



April 18, 2024

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

**April 21, 2024
Service Times**

9:30 Holy Eucharist – Nave With Children's Chapel & Nursery

**Parish Picnic!!
2nd Quarter Sharing & Caring Food Drive!**

During the picnic we will be selling raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing, with 50% going to Sharing and Caring, and 50% to a lucky winner.

An anonymous donor is offering to match what we collect up to \$2,000, with all the matching funds going to Sharing and Caring!

What a great opportunity to show our love and support of this vital ministry in our community.

**So come have fun Sunday
and
buy LOTS of raffle tickets!!**

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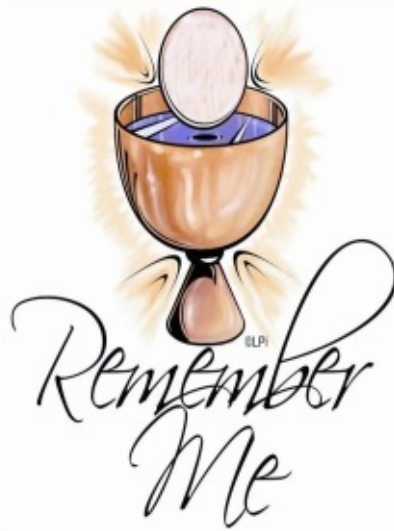
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Eucharistic Ministers needed to serve

With the departure of Deacon Clelia, we are in need more than ever for more Eucharistic Ministers to assist Fr. David at the altar. These ministers serve the chalice (wine) or the paten (bread), and often help with the readings of the day and the prayers of the people (although EMs who prefer not to read are welcome as well).

We will train you in how to do this vital work. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this important ministry. If interested please contact Fr. David, 850-244-8621 or rector@stsimons-fwb.org.

Curious? = Feel free to talk to any of our current Eucharistic ministers.



Please consider joining us
Saturday, April 20^h
for our annual
Spring Clean Up

We will meet at the Church at 8:00 and work until noon.
Besides many hands to make light work, we could use a couple hedge clippers, hoes, rakes, good wheel barrels and shovels.

Please Contact Matt Smith at smithmad@live.com if you can join us.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR A **FOLK MASS &**
PARISH

PICNIC



APRIL 21ST - 10:30
ONE SERVICE AT 9:30

We'll have games - tho not very Daring
all to help Sharing & Caring

Wear your
Beckwith
or "camp"
clothes

Parish Hall & Backyard
Rain or Shine!

Meats for the grill, rolls, condiments and
drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet
for potluck dishes will be in the Atrium!

FOOD • OUTDOOR GAMES • MUSIC



**Vestry and Property Task Force
Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, April 28, 2024**

You are invited to a St. Simon's "Town Hall" Sunday, April 28th directly after the 9:30 service.

The Vestry and Property Task Force invite you to a presentation of the work they have been involved in for almost a year.

To give us enough time for this important presentation, we will move the 11:30 Service to 12:00 Noon.

Please Join Us.

Nursery Assistant Needed

We are so grateful for Ruby Darnell, who has served wonderfully as our nursery assistant during her senior year in high school. Thank you, Ruby!

If you know of a "baby-sitter qualified" teen who would like to help in the nursery, please contact Fr. David. Pat Fullen is our outstanding nursery chief, but she needs an assistant.

Any adults interested may contact Fr. David as well. Teens and adults can be paid, or school age teens can use the nursery hours as community service.

Fr. David can be reached at 850-244-8621, or rector@stsimons-fwb.org



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!



If you have a high school soon-to-be Graduate in your household, please let us know. You can call the office (850-244-8621) or e-mail Cyndi at office@stsimons-fwb.org



PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 19TH!



At the first Pentecost, the Apostle Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first sermon, explaining how the prophet Joel had foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit. After this sermon, Peter converted three thousand people. For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church.

So, in addition to **wearing red**, we invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after the first service for a birthday celebration!

This is a great time for fellowship...and **eating cake!** Upon arrival, find your "birth month table" and enjoy a treat with the others who share your birth month.

If you interested in bringing the cake for your birth month
Please find the sign-up sheet in the Atrium

Plate & Pledge Updated Position as of March 2024

	Year-to-date Actual Plate & Pledge	Year-to-date Budgeted Plate & Pledge	Year-to-Date Remaining Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Balance
Plate	13,687.98	21,249.99	7,562.01	85,000.00	71,312.02
Pledge	121,815.18	112,500.00	(9,315.18)	450,000.00	328,184.82
Total	135,503.16	133,749.99	(1,753.17)	535,000.00	399,496.84

- March 31, 2024 balance for Plate contributions were \$7,562.01 or (36.00%) below the year -to-date projected plate.
- March 31, 2024 balance for Pledge contributions were \$9,315.18 or (8.00%) over the projected the year-to-date projected pledges.
- March 31, 2024 Pledge and Plate Income is over in the amount of \$1,753.17 to the year -to-date projection.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Rhoda Adams-Reiss, Jonathan Allen, Jennifer Becker, Marijane Brown, Lily Buck, Mo Byrd, Phyllis Cheney, Anne Collier, Rosemary Cox, Mary Day, Fred Happel, Bob Hauge, Beth Howell, Cynthia Johnson, Olivia Kerby, Jamie LaFollette, Michael Lightbourne, Tommy Lowrey, Teresa Mackin, Brandon McAleer, Kati McCrea, Sheridan Mounla, Thalia Newton, Frank Roberts, Ricky Scheel, Larry Scott, Molly Sheppard, Emily Smith, Kate Smith, Margaret Smith, Suzi Smith, Chris Westphal, Jon Westphal

SINGLE FRIENDS

Single Friends will meet for a Dutch Treat Lunch

At Noon on Saturday, April 20, 2024

At the Bay Cafe, The restaurant is located at
233 Alconese Ave. Fort Walton Beach

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

If you have questions.

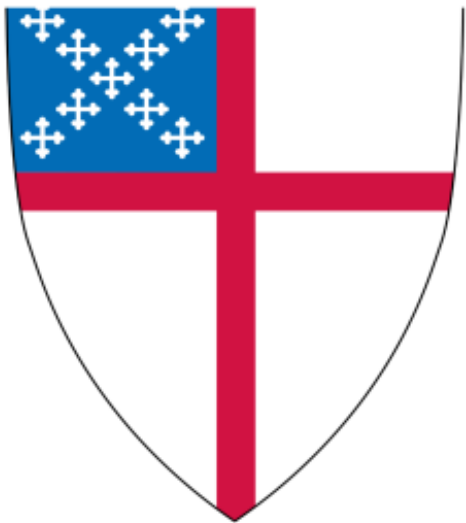
RSVP if possible, They need to know how big of a table to give us!



St. Simon's Book Group

**The book group will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd
At Noon in the Parish Hall**

**We will each read a different book from our
childhood and talk about it at the meeting.**



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