

March 21, 2024

**St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church
Fort Walton Beach, FL**

**Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday
Service Times**

**9:30 Holy Eucharist - Nave with Nursery
11:30 Holy Eucharist**

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From The Rector's Desk

It is our time. It is our week.

This is our 8th Holy Week together. If you've been around for most of those, you've heard me do all I can to invite you fully into Holy Week. We have Eucharist at noon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (with Stations of the Cross at 11:30 Wednesday). I think it is important to have Holy Eucharist on the days of Holy Week, this year we have moved them to noon vs. our usual evening time, in hopes more of you will be able to attend. These services are in the chapel.

Thursday begins the **Triduum**, those three services designed as one long worship experience. Maundy Thursday has so much meaning and symbolism. At this service we reenact Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet. This powerful moment can stir our souls, humble us, and remind us we are called to servant ministry AND we must allow others to serve us at times as well. We end the evening with the stripping of the altar and the preservation of the reserved sacrament (which is watched over by praying parishioners all night). The altar stripping reminds us Jesus has been arrested in the garden of Gethsemane and taken before Pilate and the Sanhedrin to be tried as a criminal. As the sanctuary candle is extinguished we turn all the lights out for a brief yet startling moment, before we leave in silence, contemplating what we have just experienced while our hearts and minds are with Christ.

This year we will have the Good Friday liturgy, including veneration of the cross, at noon only. At six that evening we will again walk the Stations of the Cross, which always has an even deeper meaning when done on Good Friday.

The Triduum concludes with the Great Vigil of Easter, the Mother of all liturgies. We begin at 5:30am Sunday morning in the outdoor chapel, hear stories of our salvation history in the darkness, baptize a beautiful baby girl, and then shout the first ALLELUIAS of Easter as the sun rises over the Sound. Our Easter Day services are at 8 and 10:30, with our wonderful choir, led by the incomparable John Leatherwood for his last Sunday with us as Choir Director. The church is beautifully decorated by our amazing Flower Guild and Altar Guild. We ring bells to all the Alleluias and proclaim Christ, Risen Indeed. This Easter Sunday is also our last time to be served by our amazing Deacon, The Reverend Clelia Garrity. I know you will join me in wishing all the best for John and Clelia.

Beloved in Christ, with commercialization overtaking many of our religious celebrations, I always hope Holy Week can be kept sacred for us, especially the **Triduum**. I have said many times, I believe I became an Episcopalian, not at my Confirmation, but when I danced all the dances of Holy Week for the first time, and it all came together for me deep in my soul. I pray you can join us on that journey.

Fr. David+

Remember to Join Us in Celebration

of John Leatherwood and Clelia Pinza– Garrity

And

Their Ministries at St. Simon's on the Sound

At

The Magnolia Grill

157 Brooks St. FL

Fort Walton Beach, FL

Sunday, March 24, 2024

2:00 - 3:30 PM

**We will Walk the Stations of the Cross
on Wednesday of Holy Week at 11:30,
followed by Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.**

We will also walk the stations on Good Friday at 6 p.m.



**JOIN US WEDNESDAYS
THROUGHOUT LENT FOR**

Stations of the Cross

The stations depicted by icons on the wall of the Nave focus on 14 specific events of Jesus' last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are a mini pilgrimage as we move from station to station. At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day.

**FEBRUARY 21 & 28
MARCH 6, 13, & 20
5:30 - 5:50 in the Nave**

Plate & Pledge Updated Position as of February 2024

	Year-to-date Actual Plate & Pledge	Year-to-date Budgeted Plate & Pledge	Year-to-Date Remaining Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Balance
Plate	8,792.68	15,916.66	7,123.98	95,500.00	86,707.32
Pledge	81,530.26	73,244.00	(8,286.26)	439,464.00	357,933.74
Total	90,322.94	89,160.66	(1,162.28)	534,964.00	444,641.06

The February 29, 2024 balance for Plate contributions were \$8,792.68 or (45.00%) below the year-to-date projected Plate.

The February 29, 2024 balance for Pledges contributions were \$81,530.26 or (10.01%) over the projected the year-to-date projected Pledges.

The February 29, 2024 Pledge and Plate Income is deficit in the amount of \$1,162.28 to the year-to-date projection.



