

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2023



*Hollyfield Home – Original location of St. Martin's Episcopal Church
First Service – September 7, 1952*

OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

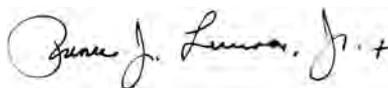
FROM THE RECTOR

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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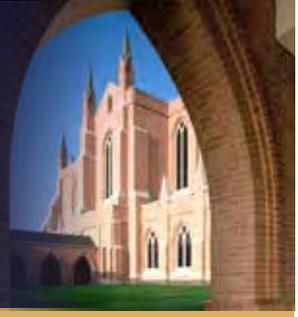
St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.

St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.

**indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers*

KICK-OFF Sunday

SEPTEMBER 10



Adults

8+ with the Rev. Marty Bastian

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

Theology for Life with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

“Blessed are Those who Know Their Need of God: A 12-week Survey of the Sermon on the Mount”

The Sermon on the Mount: Introductions – Matthew 5:1-2

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Spiritual Formation with the Rev. Sharron Cox

“Praying the Lord’s Prayer”

10:15-11 a.m.

Vestry Conference Room

Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex Graham III

Breakfast Club

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Game Room

Seekers with the Rev. Dick Elwood

Lectionary-based Bible Study

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Aerobics Room

*For more information about Adult Christian Education, contact Amanda DeViney at
713-830-4110 or adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Adult Confirmation with the Rev. John Sundara

10:15-11 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

*For more information about Adult Confirmation, contact email Juli Browning at
713-985-3845 or jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

7-1-7 Students

Sunday Get-Togethers

For students in grades 6-12

10:15-11 a.m.

Student Life Center, Living Room

For more information about 7-1-7 Students, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or students@smartinsepiscopal.org.

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

For children through grade 5

10:15-11 a.m.

Children's Life Center

Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through three-year-olds.

For more information about Children's Ministry, contact Rocio Velazquez at 713-985-3807 or rvelazquez@smartinsepiscopal.org.

Music Ministry

Young Singers of St. Martin's

For children and youth in grades 1-12

8:15 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center

9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center

For more information about Young Singers of St. Martin's, contact Carole Nelson at 346-335-8677 or cnelson@smartinsepiscopal.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

SEPTEMBER 11-16

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Sept. 11

10 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Sept. 12

9-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ministry

Wednesday, Sept. 13

10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Sept. 13

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or special tours of The Church windows, Christ Chapel or Campus gardens, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Sept. 13

4:30-6 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Sept. 13

7-9 p.m. | Children Life Center

Youth adults meet weekly for a time of fellowship and study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sept. 14

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 7-9 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal Hall

Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation. For more information, contact Dr. David Henning at 713-985-3820 or dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Men

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Sept. 14

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Women

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Sept. 13

9:15-10:30 a.m. | Student Life Center Living Room

Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study and fellowship. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Sept. 13

6-8 p.m. | Student Life Center

Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at 346-335-8659 or jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARIES

“I Shall Not Abandon God” by Johann Sebastian Bach

“Air” by Florence Price

The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

*HYMN 525 “The Church’s One Foundation”

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, “How long?”
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest,
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876).

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***G L O R I A** (*said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)

Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre -
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for
 he is thy health and sal - va - tion;
 join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and
 song, sound - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we heartily thank you that you put it in the hearts and minds of our forebears to establish St. Martin's Episcopal Church 71 years ago this week. With abundant joy, we offer our deep gratitude to you for all our Founding Members, both still with us and those who have gone onto that greater shore. We are profoundly grateful for all the blessings that the members, Staff and Clergy of St. Martin's have received, and for those outside our parish family who have been served by the ministries of our Church. As we step into the future, send down your Holy Spirit upon us to guide and inspire us to faithfully know, proclaim and serve our Savior Jesus Christ, that his Kingdom may be furthered, and his Good News spread far and wide to all. This we ask in the powerful and victorious name of the same, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies

are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 656 (vs. 1-2).....“Blest are the Pure in Heart”

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give
se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792–1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793–1861), alt.; Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691–1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The lectionary for the day is on pages 28-29.

*HYMN 656 (vs. 3-4).....“Blest are the Pure in Heart”

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Prisoners of Trust and Hope”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

THE NICENE CREED (*stand*)

Celebrant and People

**I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
 Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to
 the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and
apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our
Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy
of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the
Church of Ireland; for all bishops, priests and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our
Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and
hold authority in the nations of the World;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested,
especially ____; for those who are hospitalized, especially ____; and for
those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who
suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially ___; give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, ___; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 33 for upcoming events.

