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Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

10:30 a.m.

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian, *Rector*

The Reverend Nathan Erdman, *Associate Rector and Chaplain*

The Reverend Dr. John Price, *Priest Associate*

Dr. HyeSung Hwang, *Director of Music Ministries*

Ms. Kathleen Schotto, *Seminarian*

Our mission is to gather as a welcoming community of Christ called to love and serve God, our neighbors and each other in joyful presence in the world.

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The Holy Season of Lent

The ancient Jewish tradition of penance, fasting and recognizing the ways in which we have separated ourselves from God is the backbone for the season of Lent. Exodus tells of 40 days where Moses repented and fasted in response to the people's making of the Golden Calf (see Exodus 34:27-28). Jews today observe a 40-day period of repenting in preparation for the celebration of Yom Kippur. Holy Scripture also tells us that after Jesus' baptism he went into the wilderness for a period of 40 days where he fasted and prayed. This is also the time when he was tempted by Satan (see Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13).

The 40 days that encompass the season of Lent begin with Ash Wednesday and stretch through Holy Saturday of Holy Week. During Lent Christians pay special attention to the ways in which we have not fully lived into our relationship with God and one another. **To this measure of self-recognition, we remember that God is ever-gracious and merciful to those who call to God with repentant hearts.**

Traditionally Lent has been marked as a time to give up something—usually something that is seen as a luxury in our lives. However, many Christians choose to take on a Lenten discipline along with the traditional self-denial. Both taking on and giving up are important spiritual disciplines during Lent. Properly undertaking a spiritual discipline should be designed to provide additional ways to bring you into closer relationship with God-- through an action of Christian service, a spiritual practice, or some other reminder of how our very lives can be witnesses to God's grace, mercy, charity and love.

This season of Lent St. Martin's is offering new opportunities for you to grow deeper in your faith, and deeper in relationship with your St. Martin's parish family, despite being physically separated due to the pandemic. See the announcements for details on how you can participate in these wonderful new programs. Join us as we journey through this holy season of self-examination, fasting, penitence, as we continue to be reminded of God's unending love for us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mattie" with a small cross symbol at the end.

Welcome to St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and The Hymnal 1982 (H).

All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God today.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - 10:30 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Peter Niedmann

OPENING HYMN: *The glory of these forty days*

H 143, v. 1 & 5



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP p. 351

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins; ***His mercy endures for ever.***

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

BCP p. 352

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Penitential Order begins our services during Lent and focuses on both our need to repent for our sins, and God's love and mercy to forgive us so that we may amend our lives and more fully live as the beloved children God created us to be.

The Collect of the Day "collects" our individual thoughts into unified prayer that we might respond to the lessons we are about to hear.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM EXODUS

20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:1-10

BCP p. 606

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

2:13-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Ms. Kathleen Schotto

Seminarian, Virginia Theological Seminary '22

MUSICAL REFLECTION: *Christe, du Lamm Gottes*, BWV 619

Johann Sebastian Bach

NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is the most ancient and important corporate confession of our faith. We are joining ourselves to the great heritage of the holy (of God) catholic (universal) and apostolic (witnessing to the resurrection) church down through the centuries.

**The Prayers
of the People**
remind us
that in our
worship we
are connected
to a larger
fellowship
- the Church -
the Body of
Christ, on
whose heart
lies the cares
and concerns
of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM II

BCP p. 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the Anglican Church of Congo; and we pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our bishops; for Matthew, Nathan, and John our clergy; and Kathleen our seminarian; and those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace, Brunswick; St. James, Mount Airy; and St. Paul's, Point of Rocks; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Joseph, our President; the Congress and Supreme Court of the United States; for Larry, our governor; the Maryland General Assembly; for Steuart, our county executive; pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Silence

Pray for those in any need or trouble. In our parish family this week we pray for Brian, Richard, Bob, the Sawyer family, the Sibbick family, Don, Sally, Chris, Dan, Lois, Matt, the Eveleth family, Kyle, Andrew, Cole, and Katherine.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all those affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health care providers, as they tend to those who have been infected; for those affected by natural disasters; for those whose lives have been forever altered by racial violence and for those who have seen their neighborhood host terrifying violence and astonishing destruction; for those who live in fear, remembering especially our Black brothers and sisters who have for decades cried out against injustice and not been heard by those with the power to make change; and for all those serving in our military and law enforcement communities.

I ask your thanksgiving for all who celebrate birthdays this week: Lila, Betsy, Kassy and Justin. And for Steve and Toni Michelsen who celebrate their anniversary this week.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

In thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given you, joyfully giveback to God to enable the mission and ministry of St. Martin's as we continue to serve our neighborhood, community and the world in the name of the risen Christ.

