

April 2013

THE BELL TOWER

A Newsletter from the People of St. Martin Episcopal Church



SAINT MARTIN STAYS "IN STYLE"

One hundred St. Martinites and guests attended our Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon held on March 9th and received rave reviews. A special Memorial tribute to Barbara Gwynn, who died in July, was presented by Linda and Graham Taylor. We viewed a slide show of Barbara's life as Linda read a most touching poem. Having her daughter, Diane McWhorter and Grand-daughter Rachael Pecaro sing added a perfect touch for this beautiful memorial. It is obvious Barbara is dearly missed and loved by all.

For lunch we were served a delicious chicken salad platter topped off by a scrumptious dessert of Tiramisu catered by Primavera Restaurant. For our listening pleasure Richard Pinto played piano as we enjoyed lunch. Many thanks Richard, it was very enjoyable.

Eight of our ladies modeled the latest Spring fashions provided by Addictions. Annie, owner and commentator did a great job demonstrating coordinating jewelry, scarfs, hats to each outfit giving different looks. Many local merchants donated great gift certificates for door prizes. A raffle consisting of a variety of beautiful gift baskets was a huge success taking in \$649. Thanks to everyone that supported this fun event bringing us a profit of \$2,000.

BIG THANKS TO OUR "PHOTOGRAPHER", NIGEL LYN!!!!!!!



The Vestry of St. Martin's

**-Senior Warden
Larry Norton (2014)**

**-Junior Warden
Marina Garrison (2015)**

**Joy Astrolio (2013)
Sue D'Amore (2014)
Ted Friedt (2014)
Linda Taylor (2015)
Lynne Antonucci**

-Clerk

**John Moore
-Treasurer**

**Sylvia Pecaro
-Assistant Treasurer
Jane Broderick
-Bookkeeper**

St Martin's Staff

**The Reverend
Bernard J. Pecaro
-Rector**

**Janet Privas
-Parish Administrator**

**Madeline Zung
-Director of Music Ministry**

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St. Martin's Members Welcome You!

Our Parish Vision Statement

**“St. Martin's Vision is to serve as a bridge to
Jesus Christ, embracing all people.”**

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Church Services

Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Holy Eucharist with
Hymns and Sunday School

**Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday
Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist**

9:00 am in the Chapel

Thursday

**Children's Chapel, 10:00am
Healing Service & Holy Eucharist
12 Noon in the Chapel**

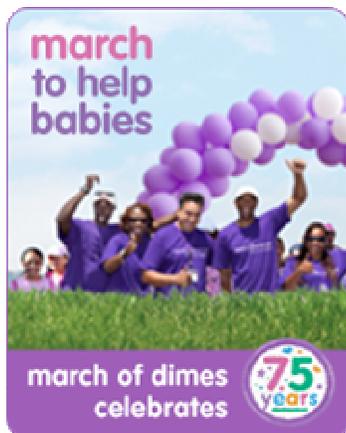
Chapel Hours

The Chapel of the Resurrection is
open for **prayer** five days a week
Monday through Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm
Closed for Lunch
12:20pm - 1:20pm

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Well, It is that time again. Please help our parishioner, Tracey Hernandez as she once again participates in The March of Dimes. The Walk this year takes place on May 4th at Nova SouthEastern in Davie.

Seventy-five years of helping children live better healthier lives. Please contact Tracey of the office if you can pledge.....every bit helps a child.

RECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Members of St. Martin....

Now that Holy Week and Easter Day celebrations are behind us, we begin to bid farewell to the members of our parish who are returning to their northern homes. To those who are departing, I offer this bidding.

Friends when you are with us we share love, worship and ministry. That's why when you leave us your departure is deeply felt. While you are away, engaging the many facets of your lives, may you grow in your commitment to love Jesus with all your heart, soul and mind. We pledge to do the same here. And, remember to keep the sands of St. Martin in your shoes.

Until we meet again, "Fair winds and following seas" and the Blessing of our loving God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The following poem I wrote back in the early '90s when I was assigned as a Navy Chaplain to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC. Hurricane Emily hit the Carolinas and caused great devastation. The picture below is of a fishing pier, which prior to the storm was functional. Upon seeing its devastation, I somehow created the poem entitled, "Da One 'Dat Got Away!" I offer it to you in this space just for the fun of it!

It's 'da age 'ol story
'bout the one 'dat got away.
'tis true... I was fish'n on a pier
One beautiful North Carolina day.

'Dat big Fish, he grabbed me bait
And headed out to sea...
'Twas a determined battle
"Tween 'dat Fish, 'da pole and me.

He jumped lengths into 'de air
And plunged fathoms into 'de blue ocean
An elegant show he gave
That mighty Leviathan.

To be sure,
It 'twas now a matter of only time,
Which me painfully noted
When me pole ran out of line.

Yet, not to surrender
I tied me self to 'da mooring.
Yea, a desperate act
Which gave me false reassuring.

Much to my dismay and horror
'dat mighty Fish, he gave a big yank,
and in an instant me, 'da pole and
da pier to the bottom of 'de ocean
we sank.