COMMISSIONING OF BARBARA PIANA AS VERGER OF ST. MARTIN'S

11:15 a.m. only

The Rector addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good and the edification of the Church. We are here to commission Barbara in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which she has been called.

Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church (VGEC) Representative

Since the early days of the church, laypersons have been commissioned to assist the clergy in the conduct of liturgy. The position of Verger developed in Medieval England where they served as the “escort and protector of the procession.” They walked before clergy, deans or bishops as they processed within the precincts of the church or cathedral. They carried a large mace or virge, used to dissuade animals or unruly people from disrupting the procession. Today the Verger typically assists the clergy in liturgy planning and helps in overseeing the preparations and execution of worship services.

Rector

The candidate may now be presented.

Presenters

We present to you Barbara to be commissioned as a Verger in this congregation.

Rector

Do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters

We believe her to be well qualified for this ministry.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

VGEC Representative

Has the person you present been prepared for her office by a commitment to Christ our Lord, by regular attendance at worship, by the knowledge of her duties, all to execute the office of Verger to the honor of God and the welfare of God's Church?

Presenters

We believe her to be so.

Rector

Barbara, you have been called to the ministry of Verger. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work in this congregation, perform it with diligence?

Candidate

I will.

Rector

Will you strive to maintain the dignity of this office and to be a witness of God's call to love and serve?

Candidate

I will.

Rector

Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your Clergy?

Candidate

I will.

Rector

Will those present do all in your power to support and uphold this person in the ministry of Verger?

People

We will.

Rector

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, bless the ministry of Barbara, give her understanding and patience to persevere in the fulfillment of her duties; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and the service of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING

Rector

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, bless and sanctify this symbol of the office of Verger. May it signify to us the holiness of worship, and our calling to serve you faithfully and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presenters

Barbara, accept this vestment and let it be worn with humility in the service of Christ in his church.

VGEC Representative

Barbara, accept this certificate and let it be a reminder of the love and support of your colleagues in the Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church as you begin your new ministry.

Rector

In the Name of God and of this Congregation, I commission you to serve as Verger in this Parish. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in Thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit Thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve Thee faithfully.

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AT THE PRESENTATION (*stand*)

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Psaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said by the Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM “Teach Me, O Lord”

Philip W. J. Stopford

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity; and quicken me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee. Amen.

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H Y M N “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Make me a chan-nel of your peace. where
 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It
 there is hat-red let me bring your love; where there is in-jur-
 there's des-pair in life let me bring hope; where there is dark-ness,
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in giv-ing to all
 y, your par-don, Lord; and where there's doubt, true
 on-ly light; and where there's sad-ness,
 men that we re-ceive; and in dy-ing that we're
 faith in you. Oh, mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er
 ev-er joy.
 born to e-ter-nal life.
 seek so much to be con-soled as to con-sole;
 to be un-der-stood as to un-der-stand; to be
 loved, as to love with all my soul.

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HYMN 178 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
 ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
 Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - viour.

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HYMN “As the Deer”

As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my
 You're my friend and you are my broth-er ev-en
 I want you more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly
 soul long-eth af-ter you. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire— and I
 though you— are a King. I love you more than an-y oth-er, so much
 you can— sat-is-ify. You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the
 long to wor-ship you. You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To
 more than an-y-thing.
 ap-ple of my eye.
 you a-lone may my spir-it yield.
 You a-lone are my heart's de-sire,— and I long to wor-ship you.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 562 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 2 At the sign of tri - umph Sa - tan's host doth flee;
 3 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;
 4 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
 5 On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap - py throng;



1 with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!
 2 on, then, Chris - tian sol - diers, on to vic - to - ry!
 3 Chris - tians, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod;
 4 but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 5 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song;



1 Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 2 Hell's foun - da - tions quiv - er at the shout of praise;
 3 we are not di - vid - ed, all one bo - dy we,
 4 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;
 5 glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, un - to Christ the King;

1 for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go.
 2 Chris - tians, lift your voic - es, loud your an - thems raise.
 3 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 4 we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 5 this through count - less a - ges we with an - gels sing.

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924), alt.; Music: *St. Gertrude*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842–1900).

