

# The Weekly Word

## November 27, 2024

Please join us on Sunday for Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024  
Services at 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, November 27th

- OFFICE CLOSED

#### Thursday, November 28th

- OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

#### Sunday, December 1st

- Sunday Book Study in between services in the Narthex. For Advent, we will read and discuss *Radiant Dawn*, by Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca.

#### Monday, December 2nd

- Yoga at 9:30 am. \$10 drop in. Bring your own mat, blanket, block and/or strap. Some will be available.
- Bowling at 4 pm at Millsboro Lanes. If you would like to play contact John Grannis before 9 am (jhgrannis@gmail.com) This is not a league, so no weekly commitment.

### Tuesday, December 3rd

- Bible study at 1pm in the parish hall. We are reading and reflecting on the Gospel of John. This is a new format of prayer, theological reflection and faith sharing. Please join us anytime!

### Wednesday, December 4th

- 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

*Christmas Luncheon*

Tuesday, December 10th at 11:30 am  
Cripple Creek Golf & Country Club

*Lunch is served at 12:30 pm*

\$28/person, \$23/Bell Choir Members

*Let's celebrate this festive season with food, fellowship,  
and a special performance by the Seashell Ringers!*

Please pick up a form from the parish hall to complete with your meal selection and return with payment by Wednesday, December 4.



Attention bakers, dust off your aprons and bring your baking supplies out of storage, it's time to get to work and create delicious Christmas cookies and treats! We need LOTS of bakers as well as volunteers to help set up for the book sale and work the day of the sale. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. Please consider lending your time and/or talents to help make this event a huge success!

*Do your heart and soul need a softer,  
quieter celebration of Christmas this year?*

Please join us for "Blue Christmas" on  
Wednesday, December 18th at 4pm.

We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with scripture, music, sacrament,  
candlelight and a gentle prayer ritual. All are welcome to find a little  
extra peace and hope this holiday season.



## POSES FOR PEACE

Christian Yoga Class  
(modifications for beginners)



**Friday, December 20th  
9:30 am - 10:30 am**

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

A "love" offering will be accepted.  
Any questions, please contact Gari  
Lewis, certified Yoga instructor.  
(860) 985-2761

# Church School Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 22nd during the 10:00 am service

Visiting children are welcome to participate.



## Christmas Eve Service at 5 pm

The Rehoboth Concert Band Brass Quartet  
will begin performing at 4:40 pm.

*There will be no services on Christmas Day*

# Outreach



“Thank You” to all the Parishioners who purchased Thanksgiving food and gift cards for our needy families at the local schools. If you were unable to sign up for Thanksgiving, you can sign-up for the Angel Tree Gifts. We will begin decorating our Angel tree this week with the 10 students from Showell Elementary, Clayton, and SMS. Stop by the parish hall and check it out!

**Camp Arrowhead** begins on-line registrations for summer camp weeks on December 1. **Don't miss out getting the week your camper wants!**

**Collection of Pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House ends the end of November. Remember to bring in your tabs to St. Martha's.**

# Stewardship

**Pledge Update as of November 20, 2024**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount Pledged</b>	
29	\$94,010	<i><b>Increase</b></i>
33	\$67,750	<i><b>Same</b></i>
10	\$17,450	<i><b>Decrease</b></i>
13	\$27,220	<i><b>New</b></i>
85	<b>\$206,430</b>	<b>Total</b>

The year is quickly coming to an end! If you haven't already submitted your pledge card for 2025, please do so soon. Cards are available on the table outside of the office and on the welcome table when you enter Church.

## Announcements



### Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias and other Christmas plants will be placed in the sanctuary a few days before Christmas. The flowers will be available to take home following the 10 o'clock service on January 5th.

If you would like to donate, please complete a form and place in the collection plate on Sunday or put in the basket outside the church office along with your gift. The plants average \$25.00 each. Forms will be included in the service booklets on Sunday. If you are not able to come to the church, please call Jaclyn at (302) 539-7444 or [email](#) and mail your check to the church.

The cut-off date to order is **December 16th.**

# Maggie's 8th Annual Coat Drive

## Locations:

### Selbyville Public Library

11 S Main St. Selbyville, DE 19975

### Frankford Town Hall

9 Main St. Frankford, DE 19945

### Coldwell Banker

89 Atlantic Ave. Ocean View, DE 19970

1131 S Salisbury Blvd. Salisbury, MD 21801

12207 Coastal Hwy. Ocean City, MD 21842

6405 Coastal Hwy. Ocean City, MD 21842

### Next Step Learning Center

2 Church St. Selbyville, DE 19975

### Millsboro Bowling Lanes

213 Mitchell St. Millsboro, DE 19966

**We can pick up if you aren't able  
to drop them off!**

**Text us at 3025421464**

CELEBRATE AND HELP  
THE COMMUNITY THIS  
WINTER SEASON

ENDS: DECEMBER 31, 2024

FACEBOOK: MAGGIE'S COAT DRIVE

If you are interested in becoming  
a drop off location contact me at  
[mlbare9@icloud.com](mailto:mlbare9@icloud.com)

*Maggie Bare*

**Maggie Bare is Mimi Dupont's grand-daughter. Donations can be left in the bin in front of the office and Mimi will transport them to Maggie.**



## Upcoming Fundraising Events for Camp Arrowhead

Supporting these events helps raise funds to maintain and improve camp facilities, ensuring that future generations of campers can experience the joy of Camp Arrowhead.

- **Breakfast with Santa - December 7th & 8th**
- **Tea Luncheon with Santa - December 11th**