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OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH:**

***“Please don’t
forget us.”***

**The Good
Friday Offering**

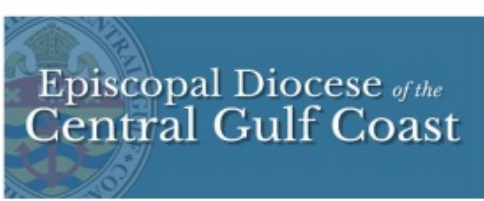
For 102 years, donations to the Good Friday Offering have directly supported ministries of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

- **READ** the presiding bishop's letter.
- **LEARN** about the places impacted by your donations.
- **WATCH** the Good Friday concert online.
- **GIVE** generously to the Good Friday Offering at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering.

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Sunday	March 24	<p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30 Holy Eucharist—Nave with Children's Chapel & Nursery</p> <p>11:30 Holy Eucharist</p> <p>2:00 - 3:30 Celebration for John Leatherwood & Clelia Pinza– Garrity at the Magnolia Grill</p>
Monday	March 25	12:00 Holy Eucharist - Kendrick Chapel
Tuesday	March 26	12:00 Holy Eucharist - Kendrick Chapel
Wednesday	March 27	<p>11:30 DOK Stations of the Cross - Nave</p> <p>12:00 Holy Eucharist - Kendrick Chapel</p>
Thursday	March 28	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>6:00 Maundy Thursday-Eucharist with Foot Washing - Nursery Provided</p> <p>8:00 – 7:30 Watch over the Reserved Sacrament - Kendrick Chapel</p>
Friday	March 29	<p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>12:00 Good Friday Service - Nursery Provided</p> <p>5:30 DOK - Stations of the Cross - Kendrick Chapel</p>
Saturday	March 30	9:00 Holy Saturday Service - Kendrick Chapel
Sunday	March 31	<p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>5:30 Sunrise Service - The Great Vigil - Outdoor Chapel (Note: Time Change)</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist - The Feast of the Resurrection</p> <p>9:45 Easter Egg Hunt (The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Campus. Also, Please Note Time Change)</p> <p>10:30 Holy Eucharist - The Feast of the Resurrection—Nave - Nursery Provided</p>



JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING OF BASEBALL



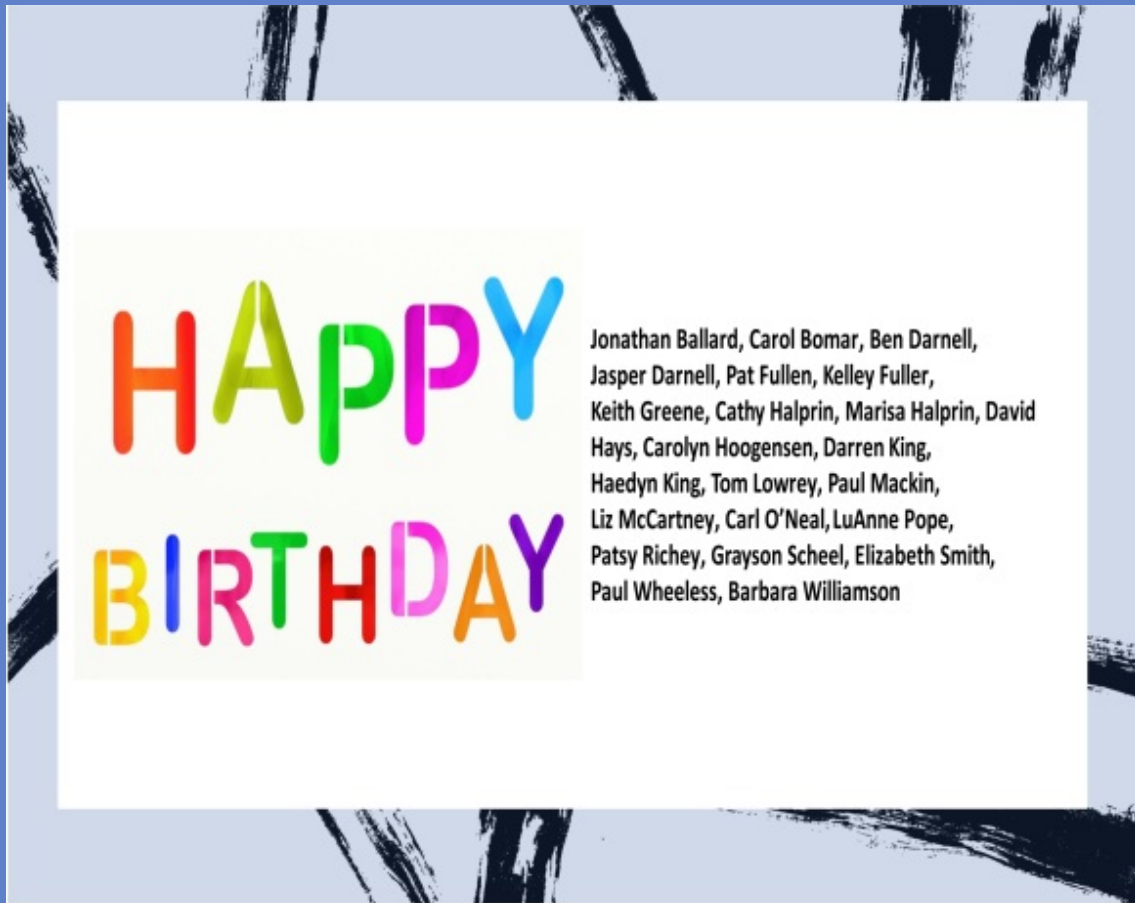
Join us on Sunday, April 7, on the Winn-Dixie Party Deck at the Blue Wahoos Stadium for a fun evening of baseball and Episcopal fellowship as the Pensacola Blue Wahoos take on the Mississippi Braves. Wear your Episcopal gear! Tickets must be purchased in advance. Price of ticket includes admission, food, and non-alcoholic beverage. Ticket sales close on March 21. Tickets will be available for pick-up on the day of the event at Group Entrance to the stadium.

