WORSHIP

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 26.
Learn more about St. Martin’s Lenten offerings in the announcements.

ALL ADULTS

Saintly Stitchers
Monday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.–noon, Activity Center, Upper Hall
Needlepoint cushions and kneelers as lasting gifts for The Church.
Contact: The Rev. Lisa Neilson, 713-985-3849, lneilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

St. Clare’s Needlepoint Guild
Wednesday, Feb. 26, noon–3 p.m., Activity Center, Upper Hall
Needlepoint pieces to adorn The Church and support outreach programs.
Contact: The Rev. Lisa Neilson, 713-985-3849, lneilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

St. Martin’s Parish Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Feb. 27, 7–8:45 p.m., The Island
Sing a variety of music in service to the Lord and our congregation.
Contact: The Rev. Chad Martin, 713-985-3842, cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org

MEN

Men of St. Martin’s
Thursday, Feb. 27, 7–8 a.m., Bagby Parish Hall
Join men of all ages for Bible reflection and discussion, fellowship and support.
Contact: The Rev. Chad Martin, 713-985-3842, cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org

WOMEN

Christian Life Study
Thursday, Feb. 27, 9:30–11:20 a.m., Bagby Parish Hall
6:30–8 p.m., Payne Education Center
Join women of all ages for an in-depth study of books of the Bible.
Contact: The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, 713-985-3823, smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org

OUTREACH

Learn about more volunteer opportunities on the Outreach ad at the end of the announcements.

Visit stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information about all activities at St. Martin’s.
For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.

This program meets on the fourth Monday of each month 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall.

For church members and others in our community who suffer with memory loss

**GATHERING**

**MARDI GRAS**

**FEBRUARY 24 | BILL PARISH**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

5–6:45 p.m., Dinner, Bagby Parish Hall
7 p.m., Fireworks Display, Plaza in front of The Church

**TICKETS**

**ADULTS: $8 | CHILDREN: $5 | FAMILY TICKET*: $25**

*This is for families of four or more–immediate family members only.
Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Contact Bruce Morgan at 713-985-3810 or bmorgan@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.
Are You Ready for Lent?

Your Lenten companion for times of reflection and renewal beginning with Ash Wednesday and carrying through to Easter

“One definition of ‘provoke’ is to inflame, and that is just what this beautifully written book of Lenten meditations does. It sets the love of God ablaze in our hearts, tilting us toward disciplined devotion on the way to Holy Week and Victory Sunday at Easter morn.”

– Timothy George, Founding Dean, Beeson Divinity School of Samford University and General Editor, Reformation Commentary on Scripture

Pick up your copy of the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.’s collection of scriptures, meditations and prayers that use the wisdom of others and narrative stories to help readers make that connection between their need and the provision of God in Christ.

Available for sale at the Church reception office in The Island

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

HOLY EUCHARIST AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Wednesday, February 26
7 A.M., NOON AND 6 P.M.
THE CHurch

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT IS A SPECIAL DAY OF HOLY OBLIGATION.
ASH WEDNESDAY
24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Wednesday, Feb. 26,
8 a.m. until Thursday, Feb. 27, 8 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

Sign up for a prayer time on one of the posters to be located in The Island, Bagby Parish Hall and in the Narthex of The Church. Bagby Parish Hall will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday for prayer time.

Thursday Afternoon Adult Lenten Series

PASSING IT ON

Thursday, Feb. 27
4–5 p.m. | HHCl Auditorium

Like a relay race, we receive the baton of faith from those who come before us and we pass it on to those who follow us. Come hear members of our Clergy share which Saints have passed the baton of faith on to them.
The Moms’ Group

MOMS’ BRUNCH

Saturday, February 29
11 a.m.–1 p.m.
At the home of Savanna Bowman
Please RSVP to savanna.bowmantx@gmail.com.

For more information, contact Anna Hawkins at 713-985-3831 or ahawkins@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

STORIES

STUDENT MINISTRIES

MARCH 1 | 5–7 P.M. | THE ISLAND
FOR STUDENTS 6TH–12TH GRADE

Join us as we hear from people you know and some you may only think you know,
as we discover how God might be writing YOUR story.

This Sunday we welcome our Middle School Minister, TD Davis, to tell his story.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
MEMBERSHIP 101

Monday, March 2
6–9 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall
and
Sunday, March 8
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Scout Center

This informative two-part class is a requirement for anyone desiring to join St. Martin’s. Child care is available for infants–pre-K by reservation.