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister says the Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY “Grand Triumphant Chorus”
 Félix-Alexandre Guilmant

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their wedding

by Mary Wade Harrington and Colton Cordale Harris

In thanksgiving for the 71st anniversary of St. Martin's Episcopal Church

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Charlotte, Parker and Pierce Gibbins
by their parents



BIRTHS

June 28

Juliet Elizabeth Peine

Daughter of Taryn and Andrew Peine



SYMPATHY

July 30

Julian Bell Hoffer

Aug. 18

Charles R. Church III

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication,
visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam
at relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENTExodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALM Psalm 149

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Robin Adair	Gladys Halbouty	Monica Rivera
Bobbie Adams	Mollie Hill	John Davis Roady
Carolyn Alban	JoLynne Huddelston	Kathryn S.
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Marilyn Ingham	Joan Scales
Patsy Angel	Nicole Jabbari	Suzzy Schuwerk
Judith Arnold	Mary and Jim Jennings	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Ally Babineaux	Mary Anne Kannard	Caroline Shanahan
Shelly Bain	Dick Kilday	P.K. Sharkey
Denice Bass	Amy Lacy	Clif Shoemake
Bob Beeley	Reggie Lang	Bob Spencer
Larry Biedenbarn	Rhea Latta	Jan and Jim Stokes
Cory Blackman	Stan Leong	Julie Stulken
Dianne Brown	Shawn Levenson	Paul Therrien
Kenny Brown	Patricia Levy	Carlotta Thomas
Nancy Burrows	Nancy Liles	John Treanor
Paul Case	Nicole Lockney	Christine Turner
Doug Clarke	Ryan Logan	Mae Joyce and Grant Wagner
Robin Cogdell	Marie Lord	Mike Webb
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Ronnie Martin	Charles Werlla
Michael Craig	Jeffrey Martinson	Walt Williams
Gail Davis	Jack Mayfield	Eric Zoerb
Marcella Davis	Deanna McCool	Beaux
Susan Davis	Janet McDaniel	Catherine
Tommy W. Davis	Sandra McHenry	Charlie
Bobby de Sosa	Barbara McMahan	Elizabeth
Linda de Sosa	Michelle McStravick	Eric and family
Don DeWalch	Margaret Milner	Henry
Ross Dunn	Kate Moorman	Holden
Kiersten Dyke	Stuart Nixon	Jay
Jim Easterling	Andrew O'Malley	Laura
Stacey and John Elliott	Bob Paddock	Len
Nancy Ellison	Jim Paddock	Lynne
Charles Flores	Judy Peach	Martha
Alan Funderburg	Carol Postal	Mary Jane
Cathy Gonzales	Stephen Preston	Susan
Nancy Gore	Ophelia Pujol	Tom
Joyce Gubbs	Heather Rathnau	
Shea Guinn	Ted Reed	
Cissy Gully	Marjorie Reeks	

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	Capt. Cody Horr	James W. Peoples
Lt. Col. Julian Benton	Maj. Wesley J. Hunnell	Lt. Paul Piana
1st Lt. Benjamin Brown	Dallas Wayne Hunter	LCMR David A. Pilko
Lt. Col. Chris Davis	2nd Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
Wesley Dodd	Staton Jobe	PO1 Brian M. Powell
Sgt. James Drury III	Lt. Cmdr. Kory Krebs	SPC Joel Rowell
James Eilers	Krystal Martinez	Maj. Christian Schleider
Major Parker Firestone	PV2 Wills Masterson	1st Lt. Grant Suter
Capt. Dom Flatt	Ensign Ben Morris	CPO Evan Tomlin
1st Lt. Will Golinkin	1st Lt. Jack Mullen	
LCDR Bradley R. Hoffman	2nd Lt. Alex Mullen	

SERMON NOTES

717 STUDENTS

CONFIRMATION

PARENT MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 10

12:30–2p.m. • Student Life Center

This is an information meeting for families with students in grades 8–12 who are interested in confirmation at St. Martin's. We will discuss all the components and expectations of this preparatory class.

Registration for confirmation is open Sept. 1–27 at bit.ly/studentconfirmation2024 and program begins Oct. 1.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at fritchier@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3843.



CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDY

A Bible Study for Any Woman Seeking God's Truth

2023–24 Registration Now Open!
clsbiblestudy.com

MORNING GROUP STUDY

Class Starts Thursday, Sept. 14

Thursdays • 9:30–11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom

For more information, contact Anna McLean at 281-782-0594 or amaynebr1@gmail.com.

EVENING GROUP STUDY

Class Starts Tuesday, Sept. 12

Tuesdays • 6:30–8 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom

For more information, contact Ann Wilson at 713-828-8722 or annwilson33@gmail.com.

SEASONAL DEVOTIONAL by the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

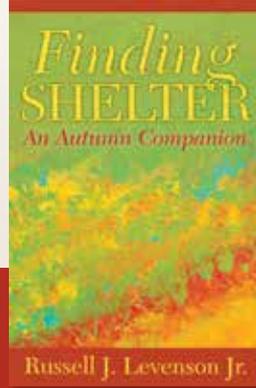
A portion of proceeds goes to support Outreach Ministries at St. Martin's.

