

Weekly Update

October 2, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Animals

October 6, 2024

8 am and 10 am*

Celebrants: The Reverend Victoria Pretti and
The Deacon Reverend 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



Friday, October 4th:

- Stitch and Sketch gathers 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.

Sunday, October 6th:

- Sunday Book Study between services in the Narthex. Join us we continue discussing *Holy Rascals* by Rami Shapiro.
- Blessing of the Animals. Bring your well-behaved pets to either service for a mid-service blessing. Pet pictures or plush pets are also welcome. Less well-behaved pets can meet Rev. Ria at the Church entrance on Maplewood Street after the 10 am service for a blessing as well.
- Crop Walk at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Gardens at 3 pm. 35318 Church Road, Frankford. Join St. Martha's walkers or just listen to the music.

Monday, October 7th:

- Yoga at 9:30 am. \$10 drop in. Bring your own mat, blanket, block and/or strap. Some will be available.
- Parables of Jesus from 10:45 am-12:45 pm in the parish hall. An approximately 10 minute film followed by a discussion and a simple meal. Sign up sheets in the parish hall.

Tuesday, October 8th:

- 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.

Wednesday, October 9th:

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.
- Finance Committee Zoom meeting at 4 pm.

Upcoming Events

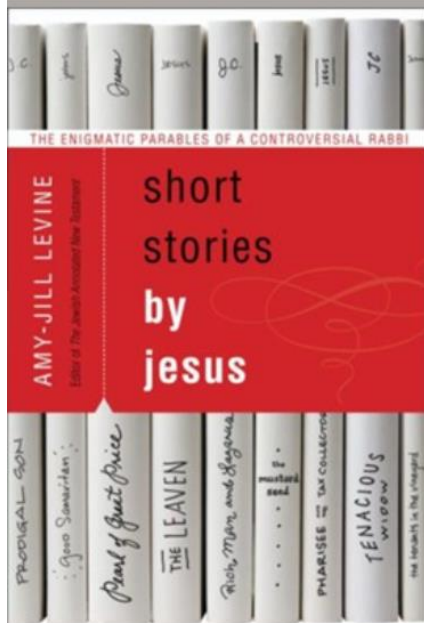
PLEASE NOTE UPDATED TIMES BELOW.

Parables of Jesus

Short film, discussion
and light lunch

Mondays from 10:45 - 12:45 pm

- October 7th
- October 14th
- October 21st
- October 28th
- November 4th
- November 18th



Sign up sheets in the parish hall.



A sign up sheet will be available in the parish hall on Sunday. There will be soup and sandwiches at 5:30 with a variety of games to follow. Come join the fun!

A Documentary Film

The Philadelphia Eleven

OCTOBER 19, 3:00 P.M.

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL
Englehard Theater
Middletown, Delaware

RSVP: www.bit.ly/Phil11



The Episcopal Church in Delaware

The Philadelphia Eleven

On Saturday, **October 19**, at 3:00 p.m., The Philadelphia Eleven documentary will be screened at St. Andrew's School in Middletown. This powerful film chronicles the courageous journey of the first women to be ordained as Episcopal priests in 1974, despite facing immense opposition.

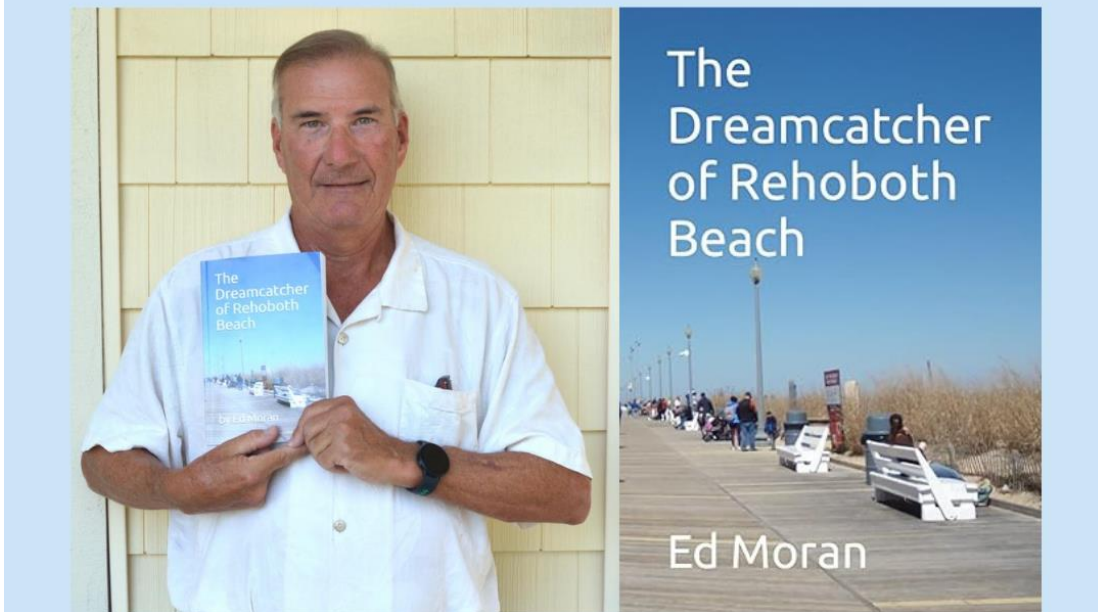
The screening will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by the Rev. Louise Howlett and Canon Marianne Ell, where attendees will have the chance to ask questions and delve deeper into the film's themes.

