

Weekly Update

August 14, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

8 am & 10 am*

Celebrant: The 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.



This week at

St. Martha's



Wednesday, August 14th:

- Seashell Ringers practice at 1:15 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Thursday, August 15th:

- Qigong at 9:30 am in the narthex. 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. This class is led by Rev. Ria. Drop ins welcome, by donation.
- Becoming Beloved Community meeting at 1 pm in the parish hall.
- Hospitality Committee meeting at 2 pm in the parish hall.
- Vestry meeting at 3 pm in the parish hall.

Friday, August 16th:

- Stitch and Sketch will meet 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.
- Scholarship Committee meeting on Zoom at 11 am.

Monday, August 19th:

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

Tuesday, August 20th:

- 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.
- 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, August 21st:

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Seashell Ringers practice at 1:15 pm.
- Choir practice at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events

AUGUST
15TH
7:30 pm

RESCHEDULED

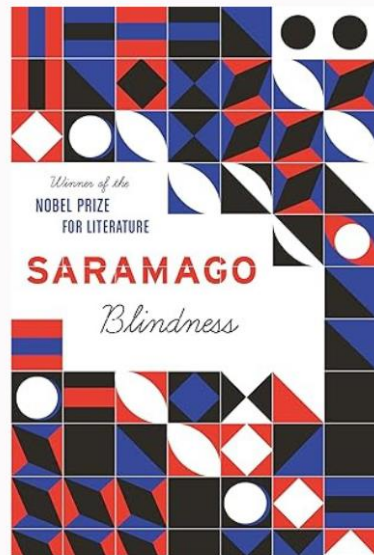
CELTIC TO CLASSICAL
WITH FLUTIST PAM PECKO SMITH

@ St. Martha's Episcopal
Thursday, August 15th, 7:30 PM

Due to an illness among the performers, the Celtic to Classical concert originally scheduled for tomorrow at 7:30 pm has been rescheduled to **Thursday, August 22nd, at 7:30 pm.**

www.celtictoclassical.com

St. Martha's Hybrid Book Club



Thursday, August 22nd
3:00 - 4:30 pm
Parish Hall or Zoom

If you wish to attend via Zoom, please contact
Rick Legeer at least a week prior to the meeting
to receive the link and further instructions.

Book Summary: *Blindness* by José Saramago is a harrowing tale that explores the descent of society into chaos following a sudden epidemic of blindness that strikes an unnamed city. The narrative delves into themes of fear, isolation, and the struggle for survival, painting a stark picture of humanity under duress. Saramago's unique writing style and profound insights into human nature make this a thought-provoking read.

Reading the book is encouraged but not required. All are welcome to join us for a stimulating and engaging discussion.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Women's No Agenda Lunch

Friday, August 23rd
Grotto's at 12:30 pm

Contact Tempe Steen with rsvp and/or questions. 302-542-5623



 **Join Us for the 2024 Jeff Jackson Golf Outing and Luncheon!** 

Are you ready for a day of fun on the greens? Whether you're a seasoned pro or just a beginner, we welcome everyone to participate in this exciting event. And if golf isn't your thing, you're still invited to join us for lunch at the clubhouse!

Don't miss this chance for an enjoyable day of community and camaraderie.

Check out the [attached](#) registration form for all the details. Copies of the forms can also be found in the Narthex. The completed forms and fees can be placed in the plate or returned to the office. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 18th.** Any questions, please contact [Bill Freund](#).



Are you or a loved one looking for ways to maintain independence while aging in place? South Coastal Village Volunteers can help!

**Join us
Monday, August 26th
1 - 3 pm**

**St. Martha's Episcopal Church
117 Maplewood Street, Bethany Beach**

Come discover how this incredible organization brings together neighbors helping neighbors in a supportive community.

This event is free and open to all! Come out to learn how you or someone you care about can benefit from these wonderful services. Let's build a stronger community together!

POSES FOR PEACE



Advanced/Beginner Christian Yoga Class



Thursday, August 29th & Saturday, September 28th

10 am - 11 am

**St. Martha's Episcopal Church
Bethany Beach, DE**

A "love" donation will be accepted to pay school tuition for a 16 year old girl in Rawanda. Any questions, please contact Gari Lewis. (860) 985-2761

BOOK SALE

St. Martha's
Episcopal
Church

Saturday,
August 31st
9 am to 1pm

117 Maplewood Street
Bethany Beach

A SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE PARISH HALL. PLEASE CONSIDER STOPPING BY AND SIGNING UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR SET UP AND/OR TO WORK THE DAY OF THE SALE! THE MORE VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE THE LESS WORK FOR ALL INVOLVED.