And with this picture as me witness,
I do foresee,
'dat Hemingway's Old Man and the
Sea ain't got nut'n on me...

So..., as me sits and ponders
'dat fateful day...
Me thinks, perhaps, 'der was some
Embellishing 'bout 'dat one 'dat got away...



Bernard J. Pearce +

Holy Week and Easter Are Spiritually Memorable

If you worshiped at St. Martin this Holy Week and Easter you certainly felt the powerful movement of the Holy Spirit pulling at your heart. Each Service allowed for God to move the worshipper to greater experiences of His presence. Many people commented on how this year's Holy Week and Easter Services were more beautiful and powerful in holiness than they could ever remember. Deep thanks to those of you who made our Worship avenues of Grace. "Alleluia. Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!"



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The Diocese of Southeast Florida Acolyte Festival

On Saturday, April 27th, the annual diocesan acolyte festival will be held at Trinity Cathedral in Miami. This is a very joyous occasion where all the churches are invited to send their corps of acolytes. Many parishes do this and our celebration is filled with joy, splendor and worship! Each year we designate a nominee as the Acolyte of the Year. This year St. Martin is honoring our life long parish member, Barkley Jackson. Barkley, thank you for your many years of service, especially in worship, to Christ's church at St. Martin!

The Bishop's Annual Visitation: Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day

On Trinity Sunday, May 26th, we welcome The Rt. Reverend Calvin O. Schofield, the Second Bishop of S.E. Florida, and his wife Elaine, at the 10:30 Service. This Annual Episcopal visitation will celebrate persons entering into the Episcopal Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation or Reception. The congregation will also renew our own Baptismal vows. Our Veteran's will be especially recognized and thanked for their service to our country and those who have given their lives in the defense of the freedoms God gives to all God's people. A reception and lunch will follow in the parish hall...

Choir auditions



**By Appointment
Grades 8 through 12**

- performance
- musical skills
- ear training

Choir organizing now for Broward performances.

\$42 material fee required for those accepted into the choir.

Call 561-317-3866

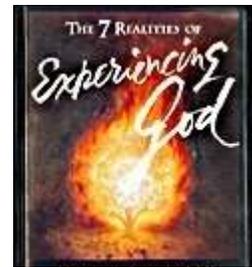
BIBLE CHALLENGE

Bible Challenge

Many of our parishioners have begun to read the Bible in its entirety! The National Episcopal Church has begun a nationwide campaign of reading the Holy Writ in one year. We, at St. Martin, began our corporate reading of scriptures on Ash Wednesday. It's not too late to begin. If you would like to join with us and read the Bible, please contact the parish office for a calendar of readings. You are also invited to join one of our Bible Challenge study groups: Wednesday evenings, 6:30, in the office library and Sunday mornings, 9:30, in the parish hall. Or, you may go to our webpage and access the independent study. However you chose... Read the Bible, it's all about God!

The Experiencing God Study

Fr. Bernie has stated the Experiencing God course is a major tool for evangelism/getting to better know the Love of God in Jesus Christ and sharing Him with the world! This is true for each of us individually, and for our parish. We are now concluding two such courses. Each of the 20 people who have taken this course has been moved in a deep, powerful and spiritual way. Ask them! They would acknowledge that their understanding and experience of God is far different today than it was prior to taking the course.



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Fr. Bernie needs your prayerful discernment to offer this course again in the spring and summer. Please pray that God provide clear direction as we decide to offer one, or two, more classes.



Anglican-Episcopal Studies

Persons who desire to become Episcopalians through the Sacrament of Confirmation, or through Reception, or those who want to brush up on their Anglican-Episcopal knowledge, are encouraged to take Fr. Bernie's Anglican-Episcopal Studies course. It begins on Wednesday, April 24th, at 7:00pm, in the Conference Room, and will continue for five consecutive Wednesdays. The areas of Sacraments, Bible, Liturgy/ Worship, Church History and Theology will be addressed in an engaging and educational manner. Confirmation and Reception will take place on Trinity Sunday, May 26th. Tutorials are possible.

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MEET MARINA GARRISON... ...our new Jr. Warden! A member of St. Martin Church since 1957, "I don't know any other Church!", Marina was confirmed here; she and Al were married here; they had their children here and their daughter, Celina, was married here a few years ago! Now semi-retired, Marina has accepted the post of Jr. Warden. She has purchased a large box of Excedrin and is ready for service! As Jr. Warden, Marina is primarily responsible for the physical well-being and maintenance of the Church, the buildings and the grounds.



With the appointment of Marina, a new system for maintenance requests has been established: Maintenance Request Forms can be found in a folder in the Parish office, along with Check Requests, etc. Please use these forms when making a request for maintenance or repairs. The form provides space for a description of the problem, and choices to check for the seriousness of the problem. PLEASE USE THESE FORMS! This is the only way Marina can determine when and how the problems can be addressed! Thank you, Marina for taking on this demanding position!



REVEAL

We have begun the REVEAL workshops and the discernment of our spiritual survey responses. Eighteen of our parishioners are joining for a total of four workshops, meeting on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:30pm. Once we conclude our workshops on May 14th, it is our expectation that we will develop tools that will better enliven our individual and corporate spiritual lives. This will in turn allow God to accomplish through us greater things than we could ever ask or imagine to His glory!

