ALL ADULTS

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group
Wednesday, March 11, 4:30–6 p.m., Payne Education Center, Room 207/209
Join us as we study School of Healing Prayer this year.
Contact: The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, 713-985-3823, smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org

MEN

Men of St. Martin’s
Thursday, March 12, 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, March 12, 9:30–11:20 a.m., Bagby Parish Hall
6:30–8 p.m., Payne Education Center
Join women of all ages for an indepth study of books of the Bible.
Contact: The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, 713-985-3823, smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org

STUDENTS

Middle School Boys Life Group
Sunday, March 8, 4–5:30 p.m., The Island

Middle School Girls Life Group
Sunday, March 8, 4–5:30 p.m., The Island

High School Life Group
Sunday, March 8, 6–7:30 p.m., The Island
Start the week well with encouragement through fellowship, study and dinner.
Contact: The Rev. Jane Ferguson, 346-335-8659, jferguson@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.
Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care. 

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. 

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. 

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. 

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. 

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care. 

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19
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.

BUILDING FOR THE AGES
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

SOUTH DRIVE BEHIND PAYNE EDUCATION CENTER
CLOSED MARCH 14–21

The south drive behind Payne Education Center will be completely shutdown during Spring Break. A main water line will be installed. Work begins Saturday, March 14 and continues through Saturday, March 21. This will impact Sunday, March 15. No parking or driving in this area.
Reflecting on SACRIFICE
A JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Wednesday, March 11
5:15–6:15 p.m., Dinner, Bagby Parish Hall
5:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist, The Church
6:30–7:30 p.m., Program, Bagby Parish Hall

This Lent, join us as various different speakers reflect on the meaning of sacrifice in the Old Testament, the New Testament, discipleship as well as contemporary examples of the faithful.

Thursday, March 12
4–5 p.m. | HHCI 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 Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

Wednesday, Mar. 18
12:30–2 p.m. | The Island, Room 207

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For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinseepiscopal.org.
For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.
St. Martin’s hosts
International Humanities Scholar
Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts

Professor Isbouts is a humanities scholar, National Geographic author and award-winning filmmaker, specializing in the art and archaeology of the Near East and the Mediterranean Basin. His website is jpisbouts.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? Visit bit.ly/IsboutsDinner to register for this event.

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.
AVAILABLE NOW

Books will be available for purchase on Sundays inside Bagby Parish Hall and Monday–Friday at the Church reception office.

For more information, contact Sherry Hunter at 713-985-3840 or shunter@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Mission doesn’t always have to be across the globe. Sometimes the most meaningful opportunities are just down the road. This year, middle school students will travel to Galveston to work with local organizations focused on caring for the city’s most vulnerable. Activities may include neighborhood cleanup, building projects or heading to a local park to minister to and play with students from the North Broadway neighborhood.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

JUNE 7–10  |  COST: $400  |  DEPOSIT: $100
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31
STMARTINSEPISCOPAL.ORG/STUDENT-MINISTRIES

High school students are heading to “Music City, U.S.A.” this year to partner with City Service Missions, an organization focused on serving and supporting those struggling with poverty in urban settings. As a part of this team, you will support and build up Nashville-based ministries to their full potential of service through an offering of your time, energy and prayers as you are integrated into a variety of hands-on ministry opportunities.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

June 21-26
Cost: $800 (airfare included)  |  Deposit: $150
Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 31
stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries
Applications can be found at stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries or picked up at the Student Ministries office. The submission deadline is Friday, April 3. Recipients will be informed Thursday, April 30, and celebrated on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 10.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

**St. Martin’s is offering scholarships for higher education to our graduating high school seniors.**

Applications can be found at stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries or picked up at the Student Ministries office. The submission deadline is Friday, April 3. Recipients will be informed Thursday, April 30, and celebrated on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 10.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

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**AMISTAD MISSION TRIP TO COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA**

June 22-29 • Deposit: $150 per person
Cost: $2,500 per person (airfare included)
Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 31
stmartinsepiscopal.org/world-mission-partners-and-trips

A visit to long-time partner Amistad Mission in Bolivia is a deeply relational trip focused on working and playing alongside the children and communities at Villa Amistad and Amistad for Families, as well as exploring parts of the city of Cochabamba and the Bolivian culture.

For more information, contact World Missions at 713-985-3811 or worldmission@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Volunteer with Dress for Success Team

Tuesday and Thursday, March 10 and 12
5:15–7 p.m.
3310 Eastside

Bel Inizio helps disadvantaged women develop self-confidence and life skills through fitness and nutrition. The Dress for Success team is training for a 5K race, and volunteers may drop off fruit or bring it and stay to encourage the participants. To sign up, please send an email to amber.jones@bel-inizio.org.

Open Door Mission
Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, March 12
Noon–1:30 p.m.
5803 Harrisburg Boulevard

“Lunch With A Mission” occurs the second Thursday of each month. Join us for a tour and find out more about Open Door’s mission and programs. Lunch is provided.

Volunteer as a Mock Interviewer or Graduation Encourager

Thursday, March 12
1–4 p.m., Mock interviews
Friday, March 13
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.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Outreach Ministries at 713-985-3811 or outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.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!

**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.

**Aging with Grace—Legal Concerns of Aging**
Monday, March 16
10–11:30 a.m.
HHC Room 204

Aging brings the reminder that we need to consider the legacies of our earthly possessions. However, there are other legal considerations of aging. Join us to understand the key considerations, including ways to bequeath your earthly possessions, as well as understand other documents that may be needed as we age.

**Aging with Grace—Health Care Rights and Responsibilities**
Monday, March 23
10–11:30 a.m.
HHC Room 103

When you go to a new doctor or hospital, you are given information about your rights and responsibilities as a patient. When was the last time you read this document? In this presentation we will review some of the key features, as well as explain ways that you can assure that your health care wishes will be followed.

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