Finding SHELTER

An Autumn Companion

“Russ Levenson’s Finding Shelter is a continuous gentle invitation to come to the table and to taste and see that God is good. Written with warmth and wisdom, these pages are good company on the journey of faith.”

– Amy Grant, Grammy Award Winning Recording Artist and Songwriter



Available in the St. Martin's Gift Shoppe and wherever fine books are sold. Dr. Levenson will gladly sign books for anyone who asks. For more information, contact Barbara Shoemaker, Gift Shoppe Supervisor, at bshoemaker@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3840.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES

CCSC Food Drive

Sunday, Sept. 10

Pick up your bags in

The Church Narthex and Parish Life Center Narthex

Drop off your filled bags next Sunday, Sept. 17 in the Bagby Parish Hall porte cochère. Food donations most needed are canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, and canned fruits and vegetables.

Contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3811 for more information.



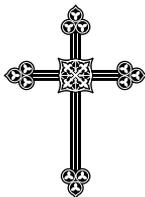
Joyful Living
JOYFUL  GIVING

**St. Martin's 2024 Stewardship
materials will arrive in homes soon
and we ask for your prayers.**

Scan this QR code or use this link
— *bit.ly/2024stewardshipletter* —
for a letter from our Rector, the
Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.



Questions? Contact Ashley Pratka,
Director of Development, at
apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 346-335-8658.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Activity Center

WRITING CALLIGRAPHY

Every Tuesday
Fellowship Room

9:30 a.m. | Beginner level
10:30 a.m. | Advanced level

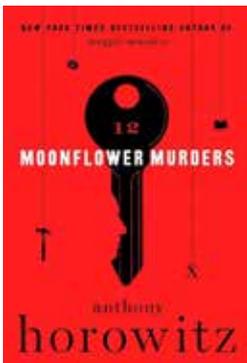
Learn the art of writing calligraphy in this fun class, now offering beginner and advanced levels! Attendees are welcome to stay for both classes. All supplies are provided for free. Sign up at bit.ly/smecactivitycenter

For more information, contact Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3835 or scambas@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



DAY GROUP

1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Sept. 13
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom



While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

This month, we discuss "Moonflower Murders" by Anthony Horowitz.

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

MEN of ST. MARTIN'S

Bible Study Kick-off Meeting

Featuring Guest Speaker
Dr. Paul T. Sloan

SEPT. 14 • 7 A.M.
BAGBY PARISH HALL



*Breakfast is available for \$8 at
St. Martin's Café starting at 6:45 a.m.*

Dr. Sloan will lead the first meeting of the fall with an introduction to the first book of the New Testament, the Gospel of Matthew.

For more information, contact Juli Browning at
jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3845.

★
STERLING'S
MARKET

2 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Saturday, Sept. 16 • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Rain or Shine • Sage and Woodway

Proceeds benefit St. Martin's Outreach Ministries in our community.

Sterling's Market is celebrating its 2-year anniversary!
Come enjoy the festivities and explore unique treasures
from local farmers and artisans.

 sterlingsmarket.org

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson Avery at
info@sterlingsmarket.org or 713-985-3838.

SERVANT SUNDAY



SUNDAY SEPT. 17

9 and 11:15 a.m. » THE CHURCH

9:15 a.m. Family Table, 11:15 a.m. Riverway » PARISH LIFE CENTER

St. Martin's honors its dedicated volunteers on Sunday, Sept. 17. Servant Sunday is an annual recognition of those who participate in the many volunteer opportunities at St. Martin's.

Please join us to celebrate our volunteers.

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-830-4116.

ACOLYTE TRAINING DAY

Sunday, Sept. 17

8 a.m.

Parish Life Center



Children in second through eighth grade can serve as an acolyte in the Family Table Sunday worship service. Training is for current and new acolytes and their parents.

Please reach out to Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam with any additional questions at relhakam@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-830-4146.

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

Monday, Sept. 18
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Student Life Center

*Ailiana,
blood recipient*



Schedule your next appointment.

bit.ly/smecblooddrive

Walk-ins Welcome!

For more information, contact Justin Jacobson Avery at
jjacobson@stmartinseiscopal.org or 713-985-3838.



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

**EAT.
DRINK.
BRING I.D.**



MEMBERSHIP 101

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

Bagby Parish Hall and Online • 6–9 p.m. • Dinner will be served.

Reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17.

