

▼ This Week's News & Notes...

■ Welcome!

If you're visiting St. Martha's, let us extend our warmest greetings. Do join us all after the service for a cup of coffee or simply to chat. Consider St. Martha's your church home and visit again; you're always welcome here. • Children's Sunday school is held at the start of the 10:00 a.m. service. • Linger at the back of the church and you'll find a wealth of information and several lists you can add to: Visitor's list, altar flowers list, sanctuary candle list, etc. • Our parish office is usually open Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; stop on by.

■ We're Ba-ack...

Today Sunday June 4: Today we welcome back Deacon Steele and Vicar Conrads, both of whom have been on vacation. Did ya' miss us..?

■ St. Martha's Annual Talent(less) Show & Pot Luck...

Saturday June 17 7:00 p.m.: It's talent show time. Details will be forthcoming, but here's plenty of warning, ...er, time to prepare and practice. Joy in fellow parishioners at an evening of frippery, food and frivolity. Sign-ups for talents and for the pot luck are at the back of the church. Will we have return visit from Ray and his Mighty Tonette..?

■ A Saucy Request...

We're gathering jars of pasta sauce for our Action Food Pantry. Think about donating a jar or three over the next Sunday. A consortium of St. Martha's and Holy Trinity Episcopal churches, and Prince of Peace and Mt. Calvary Lutheran churches; the Action Food Pantry provides sustenance and Christian care to those with immediate need. Your continued donations make a direct and positive impact to someone's life in our community every day.

■ Annual Mother's Day Garden Party Brunch Recap...

Hunt down Sarah Anders and members of our Youth Group after the service today and thank them for putting on our wonderful Mother's Day Garden Party and Brunch. Bravo! Oh, and a hearty congratulations to those newly confirmed.

▼ Random Thoughts...

■ Whitsunday

Today is Whitsunday, the Feast of Pentecost, the "birthday of the Church," when, as we read in the Lesson from Acts, Chapter 2, the Holy Spirit pours forth upon the awaiting Church as the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles...

On the day of Pentecost the apostles were gathered together, probably simply trying to figure out "what's next?" Suddenly a flame, an epiphany, the truth rested upon their shoulders and they began to speak under the influence of the Holy Spirit. As they spoke, everyone listening heard it in their own native language. And what was being told, for the first time and in full form, was the good news of Christ's mission and what it means for all people. But more than mere words, the message was carried with the clarity, power and authority by the Holy Spirit into the ears and the hearts of all those who would listen. With this complete message, an empowered mission and a unity that came from beyond themselves, they had become the Church; an entity that would eventually be measured in billions. The difference? The arrival of the Holy Spirit in force, to join them together into a union.

Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter (Pentecost is Greek for "Fiftieth Day") and is one of the three great festivals of the church year; the others being Christmas and Easter. In the Western Christian (especially Anglican) tradition, Pentecost is known as Whitsunday. The reason for this name is unclear, but probably comes from "White Sunday" referring to the practice of baptizing on the Sunday of Pentecost (in our English tradition folks were baptized on Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints Day).

Whitsunday

The Day of Pentecost • June 4th, 2006



Acts 2:17



St. Martha's

■ St. Martha's Episcopal Church • A House of Prayer for All People

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▼ 8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist: Rite One



p. 323	▼ The Word of God
insert	The Collect of the Day, The Lessons & The Gospel
	The Sermon
p. 326	The Nicene Creed
p. 328	Prayers of the People
p. 330	Confession & Absolution
p. 332	The Peace, then announcements, then the Offertory
p. 333	▼ Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving (prayer 1)
p. 336	The Lord's Prayer, <i>then</i> Breaking of the Bread
	Communion <i>All are welcome to receive a blessing...</i>
p. 339	Postcommunion Prayer
	Blessing & Dismissal <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i>

About the Services: Welcome to St. Martha's! We're glad you're here. Feel free to ask anyone for any assistance. At 8:00 a.m. a quiet spoken Rite I service. At 10:00 a.m. an engaging Rite II service with service music and hymns. Page numbers (p.) refer to the red 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Hymns are found in the blue 1982 Hymnal (hymns beginning with S- are at the front of The Hymnal). During Communion, all are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing and all baptized are welcome to receive of the bread and wine. Join us for fellowship after the service. • **Assisting Today:** Schedules of those assisting with today's services are available at the back of the church and on our website. • **Our Vicar:** The Rev. Alexandra Conrads can be reached by the following ways: 626.919.5745-office, 323.478.4777-emergency pager, vicar@stmarthas.net.

▼ Parish Prayer List...

- **For healing:** Mary Ann, Helen, Oscar, Corliss, Gail, Eric, Susanne, Tricia, Bill Vanettes, Bob, Dana, Jeanne Smith, Brian, Ron, Henry, Marge Hensley, Dick and Bev Stanford.
- **For those departed:** Father Gene.
- **For those serving our country:** John, Matthew, Joshua, Kyle, Michael.
- **For all:** Those serving our parish, our partners, all those not listed here.

Names on our parish prayer list are listed here through the end of this month. Call or email the parish office to place, continue or remove a name (last names will be included if requested). To have a name mentioned in today's prayers, speak with an usher or Eucharistic Minister.

▼ 10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



Hymn 228	Procession
p. 355	▼ The Word of God
Hymn S-0	Gloria in excelsis
insert	The Collect of the Day, <i>then</i> The Lessons
Hymn 508	Gradual
insert	The Gospel
	The Sermon
p. 358	The Nicene Creed
p. 387	Prayers of the People (form III)
p. 360	Confession & Absolution
Hymn 380 v3	The Peace, <i>then</i> announcements, <i>then</i> the Offertory
p. 361	▼ Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving (prayer A)
Hymn S-125	Sanctus Kyrie
p. 364	The Lord's Prayer, <i>then</i> Breaking of the Bread
Hymn 321	Communion <i>All are welcome to receive a blessing...</i>
p. 365	Postcommunion Prayer
Hymn 365	Blessing, Recession & Dismissal <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i>

This Week's Sanctuary Candle: Is provided by the Altar Guild. • **Today's Altar Flowers:** Are given by the Altar Guild.

▼ This Week at St. Martha's...

- **Today:** Whitsunday. The Day of Pentecost. 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. [12:00]: The Holy Eucharist.
- **Next Sunday:** Trinity Sunday. The First Sunday after Pentecost: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. [12:00]: The Holy Eucharist.
- [Brackets] note services and events in Spanish.