

Weekly Update

September 25, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude performance by the Seashell Ringers

September 29, 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



Wednesday, September 25th:

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

Thursday, September 26th:

- St. Martha's Hybrid Book Club from 3 - 4:30 pm in the parish hall. This month's book is "The Wind Knows My Name", by Isabel Allende. All are welcome to join us for discussion. Reading the book is encouraged but not required.

Friday, September 27th:

- Ladies No Agenda Lunch - Join us at 12:00 noon at The Cottage Cafe on Rt.1, Bethany Beach. RSVP and questions to Tempe Steen (302) 542-5623.

Saturday, September 28th:

- Poses for Peace- an advanced beginner Christian Yoga class. 10-11am for a "love" donation to pay school tuition for 16 yr. old girl in Rwanda. Led by Gari Lewis. Any questions, please contact Gari at (860) 985-2761.

Sunday, September 29th:

- Sunday Book Study between services in the Narthex. Join us we continue discussing *Holy Rascals* by Rami Shapiro.
- Commissioning of Church School volunteers during the 10 am service.

Monday, September 30th:

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

Tuesday, October 1st:

- 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 2nd:

- Men's Discipleship Group will meet from 8 - 9 am in the conference room.

Upcoming Events

Racism being in the forefront of conversation today - Are you concerned about racism but unsure what to do about it? Wonder why people often seem to see things differently? Words like equity, bias & privilege confusing to you?

Consider registering for

"Dialogue Toward Ending Racism"

Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice sponsors this **FREE** program.

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

**Pet Blessing
Sunday!**

October 6, 2024

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 in the parish hall or parking lot after the 10 am service for a blessing as well.



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 will a variety of games to follow.
Come join the fun!

WagsWitchesAndWarlocks.com



The Annual Halloween Festival of Bethany Beach

Wags, Witches & Warlocks

Saturday, October 26, 2024*

- 8:00am** **Puppy Yoga Begins at Town Park**
St. Martha's Episcopal Church - \$25 pre-registration required
- 9:00am** **Registration Begins at the Bandstand**
\$10/dog, \$20/individual, \$40/groups of 4 or more
- 10:00am** **Parade Begins, Garfield Parkway**
- 11:00am** **Costume Contest Awards Presentation**
 Funniest Scariest Cutest Best Pet
 Best Family Best with a Pet Most Original

11am - 1pm Trick-or-Treating

Trick-or-Treat & Halloween fun through town. Businesses with flags are participating!

Costume Contests | Halloween Games | Pet Adoption | Much More!

*Rain Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Arndt Valuation
Bed & Biscuit Kennels
Bethany Beach Books
C&B Complete Cleaning & Constr.
CK Capital Management
Coltman Family Foundation Inc.
DiFebo's Restaurant
Esham Painting
Gail Phelan, Realtor

Liz Kapp, Realtor
Long & Foster Sales
Long & Foster Vacation Rentals
Lords Landscaping & Mercantile
Marnie Custom Homes
Miken Builders
Parsons & Robinson, P.A.
Prosperity Mortgage, JR Burns

Ridgway Law
Scarlet Green & Family
Scott & Shuman, P.A.
Seaside Home Staging & Design
Shore United Bank, Pete Green
Tickled Pink of Bethany Beach
Todd Vickers, Realtor
Wayne Lyons, Realtor
Yuppy Puppy

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.

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



Donations for the Crop Hunger Walk help to support local pantries and food insecurities around the globe. Donations are welcome and can be a check with Crop walk on the memo line or cash in an envelope with Crop Walk on the Outside.

You may also donate online: Go to www.crophungerwalk.org
Search: South East Sussex Delaware
Search for St. Martha's Episcopal Church
Your Captain is Fran and John McElvey

Join the Crop Hunger Walkers for a short walk on Bethany Beach Boardwalk on Wednesdays at noon. Meet at the Disciples of Christ Church which is the first building on the left across the street from the post office.

Keep bringing in your pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House!

Announcements

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.



Week 2 was another success!
Our numbers are growing but there is room for more.
Please confirm each week if you would like to play.
Contact John by 9:00AM on Mondays mornings: Jhgrannis@gmail.com
This is not a league. There is no commitment to bowl every week.



SPRINGPOINT CHOICE is a retirement program that allows the member to stay in his or her home with help provided when necessary. The care can range from occasional visits to a live-in companion. If the need ever arises for Assisted Living, Memory Care, or Skilled Nursing, the member can move to The Moorings without

an additional entrance fee or increased monthly fee. **To learn more about this program, there is an information session, with lunch, at the Lewes Yacht Club on September 26 from 11-1.** The registration deadline is September 23rd. Flyers and a brochure are available on the ledge in front of the office. Please help yourself.

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...

Memorial Service



Kevin Jesnick Memorial Service

It is with sadness that we report Kevin Jesnick, son of Richard Jesnick, previous long time parishioner, recently passed away. There will be a memorial service held on Saturday, September 28th at 1 pm. The service will be at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Silver Spring, Md with a reception to follow.

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.
