

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sung Mass and Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024  
10:30 am**

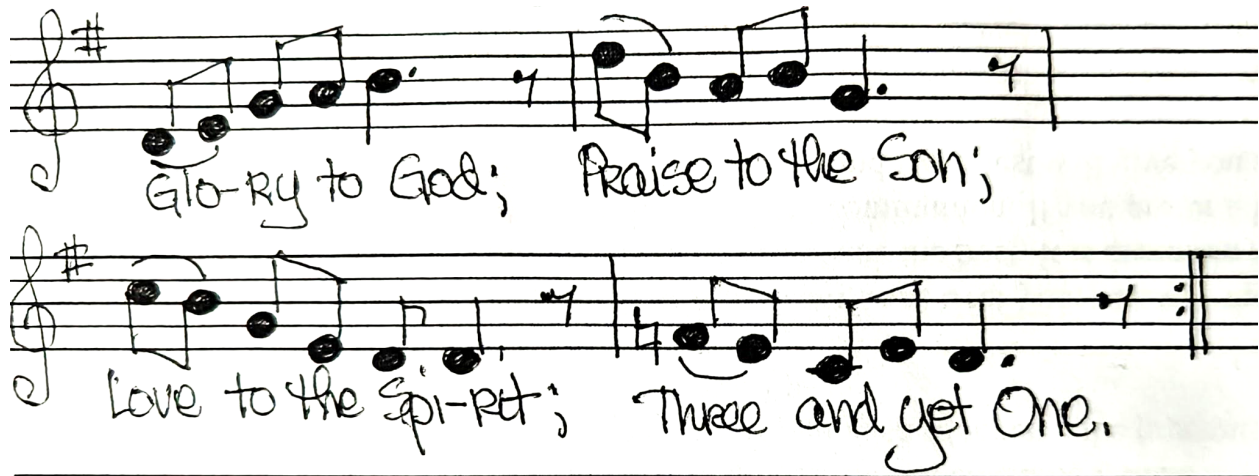
**St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, NJ**

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

*Gloria*

*Kathy Shanklin*



**Collect**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

**A Reading from the Prophet Jonah** *(Please be seated)*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

## **Psalm 62 *Nonne Deo?***

Antiphon: For God alone my soul in silence waits..

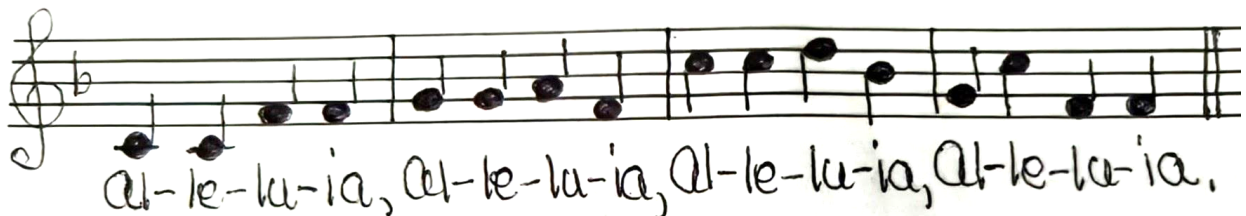
For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. **Antiphon.**  
In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
Put your trust in him always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge. **Antiphon.**  
God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.  
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to his deeds. **Antiphon.**

## **A Reading from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God*

## **Gospel Acclamation**



**V: The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.**

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. The Gospel of the Lord.

## **The Rector's Address**

### **The Nicene Creed    (Please stand)**

**BCP, 358**

### **The Prayers of the People**

God the Father, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *Pray for us.*

St Michael and all Angels, *Pray for us.*

St. John the Baptist, *Pray for us*

All you holy Apostles, *Pray for us*

All you holy Martyrs, *Pray for us*

St Martin of Tours, *Pray for us*

We pray to you, Lord Christ. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Diocesan Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Priest: Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in this Annual Meeting. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory.

Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

## The Peace and Announcements

**Offertory Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me* v1,2- All; v3- Choir; v4,5- All**



1. Will you come and fol - low me if  
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if  
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if  
 5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and  
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you  
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your  
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do  
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -  
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in  
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in  
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in  
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

## The Liturgy of the Altar

*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, becauseBecause in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ Our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels andArchangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow-er and might, Heav-en and earth are

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 368

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

The Fraction and Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins of the world: grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