St. Martha's Divine Confections



September 7, 2024
10 am to 5 pm

Attention all bakers, it's time to dust off your aprons and put your baking skills to work!

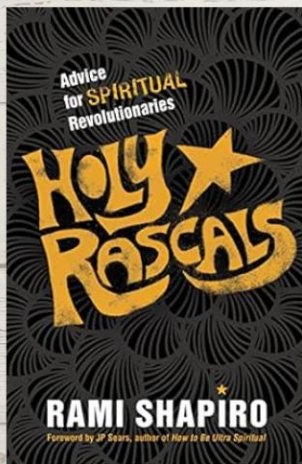
The 46th Annual Bethany Beach Boardwalk Arts Festival is right around the corner and we need lots of volunteers to fill our beloved St. Martha's Divine Confections Booth with plenty of sweet treats to sell. We also need volunteers to help, sort, price and transport the items, set up tent and display the baked goods, and work the booth on the day of the sale.

Volunteer Sign-Up: There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for those who wish to contribute their time and talents.

We appreciate your support and look forward to a successful and enjoyable event!



Sunday Book Study



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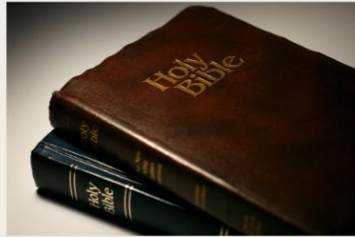
September, 8th

Between Services in the
Narthex

Bible Study

LED BY REV. RIA

NEW FORMAT OF PRAYER, REFLECTION AND
FAITH SHARING BASED ON THE NEW TESTAMENT.



STARTS
Tuesday,
September 10th
1:00 PM



Bishop Brown's Visitation - September 15th

Join us for a single service at 9 am on September 15th as we welcome Bishop Brown. If you'd like to be confirmed or officially received into the Episcopal Church after being confirmed in another denomination, please contact the office or see Rev. Ria for more information.

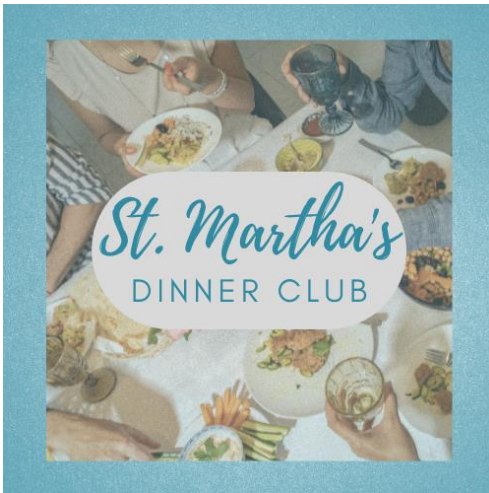
Outreach



Outreach appreciates all the donations to the Backpack and School Supply project again this year. Deliveries have been made to Phillip Showell and John Clayton Elementary Schools and the staff was very appreciative. It gives all students a chance to begin the new school year with the items they need. Outreach is purchasing school supplies and clothing items for students in need at Selbyville Middle School. If you want to donate, you may put a check in the offering with school supplies on the memo line or put cash in an envelope with school supplies on the outside.

Please continue to bring your aluminum pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Announcements



Join St. Martha's Dinner Club!

Groups of 6-8 adults will gather monthly from October to January for dinner and socializing, giving us a chance to connect away from church.

Home Groups: Each month, a different person/couple will host the dinner and provide the drinks and entrée, while others bring the rest of the meal.

Restaurant Groups: Each month, a different person/couple will host and arrange the restaurant.

Sign up by September 15th in the parish hall.

Questions? Contact Wincy Jackson at 302-381-8638/wwjax77@gmail.com, or Carolyn Smith at 302-542-0325/cgsmith6@comcast.net.



We are excited to announce that registration is now open for Church School! Classes will begin on Sunday, September 22nd. Drop off will be at 9:45 am in the Children's Room. Click [HERE](#) for registration forms. They can also be found in the Narthex and outside of the office. Regular attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory. Completed forms can be placed in the plate or submitted to the office. For those interested in volunteering to assist Deacon Chris, a sign up sheet can be found in the parish hall and the attached [form](#) can be completed and submitted to the office.