Please click the link in the livestream video to give, or visit stmartinsinthefield.com/giving.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: *There is a balm in Gilead*

L 203, v. 1 & 2

There_ is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed

whole; There_ is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And_ think my work's in vain,___ But___
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul,___ You can
 3. Don't___ ev - er be dis - cour - aged For___ Je - sus is your friend,___ And___

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain._____
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all._____
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend._____ **D.C.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

The Offertory Hymn is to be sung by the livestream cantor during the setting of the Table for Holy Eucharist.

The Sanctus, which begins, "Holy, holy, holy..." is a hymn of remembrance, consecration and praise where our voices echo the voices of the angels who eternally praise God with these words. Our worship also includes the **Benedictus**, "Blessed is he..." a Christological acclamation of the coming of Christ into the world, taken from Matthew's gospel.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***therefore let us keep the feast.***

INVITATION

Bishop Sutton has permitted the Celebrant ONLY, on behalf of the congregation, to consume the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

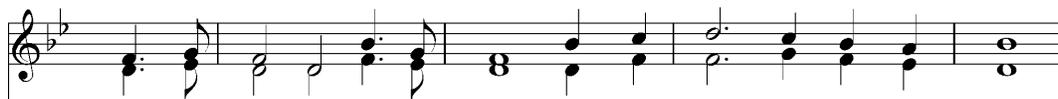
In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

BLESSING

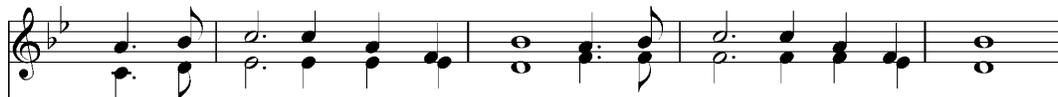
*The Post-
communion
Prayer
comes from
the prayer
book for the
Armed Forces
and speaks
to Spiritual
Communion
whereby the
assembled
congregation
spiritually
partakes of
the bread
and wine
while only
the celebrant
consumes the
elements.*

CLOSING HYMN: *Rock of ages, cleft for me*

H 685, v. 1 & 2



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Flute Piece*

William Hine

The Dismissal asserts the relationship between worship and living. It is a call to mission, a call to live the baptismal and Eucharistic life in the world.

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LENTEN OFFERINGS AND EVENTS

SUSTAINING PRACTICES: BALANCING YOUR LIFE IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

Tuesdays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Join Rev. Matthew on Tuesday nights in Lent as we learn about and practice six ways Christians throughout the centuries have kept and grown their faith in times of loss, pandemic, war and even peace. Each practice is way for us to find peace and balance in our lives while deepening our faith. Each 45-minute class will be accessible to folks from novice to expert. Join us for one or all of the sessions. For details or with questions please contact Rev. Matthew, rector@stmartinsinthe.org.

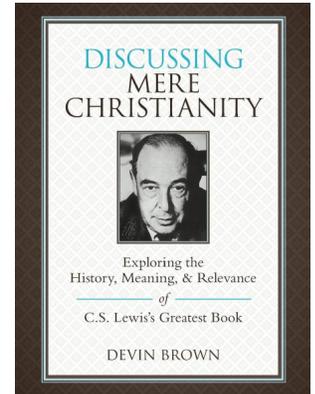


DISCUSSING MERE CHRISTIANITY

Thursdays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Join us for a Lenten study of C.S. Lewis' classic of Christian thought, *Mere Christianity*. We'll look at the life and work of C.S. Lewis, and some of the great insights of *Mere Christianity*. Lewis challenged his British readers to see the heart of Christian faith during a time of crisis in war-torn Britain. Those new to the book will discover Lewis' wonderful introduction to Christian faith for the first time. And Lewis fans will see his work in a new way, as *Mere Christianity* speaks directly to living our faith during unprecedented times. No prior reading or book purchase is required. For details contact Rev. Nathan, associate@stmartinsinthe.org.



FAITH AT HOME: LENT-IN-A-BOX

Sundays in Lent at 5:00 p.m.

This Lent we will come together via Zoom to deepen our faith and have fun together with Lent-in-a-Box. If you were not able to order a box you can still join in for the discussion. The projects and topics will be appropriate for every member of your family. Contact the church office, parishadmin@stmartinsinthe.org, for a list of supplies you will need and for the zoom meeting information.



WEEKLY VIRTUAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

All are welcome, anytime.

SHEPHERD'S GROUP | Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

Contact Susan Griesmyer, sgriesmyer@verizon.net.