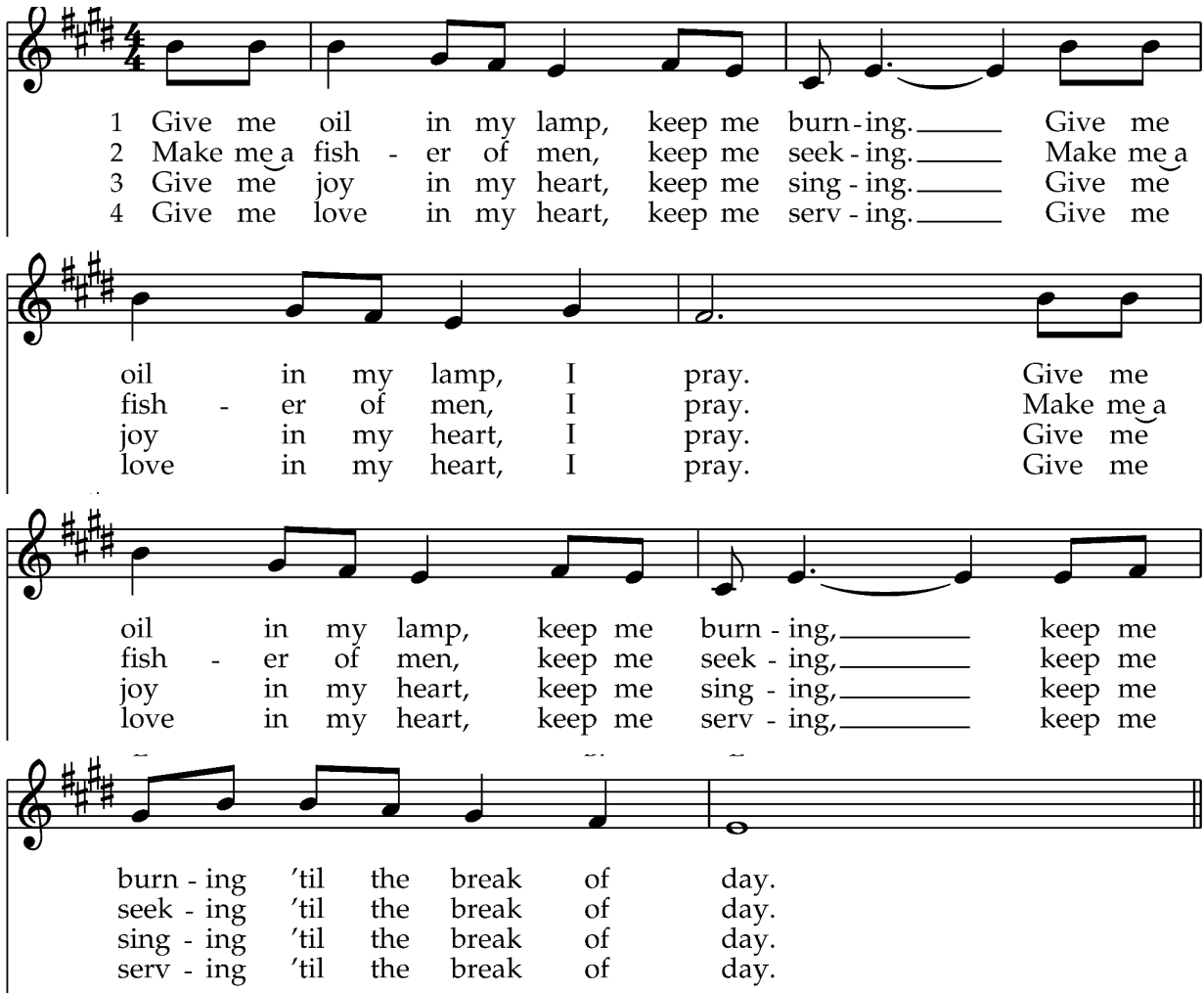
## The Holy Communion

### Communion Hymns

#### Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*Hymnal 1982, 652*

#### Give Me Oil in My Lamp



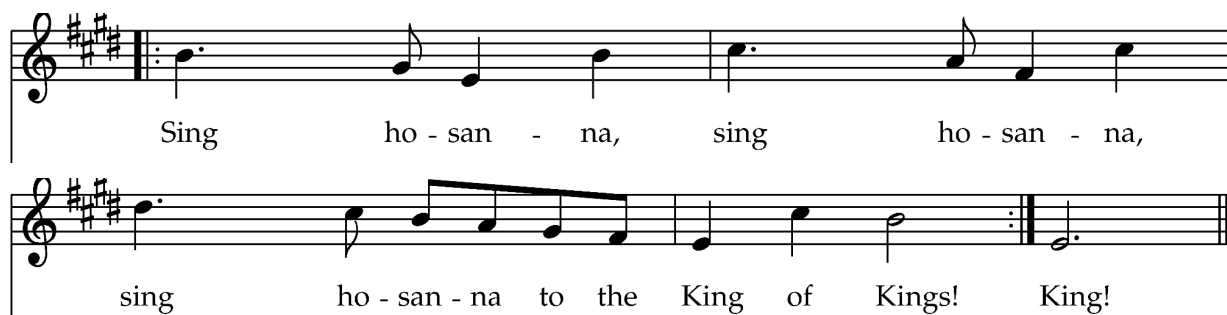
1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me  
2 Make me a fish - er of men, keep me seek - ing. Make me a  
3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing. Give me  
4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing. Give me

oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me  
fish - er of men, I pray. Make me a  
joy in my heart, I pray. Give me  
love in my heart, I pray. Give me

oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing, keep me  
fish - er of men, keep me seek - ing, keep me  
joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing, keep me  
love in my heart, keep me serv - ing, keep me

burn - ing 'til the break of day.  
seek - ing 'til the break of day.  
sing - ing 'til the break of day.  
serv - ing 'til the break of day.





**Post Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or stand*)**

***BCP, 365***

## **The Annual Meeting**

### **Minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of St Martin's Church was opened at 11:40 am following the post communion prayer.

Candidates Debra Mock, for School Board President and Anne Marie Verdiramo for the open vestry position, were both elected by acclamation.

Senior warden, Larry Ottenstroer encouraged all to participate in parish activities. Beth Hixenbaugh, junior warden, listed some property issues that have been addressed, including tree removal and replacement of the HVAC system. She also proposed an "Adopt a Garden" project to maintain the church grounds.

Treasurer, Chris Evans, gave the financial report. There was about a \$46,000 loss which was less than expected. Revenue was down about \$7,000. He also suggested a study to create a capital reserve fund for unexpected major expenses.

The budget for 2023 includes clergy and insurance costs that are determined by the Diocese. Insurance costs are up 10%. A rise in utility expenses was also included.

Juanita Hawkins praised Chris for his outstanding work.

The meeting was concluded at 12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Picazio

## **Vestry Elections**

Vacant/ No nomination has been accepted- School Board President  
Juanita Hawkins- Finance, Kathy Picazio- Clerk, Br. Philip Muniz- Pastoral Care  
Todd Hendrickson- Junior Warden, Beth Hixenbaugh- Senior Warden

## **Convention Delegate Elections**

Kathy Picazio- One year term  
Anne Marie Verdiramo - Two year term  
Barbara Butler- Three year term  
Len Cacciatore- Alternate

## **Treasurer's Report**

**(Budget attached)**

## **Senior Warden's Report**

## **Junior Warden's Report**

## **Other Committee Reports Attached**

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn: *Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word***

***Hymnal 1982, 530***

***Brunch follows immediately in the undercroft. Please join us for a time of fellowship.***

## **SERVING TODAY**

**Thurifer: Crucifer: Colin Hawley**

**Reader: Carl Picazio Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Picazio**

**Choir: Beth Hixenbaugh, Alison Jandak, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon**

**Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws**

**Mass: Wednesday, 6 pm in the Lady Chapel**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **St Martin's Seniors**

A new ministry to Seniors is in formation at St. Martin's. Len Cacciatore has graciously agreed to serve as the coordinator of this new ministry. There will be an informal chat on ***Sunday, January 28 at 9:30 am in the undercroft*** for anyone who might be interested in participating in activities designed and planned for seniors. *This meeting is not for people who want to serve on the planning team- it is for all seniors* who would like to participate in the activities planned by the Seniors Ministry team. This is an opportunity for you to express your interest and share ideas about what kinds of activities you would like to see planned.

If you cannot attend the conversation on January 28, but want to stay informed of upcoming events and activities, please let Len Cacciatore or Father Rob know of your interest.

All Seniors in our community are welcome to participate in all activities and events. You do not need to be a St Martin's parishioner.

### **Prayer Intentions for this Mass**

For healing: Fausto, Marianne, John, Ryan, Joe, Luis, Paige, Maureen, Bozeno, Helios, Sonia, Bob, Julia, Anna, Nicole, Dusty, Nory, Anthony, Jeff, Debbie, Ian, Pat, Dillon, Mary, Olivia, Anna Rose, Evelyn, Adam, and Brent.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Annual Meeting 2024 - Evangelism Committee Report

- Wrote welcome letters to all new people who signed the guest book and tried to personally engage with them each Sunday.
- Resurrected “Welcome Bags” for newcomers and updated all included documents.  
Created a “Guide to SundayWorship for Visitors” in each pew.  
Resurrected Greeters for a few Sundays each month.
- Did 5 paid Facebook/Instagram “advertisements”. These promotions were geographically targeted to residents of Bridgewater, Martinsville, Warren and Bedminster. Very cost-effective way to reach new audiences:

