

April 17, 2025

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

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Service Times Easter SUNDAY

5:30 AM Sunrise Vigil - Outdoor Chapel

8:00 AM The Feast of the Resurrection - Nave

10:00 AM The Feast of the Resurrection - Nave

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK



It is here at last!

The Triduum, the 3 services in one, starting tonight at 6:00 with Maundy Thursday as we remember Jesus washing the disciple's feet and do the same for one and other, also the night the Eucharist was established as our way of receiving Christ's body and blood as the Last Supper taught us.

Good Friday at noon tomorrow (with Stations of the Cross at 6) offers ancient prayers and petitions as we remember the day Christ was crucified.

And the Great Vigil of Easter, which we celebrate at 5:30am Sunday morning, beginning in the darkness as we hear stories from the Old Testament of God saving God's people, we light the new fire and renew our baptismal vows as dawn breaks over the water.

These three services are considered a unit, and I hope and pray you can join us for all three, there is no dismissal after Thursday and Friday services, helping us remember they are all joined together. Then of course our regular Easter Sunday services at 8 and 10 as together we celebrate this holiest of days.

I hope you make plans to join us as much as possible. I have said many times, and I believe it to be true, I really became an Episcopalian when I danced every dance of

Holy Week. I want to encourage you to come and dance with us the rest of this Holy Week.

Fr. David+

**“Earth Day
is this coming
Tuesday, April 22”**

Give thanks and celebrate by getting outside to enjoy some of the natural beauty God has gifted us!

Perhaps this means a walk enjoying the fresh smells, sounds and wildlife. Maybe plant a tree, or a small garden.

Or ...volunteer some time helping clean up in your neighborhood or join in one of the two Okaloosa Beach clean ups.

Days of beach clean up events

- 1) This Saturday April 19th
- 2) Earth Day Tuesday, April 22nd



Interested in participating in a Beach cleanup?
Please contact *Kristin Shinnick* at (850)582-9153



Attention!

St. Simon's is supporting our community by participating in the annual United Way Day of Caring Thursday, April 24. **We need four more volunteers** to join us that day at Liza Jackson School to help them help wash and clean the school buses, using the bus ramp to form a fun assembly line. This is an important task, as their drivers, who also serve as custodians, will appreciate the help in getting the buses sparkling clean and ready for the students. We will meet there at 8AM and finish no later than noon.

Please call Kelley Fuller at 850-830-8498 if you are able to help!



Spring has arrived, bringing beautiful weather to Fort Walton Beach! We hope everyone can take advantage of the great outdoors and enjoy God's gifts.

As many of you are aware, we are grateful to share our space with the Montessori school. They will be spending more time outside engaging in activities like planting flower beds, sidewalk chalking, and playing. If the children are playing outside, there will be safety barriers in place.

Please drive cautiously when passing behind the church, and whenever possible, park in the East parking lot for meetings during school hours.

ABC*

RUMMAGE SALE

June 6-7th

Donations and
Volunteers needed!

We will accept donations
beginning June 1st.

*Anything But Clothes

Contact Paige King (931-302-3750) or
Paigethomasking@gmail.com



ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?
This is a tough role and you are not alone. Meet other caregivers as we share experiences, tips, information, resources and stories. Join us as we make new friends and share our thoughts and ideas.

Caregivers Support Group



Location: St. Simon's on the Sound
Episcopal Church

28 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW, FWB

DATE: Third Tuesday of the month
12:00-1:00

Scheel Parlor

Bring your own brown bag lunch!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you are a caregiver or know someone who is this is a great opportunity to share your best tips and stories and learn about community resources

For more information call

St. Simon's at

850-244-8621



April Birthdays!