Advance registration is required, so we encourage everyone interested to reserve their spot soon. **RSVP [here](#)**. Information for the event can also be found on our website, **[here](#)**.

St. Martha's Hybrid Book Club
Thursday, October 24, 2024
3 - 4:30 pm

The Dreamcatcher of Rehoboth Beach

Author, Ed Moran will be joining us for this month's discussion.



This intriguing story weaves together the charm of the Delaware shore with a mystery involving a legendary artifact, rich history, and unforgettable characters. If you love stories that explore the power of dreams, the past, and human connection, you won't want to miss this!

Whether you've read the book or not, all are welcome to join the discussion. We're thrilled to have Ed Moran with us and hope for a great turnout to celebrate this local literary gem!

PEACE POLE INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OCTOBER 27, 2024



Join us at the 10 am service after which interested parishioners and guests from the Nanticoke nation, the Latino community, the Unitarian Universalist Church and the Mayor of Bethany will process to the corner of Maplewood and Pennsylvania to witness the installation and blessing of our Peace Pole. To be followed by coffee hour in the parish hall.

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|  NOVEMBER 2ND 9 AM - 1 PM NOVEMBER 3RD AFTER 10 AM SERVICICES. |   |  |
|  | HOLIDAY MARKET | |
| ST. MARTHA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 117 MAPLEWOOD ST., BETHANY BCH. | | |
|  | Open to any and all crafters. If you would like to reserve a space please contact our office. (302) 539-7444 |  |

**Any questions please contact Pat Long (302) 841-8898.
Signup sheet in the parish hall or call the office.**

ANNUAL MEETING



NOVEMBER 10

SINGLE SERVICE
9:00 AM

MEETING TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL.
A CATERED LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT
THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING.

A Ministry Fair will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

**Please stop by the parish hall and sign up if you are planning to attend.
We need a head count by November 1st for the caterer.**

Outreach



Celebrate the Crop Hunger Walk and listen to the music or walk the gardens at Our Lady of Guadalupe this Sunday, 10/6, at 3pm.
Contact Fran McElvey for questions: 703-501-0056

**Our Lady Guadalupe Catholic Church
35318 Church Road
Frankford, Delaware 19945
3:00 PM**

Remember your aluminum tabs!

Announcements



Soft Space

Note to families with small children: We have a *soft space* available on the carpet in the Narthex. Please feel free to allow children to grab a bucket with items to occupy them during services. The items in the bucket can be taken home, but please leave the bucket for future use. They are also welcome to join our Church School during the 10 am service. The room is located between the office and the parish hall. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:45 am.

St. Martha's Lighthipe Scholarship

The Mary S. Lighthipe Fund is a \$4million gift, originally for the establishment of a private school in Ocean View. That concept failed and Mary's gift reverted to St. Martha's and is managed by the Trustees of the Diocese of Delaware. The interest from the investment is provided to St. Martha's quarterly.

The funds are used in many ways for both inreach and outreach. As part of outreach, a proposal for a scholarship to provide a life-changing opportunity to a resident in the attendance area of Indian River High School and currently attending or a graduate of the high school. The award is intended for a student who seeks to pursue additional education and, hopefully, stay in the community. The requirements stress need and will assist the student to attend one of the local advanced education schools-Del Tech, Beebe School of Nursing, University of Delaware, Delaware State University, or Salisbury University (instate tuition).

The Scholarship Committee (Steve Hawald, John Robbert, Wincy Jackson, Ron Peña, David Moore and Tempe Steen) has developed a mission statement, website, application, evaluation process and basic tools for public relations and marketing. You will see the "rack card" with information in the Church and in the community.

We are seeking volunteers interested in sharing this opportunity with the larger community, through churches and other entities, as well as directly with Indian River High School, beginning in October.

We are also seeking volunteers interested in participating in the evaluation of applications in the Spring of 2025.

If you are interested or have questions, talk to any of the committee and sign up in the parish hall.

VOTE
faithfully

Introduction — Start here!

Getting souls to the polls isn't just about casting our own vote but helping everyone eligible vote faithfully. We can empower every voice in our congregations in this work. There are A LOT of resources, ideas, and ways to act captured on this page. Doing election engagement well does not mean taking on everything there is to do and being overwhelmed. Effective election engagement begins with looking at what your community's needs are, what resources, skills, and interests you and your church have, and then proceeding based on how that capacity can help meet those needs.

For some, this may be offering your parish as a polling site, for others it may mean election worker recruitment. For many it's persistent messaging in newsletters and bulletin boards, for others it's organizing child care on voting days. Whatever your path, we hope you are inspired to do more as a faithful Episcopalian modeling healthy and constructive civic engagement. All election engagement work must be non-partisan, and please heed local laws, election details, and Episcopal safe church practices as you promote voting.

Read on...

Celebration of Life for Mary L. Allen

A memorial service in honor of Mary will take place on October 19th at 11:00 am PDT, at Christ Church Episcopal Parish in Lake Oswego, OR. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed on [YouTube](#). Click [HERE](#) to read the full obituary.