#### Promotion People Reached

1. Holy Week & Easter Promotion (\$25) 3,572
  2. Canticles for Life AIDS Benefit Concert (\$25) 738
  3. Fall Festival Promotion (\$25) 3,006
  4. Nativity Open House Promotion (\$25) 1,394
  5. Christmas Masses Promotion (\$20) 2,504
- Total Promotion Reach 11,214  
Total Spent \$120  
Cost per person reached \$0.01

- Had a great turnout of existing members welcoming 8 new families at our Welcome Brunch in May.
- Created a banner advertising our Church School to be displayed roadside in the fall and spring.
- Continued weekly website updates including Sunday Mass videos, weekly newsletter emails, events and calendar.
- Maintained a very active presence on Facebook and Instagram.

Submitted by: Diane Lester, January 2024

#### 2023 Team Members

Joyce Clark, Jane Linn, Kristin Matteo, Mary O’Malley, Fr. Rob Laws

## **Annual Meeting 2024 - Fellowship Committee Report**

Every year that I write this report, I must look back at my calendar to remind me of all of the Fellowship events that we held.

In January we had the Rectory Open House and Annual Meeting, February was Mardi Gras, March was the American Red Cross Blood Drive, April was the Agape Feast and Canticles for Life Concert, May was the Newcomer's Dinner, June was the Parish Picnic, July was the second Blood Drive, September was the Kick-off Sunday Picnic, October was our big Fall Family Fun Fest in conjunction with the school, November was Evening in Tuscany, and finally in December was the 800th Anniversary of the Nativity Scene Open House. As always, I want to thank the stalwarts who continue to help out at Coffee Hour every Sunday.

The Women's Group also got together for a show and dinner at the Paper Mill Playhouse, a Sip and Plant in Somerville and a Christmas Luncheon and cookie exchange at Alison's.

We have some very exciting Fellowship events coming up in 2024, so keep reading the newsletter for announcements!

Submitted by Alison Jandak

## **Annual Meeting 2024 - St. Martin's Outreach Committee Report (See insert)**

## **Annual Meeting 2024 - St. Martin's School Report**

St. Martin's School operates as a not-for-profit organization in the church facilities. The school is a subsidiary of St. Martin's Episcopal Church and one of the largest missions of the church. Infant through kindergarten aged children are accepted. A combination of the Montessori method and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are used in guiding and teaching the children.

### **Highlights :**

- The American Montessori Accreditation (AMS) Team, approved Montessori accreditation for St. Martin's School in March 2023
- Change in School Administration -
  - Father Rober Laws named Head of School
  - Kristen Petron, Assistant Head of School promoted to Director of School
- Consistent enrollment of 57-60 students
- Continuation of Summer Camp Program
- Joint Fall Festival with St. Martin's School, Church and Community
- Gift to Church of \$150,000

Submitted by Deb Mock, School Board President

## **Annual Meeting 2024 - St. Martin's Sunday School Report**

We are working through another good year in the atrium. In our service we are practicing prayers of thanksgiving and passing the peace, among other things. Our favorite part is to light the oil lamp to remember the light of Christ. In October we had the blue timeline down off the wall and contemplated Creation, Redemption and Parousia, and how we might help God with His plan.

In Advent we participated in the 800th Anniversary of the St. Francis nativity by making our own. You may have seen the wonderful Christmas Eve pageant. The kids were thrilled with their performance!

This spring we'll discuss parables, Lent and Easter, and think about how hard it might be to love others as God loves us.

Heather Agosto  
Christine Kellam  
Nancy Muniz

## **Annual Meeting 2024 - St. Martin's Stewardship Report**

This year stewardship letters were sent to 97 households. We received 39 pledges, and a total of \$146,900 pledged for 2024. This reflects a \$9000 decrease from last year.

The decrease is partly due to the fact that a few pledging families have moved, and we did not receive pledges from all of last year's pledgers.

The rector, wardens, and vestry are grateful for your generosity.

**Please join us for brunch in the undercroft following the meeting.**

## Upcoming Events

- Saturday, January 25**      ***After Midnight, Papermill Playhouse, 1:30 pm***  
See Alison Jandak for more information
- Next Sunday, January 28-** **Informational Meeting for our new Seniors Ministry**  
Please join others in the Undercroft at 9:15 am to discuss  
Activities and events you would like to see planned.
- Sunday, February 4-**      **Candlemas, the feast of the Presentation of our Lord**  
We will bless candles on this day. If you have a candle you  
would like blessed, please bring it.
- Wednesday, February 14**      **Ash Wednesday, 5:00 pm**  
Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes
- Sunday, February 18**      **Blood Drive**
- Monday, February 19**      **Lenten Study (more information will be forthcoming)**