If you are currently a member of the Church and would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church and St. Martin’s, we would love to have you join us as well.

Reservations are required for members and those seeking membership. For more information about the two-part class, please contact Kathy Johnson, Lay Minister of Membership Ministries, at 713-985-3834 or kjohnson@stmartinepiscopal.org.

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR Healing and Wholeness

St. Martin’s International OSL Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month.

This service is open to anyone desiring prayer for themselves or a loved one. Ministry team members will be available to pray with you.

Next Service
Wednesday, March 4
5–6 p.m. | The Island

For more information, email osl@stmartinseiscopal.org or contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at 713-985-3823 or smcbay@stmartinseiscopal.org.
Easter Flowers

Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church and Bagby Parish Hall at Easter. All requests received by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9, will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Any names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter. Make your flower dedication online at bit.ly/easteraltarflowers

For more information, contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
VISIT HIGHLIGHTS:
Dinner and Screening of the documentary, *The Search for the Last Supper*
Friday, March 27
5:30–6:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30–8 p.m., Screening followed by Q&A
Bagby Parish Hall
Leonardo DaVinci’s fresco of the Last Supper is perhaps the most famous sacred work in the world but the sad fact is, the fresco is damaged beyond repair. Is there a way to discover what it once looked like?

Presentation, Discussion and Book Signing: Building Bridges of Faith between Judaism, Christianity and Islam
Saturday, March 28 · 3–5 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall
Today’s headlines would suggest that tensions between Jews, Christians and Muslims are at an all-time high. In this talk, Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts will identify some amazing areas of common ground in faiths and practices. His books will be available for purchase on Sunday in Bagby Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour leading up to his visit and at the event.

Sermon in The Church
Sunday, March 29 · 9 and 11:15 a.m.
What is this Kingdom of God? What are the meanings of Jesus’ parables on the subject? Why do we, like the Apostles, sometimes struggle to understand this?

Basic Bible Study: Reconciling the Jesus of History with the Christ of Faith
Sunday, March 29 · 10:15 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall
New archaeological discoveries as well as literary exegesis suggest a portrait of a man that does not always match what church tradition has told us. In this talk, Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts will seek to bridge the gap between the two, and show that scientific discovery can actually bring us closer to the Christ of faith.
Volunteer as a Mock Interviewer or Graduation Encourager
Thursday, Feb. 27
1–4 p.m., Mock interviews
Friday, Feb. 28
2:30–4 p.m., Graduation
4555 Dacoma Street
The WorkFaith Connection is a Christ-centered organization that exists to encourage disadvantaged job seekers in their hope for a better future. St. Martin’s volunteers help job seekers who have completed the eight-day job readiness bootcamp.

Business Plan Workshop
Friday, Feb. 28
11:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Cleveland Correctional Center
Executive volunteers meet one-on-one with PEP clients to discuss in details all the elements of their business plan. For more information and to register as a volunteer, visit pep.org/cleveland-event.

Help at Christian Community Service Center (CCSC)
Saturday, Feb. 29
9 a.m.–noon
3230 Mercer
Join us to organize and distribute food and clothing at CCSC Emergency Services. CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy. They also provide job training and school vision screening.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Outreach Ministries at 713-985-3811 or outreach@stmartinsepcopal.org.
Activities are held in the Hope and Healing Center & Institute building that is located on the eastern side of the St. Martin’s Episcopal Church campus. We look forward to seeing you!

Mental Health Awareness Workshop
Tuesday, March 3
5:30–8 p.m.
HHC Auditorium
Join us for an insightful evening on mental health education and awareness. Individuals and families will learn techniques for identifying mental illness, developing safe and effective situational responses, and building a network to quickly connect those in distress with professional care.

Social Media, Gaming and Our Children's Brains
Wednesday, March 4
Noon–1 p.m.
HHC Auditorium
Whether it’s having fun on Tik Tok or their favorite video game, our children are engaged with technology almost 24/7. Join us to learn how the brain is affected by technology, healthy media and game limits and what parents need to know to protect children.

Everything You Need to Know About Spirituality and Aging—In 34 Minutes
Thursday, March 12
Noon–1 p.m.
HHC Auditorium
Ripening while aging provides many opportunities for growth, healing, forgiving, loving and letting go. Join Dr. Andy Achenbaum in a discussion of these opportunities.

Registration is required. For reservations and more information, please call 713-871-1004 or visit our website at hopeandhealingcenter.org.