THE BIBLE WORKBENCH | Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Register at stmartinsinthe.org/Parish-Life/Zoom

SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Register at stmartinsinthe.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR GRADES 6-12

Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Register at stmartinsinthe.org/Parish-Life/Zoom.

VIRTUAL CHOIR

Add your voice to our virtual choir. Contact

[Dr. HyeSung Hwang](mailto:Dr.HyeSungHwang@stmartinsinthe.org), music@stmartinsinthe.org.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. **If you think you or someone you know is suffering seek support today.** Online resources provided on St. Martin's [website](#). For immediate assistance call our office at (410) 647-6248 any time and follow the prompts for pastoral emergency.



St. Martin's-in-the-Field

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH OUTREACH COLLECTION - SPAN

Sunday, March 7

SPAN has been helping our neighbors through critical or emergency situations such as hunger, utility turn-offs, court-ordered evictions, and prescription/medical needs since 1990. SPAN is an acronym for Serving People Across Neighborhoods. SPAN's primary service areas include: Severna Park, Millersville, Arnold and Broadneck Peninsula. Although SPAN offers certain surrounding communities aid as well.



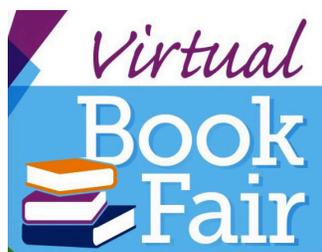
SPAN is proud to serve as an official Diaper Pantry in partnership with the *Walk the Walk Foundation*. The average cost to diaper a baby for a month is between \$70-\$80, and federally funded programs like WIC do not cover diapers. Emergency Baby Pantries are designed to bridge that gap for families struggling to provide essentials for their children. SPAN provides diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, diaper rash cream, and baby wash.

SPAN gladly accepts donations of above listed baby items as well as food and toiletry donations. **To support to this critical community organization please visit www.spanhelps.org/donate for a list of donatable items or give to our outreach collection this Sunday.** For questions or more information contact Larry Sells, larry.sells@verizon.net.

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

March 10-23

Parishioners are invited to support our St. Martin's Episcopal School (SMES) and experience the fun by visiting their Scholastic Book Fair online. The book fair connects students to notable books and inspiring characters — helping them become lifelong readers. Shop the over 6,000 products exclusively online this year. All orders ship direct to your home (with free shipping on book-only orders over \$25*).



All purchases help SMES reach their goal of 50% in rewards to add new books to the library, iLab and classrooms. You can also support teachers directly by shopping their individual wish lists. **Online shopping starts March 10-23:** <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=stmartinsdayschool1>

WINTER SHELTER

For the first time in 28 years, Arundel House of Hope (AHOH) was unable to ask community churches to host Winter Relief for homeless. Due to rising COVID infection rates, AHOH had to rethink how to safely shelter local homeless. With the help of the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) which provides federal funds for hotel, staffing, food, laundry, and transportation, AHOH Emergency Shelter was able to host 55-60 guests at the Red Roof Inn during the winter of November 2020-March 2021.



For the past 26 years St. Martin's has participated in the AHOH Winter Shelter program, hosting 20-30 homeless men for one week in Heck Hall in March. This outreach mission is a massive undertaking, involving the whole of St. Martin's campus and some 150-200 volunteers. Other groups join us in this work including Abundant Life Korean Baptist Church and the Boy Scouts.

Last year the COVID pandemic hit right before our Winter Shelter. Kathy Berge and her team of volunteers did a wonderful job of making the shelter happen during a time of uncertainty and risk. At the end of our week St. Martin's was asked by the AHOH to extend our shelter an additional week as Governor Hogan had implemented a shelter-in-place order for the state. Rev. Matthew Hanisian received permission from the Diocese that allowed the homeless to stay on campus, and AHOH provided staffing and meals for the men.

While St. Martin's couldn't offer hands on help this year Outreach gave \$6,800, typically spent during our Winter Shelter hosting week, to AHOH for COVID Relief. Additionally, we are already planning for **next year's Winter Shelter which will be March 14-21, 2022.** If you would like to get involved it's never too early to sign up, contact Kathy Berge today at helpingotherstowin@gmail.com. If you would like to help AHOH now by providing bagged lunches, here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0448AFA72CA02-alternate1>

COLLECTION FOR MASKS AND SANITIZER

Now through March 31

St. Martin's Episcopal School, partnering with *Reach Out and Service, LLC.*, is serving as a collection site for new (unused) face masks and hand sanitizer to help low income families in the Annapolis area. Items can be dropped off at the school office during school hours now through March 31. Contact the school for details at (410) 647-7055.