Jennifer Becker, Marijane Brown, Lily Buck, Mo Byrd, Anne Collier, Rosemary Cox, Mary Day, Bob Hauge, Davison Hogan, Beth Howell, Cynthia Johnson, Olivia Kerby, Jamie LaFollette, Michael Lightbourne, Teresa Mackin, Brandon, McAleer, Sheridan Mounla, Frank Roberts, Ricky Scheel, Larry Scott, Molly Sheppard, Emily Smith, Kate Smith, Suzi Smith, Olive Tegli, Chris Westphal, Jon Westphal

Single Friends will meet for a Dutch Treat
Lunch
At Noon

On Saturday, April 26th

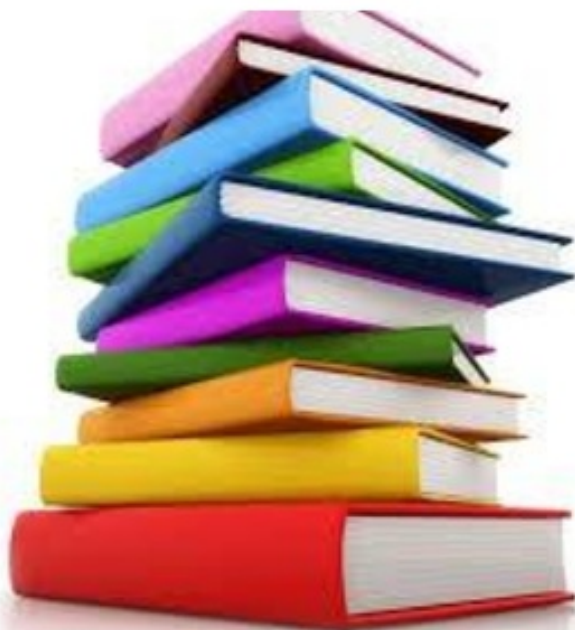
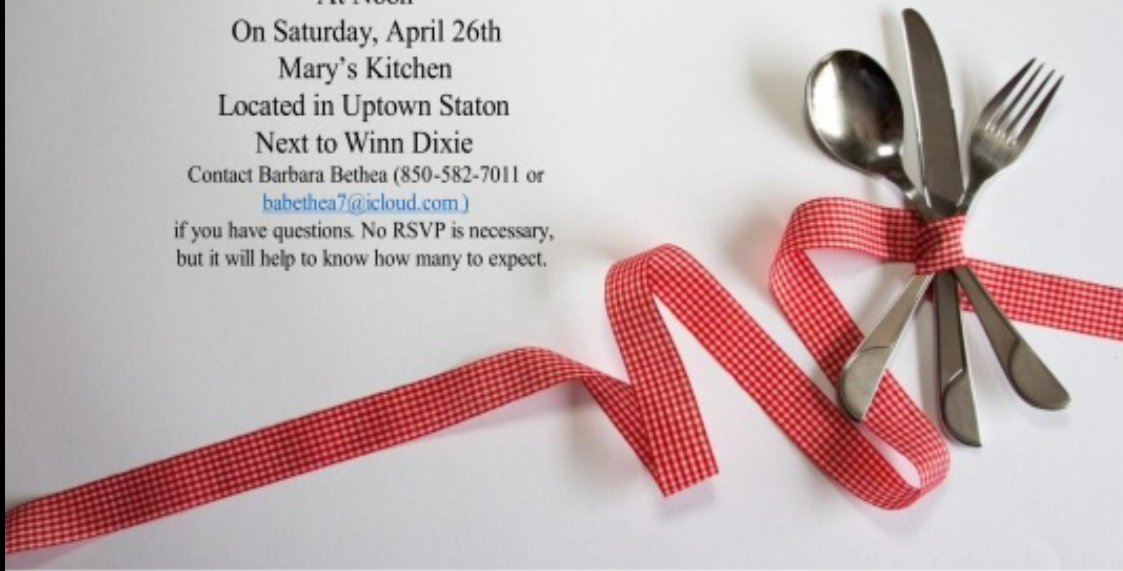
Mary's Kitchen

Located in Uptown Station

Next to Winn Dixie

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

if you have questions. No RSVP is necessary,
but it will help to know how many to expect.



THE ST. SIMON'S BOOK GROUP

WILL BE MEETING ON TUESDAY,
APRIL 22, 2025

AT NOON IN THE PARISH HALL.

WE WILL BE EXPLORING POETRY.
MEMBERS WILL SHARE A POEM FROM
THEIR PAST OR PRESENT THAT IS
MEANINGFUL TO THEM.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN FOR
INTERESTING AND LIVELY DISCUSSION.

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Read the latest blog posts from our Clergy:

Father David's Blog



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