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Dinner for the Hungry and Lonely: A Ministry of Food & Fellowship

Our parish has discerned God's call to join with Him to provide food for the hungry and lonely. We begin this monthly ministry of hospitality on Tuesday, May 28th, from 4:30-6:00pm, in the parish hall, and each subsequent Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are encouraged to assist with this ministry. Areas of need are: food preparation and serving, hospitality, set-up and clean-up. Please sign up on the information table in the Narthex.

We are asking that you reflect on presenting this program to your family, friends and business associates in a manner in which you believe you can encourage volunteers, and most importantly get the message out that this program is available. Teenagers looking for Community Service Hours are welcome, as are youth accompanied by adults. No one should ever bear the pain of a broken spirit or empty stomach. This program is a start for all of us. Together we will make a difference. Contacts: Lisa Benton: 954.978.5749 Lynne Antonucci: 561.706.6136



Cursillo

The 108th Women's Cursillo of the Diocese of Southeast Florida will begin Thursday, April 25th through Sunday, April 28th, at the Duncan Center, Delray Beach. This year we are sending as a "Pilgrim" (one who attends a Cursillo for the first time) Lynne Antonucci. Other Cursillistas (one who has attended a Cursillo) will assist at the weekend. Please keep Lynne, our supporting members and the entire weekend in your prayers. De Colores!



DeColores

St. Martin - Policy to the Homeless - 2013

Preamble:

Since the founding of the Christian Church it has been her mission to reach out and serve the poor, the hungry, the needy, the destitute, the oppressed, those in prison, the widows and orphans, those who are outcast and downtrodden. We, as the people of St. Martin now set forth a parish policy that guides us to minister to those who are less fortunate. Our patron saint, Martin of Tours, was confronted by a naked beggar who sought money. Having none, Martin cut off a portion of his cloak and gave it to him. The next night in a dream Jesus came to Martin saying, "Martin, a simple catechumen, covered me with his cloak."

The Policy:

Prayer

First and above all it is our imperative to pray for the Church and the World. Christ calls us to be mindful of the needs of others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. It is our obligation to pray daily for those who suffer because of hunger, poverty, homelessness or social alienation. St. Martinites are tasked to daily pray for God's protection upon the downtrodden. In addition to your individual prayers, we will offer intercession for their needs at our daily Chapel Services and Sunday Masses.

Education

It is easy for many who are not homeless to look upon those who are with disdain. As Christians it is our responsibility to have a heart of compassion. We must encourage ourselves to ask, "What makes a person a homeless one?" There are as many reasons as there are those who live on the street. Educating ourselves to the cause of homelessness is imperative if we are to have empathy for those less fortunate. This policy encourages each of us to study the causes of homelessness. Education removes ignorance which removes prejudice which opens our hearts to serve.

Safety

When we allow the homeless into our fellowship we run a risk of harm to ourselves, and to our property. Those who are homeless are usually unknown to us and so is the behavior that they can exhibit. Therefore, you are asked to be mindful of the following:

No homeless person is to be allowed into the buildings of the church if they exhibit the use of alcohol, or other substance abuse, or are a known sex offender, murderer, or rapist.

No homeless person will remain on our property if they demonstrate belligerent behavior

No homeless person is permitted to receive cash-money from office staff, or parishioners

No homeless person is permitted to use bathroom facilities for the purpose of caring for personal hygiene (body cleaning)

No homeless person is to remain in the front office, or other areas of our facilities without immediate supervision of qualified members of the parish

No homeless person is to receive transportation with a member of the parish in his, or her personal auto

No homeless person is permitted to sleep (day/night) on the exterior grounds, or in the buildings

No homeless, or other person, is permitted to loiter (or fish) on our seawall

If parishioners believe that they or the church property are in imminent harm they are to contact the Broward Sheriff's Office.

No parishioner should personally engage the negative behavior of a homeless person unless no other recourse is possible.

If a homeless person exhibits negative behavior while in a Service, or social event, they should be asked to leave the facility. If the person does not leave upon request, contact the Broward Sheriff's Office.

Nurturing

We are to welcome the homeless as we are to welcome Christ. As our resources are limited, so are our abilities to assist those who are homeless. However, we are to nurture as we are able those who come to the Church seeking refuge from the World.

The following are ways we can nurture:

We are to welcome the homeless as brothers and sisters in Christ, and with compassionate hearts

A homeless person may be permitted to attend our regularly scheduled Services

A homeless person may participate with us at our Sunday coffee hours, or general meals if their behavior is appropriate

A homeless person may receive social service referrals by our office staff

A homeless person may receive financial assistance from the Rector's Discretionary Fund at the discretion of the Rector

A homeless person may use our phone at the discretion of the Parish Administrator

Faithfully Submitted, The Rector and Vestry of St. Martin, Pompano Beach, Florida

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Church**

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**Bell Tower
Deadline for
May
will be May 1st
Please send photos
And news. This is your
newsletter**

