers

Delmarva's Community  
Handbell Ensemble

WISH YOU WERE HERE?

# Springtime in Paris

APRIL 20-MAY 5  
REHOBOTH BETHANY DOVER  
HARRINGTON MILLSBORO EASTON

Go to [CapitalRingers.org](https://CapitalRingers.org)  
for dates, venues  
and ticket info

The Capital Ringers will be performing at St. Martha's on Saturday, May 4 at 4:00 pm.

Tickets can be bought ahead of time or at the door.

\$20 per person; 18 and under is free.

Check out [capitalringers.org](https://capitalringers.org) for more details.



## **Celebrating Talent** **Saturday April 20 and Sunday April 21**

Everyone has talent and here at Martha's many have talents that no one even knows about! This is your chance to share your craft.

Do you quilt, knit, paint, draw, make jewelry, bake, garden or any other craft? You are welcome to bring craft to display or sell on Saturday, April 20th from 11-2 and Sunday April 21st in between services and at coffee hour. Sign up sheet is in the parish hall. Any questions call Pat Long 302-841-8898.



# Outreach



Outreach thanks all the Parishioners for contributing to the March Diaper Drive. In April Outreach will be donating personal hygiene products. We have enough monetary contributions to purchase these, but if you have soaps, shampoos, or other items that you would like to donate, Outreach would be happy to take them to the pantries and The Way Home.

A big “thank you” to the person who donated two pounds of aluminum tabs, approximately 3,200 tabs. Remember to save your aluminum pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House!

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# Announcements



Beginning April 7th, members of St. Martha's Healing Prayer Ministry will be available to offer brief private prayers during Communion time on Sunday during the 10 am service. Prayer Team members will be stationed in the narthex (entryway, near the fish). Please receive Eucharist first and then proceed to the narthex if you wish to avail yourself of this ministry.

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## Easter Flowers

Thank you once again to those who donated towards our beautiful Easter Flowers. You are welcome to take them home on Sunday after the 10 am service to enjoy some more. Regular altar flowers will resume April 14th.

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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.

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