Location: Blue Wahoos Stadium featuring Admiral Fetterman Field - Home of the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, 351 W Cedar St, Pensacola, FL 32502

Date and time: Sun, Apr 7, 2024, 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM CT
Organizer: Jenn Johnson, (850) 434-7337, jenn@diocgc.org

TICKETS
General admission
Price: \$22.00

This ticket is for general admission for one person. Includes food and non-alcoholic beverage.



SINGLE FRIENDS

Single Friends will meet for a Dutch Treat Lunch

At Noon on Saturday, March 23, 2024

At Lost Pizza Company, The restaurant is located at

318 Miracle Strip Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach

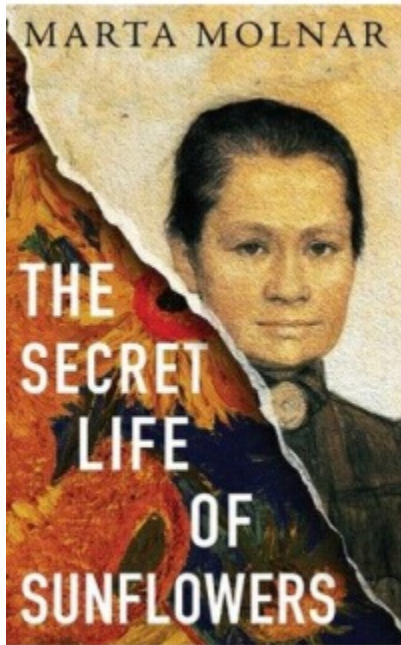
They have pizza, salads, sandwiches, and pasta

(see menu at <http://lostpizza.com/menus/fort-walton-beach/>).

Contact Barbara Bethea 850-582-7011 or babethea7@icloud.com

If you have questions.

RSVP if possible, They need to know how big of a table to give us!



ST. SIMON'S BOOK GROUP

WILL BE MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

AT 12:30 P.M.

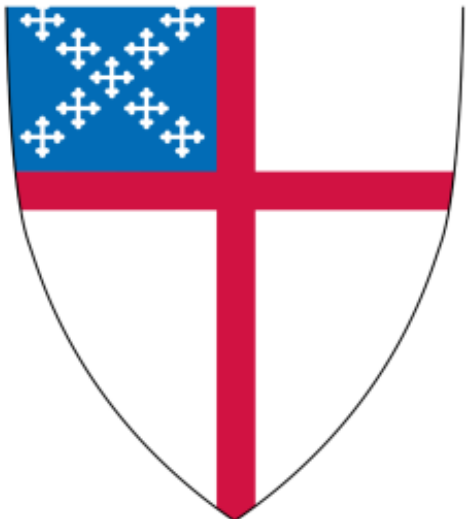
IN THE PARISH HALL

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING

THE SECRET LIFE OF SUNFLOWERS

BY MARTA MOLNAR

Please Note Change of Time Due to Holy Week Events



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