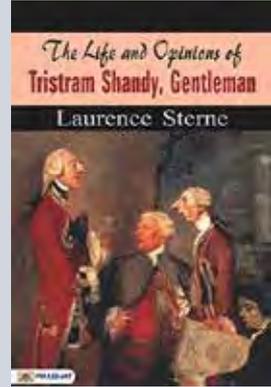
Learn more about the mission and core values of St. Martin's
and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your
role in the Church.

For questions or to R.S.V.P., contact Kathy Johnson at
membership@stmartinseiscopal.org or 713-985-3834.



EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Sept. 19 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Children's Life Center, Room 109 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom



While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

This month, we discuss "The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman" by Laurence Sterne.

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at adeviney@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-830-4110.



LUNCH & LEARN

SERIES FOR PARENTS WITH
YOUNG CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

Noon–1 p.m. • Children's Life Center, Large Pod

The Drama of Scripture: Reading the Bible as One Story

led by the Rev. Alex Graham III

St. Martin's Children's Ministry presents a new series developed especially for parents of young children. These discussions are designed to grow your love of Jesus and what it means to live according to God's Word.

Grab lunch from Café St. Martin's and join us for the conversations.

For more information, contact Ashley Monachelli at amonachelli@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3816.



Chef Cynthia Motton

PIZZA MAKING AND BAKING ESSENTIALS

Thursday, Sept. 21 • Parish Life Center, Kitchen
6–8 p.m. • Cost is \$75

Sign up at bit.ly/cafestmartinscooking1

Chef Cynthia Motton knows there's nothing better than indulging in a pizzeria-quality pizza at home. In this hands-on cooking class, Chef Motton will teach all the essential skills to make a delicious pizza dough from scratch.

For more information, contact Chrissy Kana at ckana@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3806.

FAMILY DINNERS



WELCOME BACK FAMILY DINNER

Sunday, Sept. 24

5–7 p.m. • Student Life Center

Registration: bit.ly/717familydinner | RSVP by Sept. 22

Students in grades 6-12 and their families are invited to join us for dinner hosted by Student Ministries staff. This is a great opportunity to share a meal and build community. There is no cost to this event.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3843

RIVERWAY

Celebration Sunday!

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries with Riverway!
Sunday, Sept. 24

Following 11:15 a.m. services
Parish Life Center Narthex

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. Everyone is welcome!

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@stmartinseiscopal.org.



ST. CLARE'S NEEDLEPOINT GUILD



Do you love to needlepoint?

Consider joining St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild. This guild welcomes stitchers of any skill level and teaches needlepoint from basic stitches to detailed and advanced work.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

1–4 p.m.

Activity Center Upper Hall East

St. Clare's also meets during the week. For more information, contact **Amanda DeViney** at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@stmartinseiscopal.org.



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[St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild](https://www.facebook.com/St.Clare'sNeedlepointGuild)



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARTIN'S WELCOMES

AMY GRANT

ECW FALL LUNCHEON

Monday, Oct. 2

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Childcare provided



SOLD OUT—THANK YOU!

This past spring, Grant released new music and her first single in 10 years, “Trees We’ll Never See.” ECW is delighted to welcome Amy Grant whose career spans more than 40 years and stretches from her roots in gospel music into becoming an iconic pop star, songwriter and television personality.



WAITLIST

To get on the waitlist, contact Valerie Rivera at vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3817.



THE GATHERING

For church members and others in our community who experience memory loss and their caregivers

September 25

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall



Sept. 25

Jane Vandiver

For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.

Men's Retreat

Featuring Joe Sweeney

Sept. 30 • 9 a.m.– noon • Student Life Center
(breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.)



Registration: bit.ly/smecmensretreat

Event cost: **\$25**

*Deadline to register: **Sept. 27***

Joe Sweeney has spent more than 40 years blending his love of business and passion for sports. He has owned, operated and sold numerous companies, and taken his knowledge from those experiences to create an executive coaching, speaking and training business.

For more information, contact Juli Browning at jbrowning@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3845.



COMMUNION INSTRUCTION CLASS

Sundays Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22

10:15–11 a.m. • Activity Center

This fall, over the course of four Sundays, the Rev. Alex Graham III and Lay Minister Eric Priest will teach children in second grade what communion (also know as the “Eucharist,” or the Lord’s Supper”) is about. Parental or significant adult participation is necessary to help children continue learning at home.

Registration: bit.ly/kidscommunionfall23

For more information, contact Rocio Velazquez at rvlazquez@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3807.



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St. Martin’s International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

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SHEPHERD'S GUILD



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