



**Come join us at our Annual St. Monica Guild Fundraiser**



**2019 Trinity Episcopal Church Silver Tea**  
**Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**765 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, MS**  
**3PM to 5PM**  
**Food, Tea, Wine**  
**Donations Requested**

## **St. Monica Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church Silver Tea 2019**

St. Monica Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, MS announces news of their 89th Silver Valentine Tea. The Tea will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019, from 3 to 5 PM, at 765 East Scenic Drive, in Pass Christian at the home of Carroll and Dale Mathews. The Mathews are long time enthusiasts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Their current restored residence overlooks the scenic Gulf of Mexico and occupies a portion of the original 1800's site of the "Dixie White House" which was divided in half following Hurricane Camille in 1969. Carroll and Dale's own home and her parents neighboring home on West Beach were both destroyed in Hurricane Katrina.

The Silver Tea is an annual fundraiser given to support the many ministries of St. Monica's Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church: The Boys and Girls Club, Christian Concern Ministries, the Pass Christian Food Bank, Gone Fishing Ministries, Mercy Flight Southeast (who provides free air transportation to sick families needing medical treatment at out of state hospitals and facilities), Wilmer Hall Children's Home and Missionary work in Chile. There is no charge to attend the Tea, however donations are requested and appreciated. All monies collected will be given to the above charities. Entrance to the Tea is available on East Scenic Beach Blvd. in front of the residence where parking signs will be posted. Courtesy shuttle carts will be available to transport visitors to the residence from parking areas.

This home occupies a portion of the original 'Dixie White House' site, which was divided in half following Hurricane Camille in 1969. The home was built in 1972 by Lee and Sarah Spence and designed by Bay St. Louis architect, Fred Wagner, in the Colonial Revival style. Lee Spence is the uncle of Mayor Chipper McDermott. The home was later purchased by Wilbert and Margery Geddes in 1975 and additional changes were made to the façade in the late 1990's. Although the house stood up to the incredible force of Hurricane Katrina, it received some water and many of the exterior and interior features were damaged. Dale and Carroll Mathews purchased the home from Margery Geddes in September 2007 and restored the residence from 2007 to 2009.

Although the Mathews originally planned to rebuild a very casual beach house similar to their previous cottage, they were drawn to the Geddes-Spence home. The substantial construction, symmetrical design, aligned openings, higher elevation and surviving oak trees all appealed to them. But because their Pass Christian way of life always involved dividing time

between the water, beach, and porches to enjoy the natural setting as much as possible, the addition of more porches for outdoor living was essential. The existing design also permitted opening up the group interior spaces with no structural changes. In a collaborative effort between Carroll Mathews, an interior designer, and Baton Rouge architect Chuck Oliver, the home was adapted to support the Mathews' casual lifestyle. Foremost in their minds was creating a design that at once respected the original design, the beauty of the surrounding homes and the ambiance of the Historic District.

Refreshments at the Silver Tea will consist of sweet and savory homemade treats, coffee and tea, as well as wine. We invite all Coast residents, tourists and those interested to join us on Sunday, February 10 for a wonderful afternoon. In an effort to protect the floors, please do not wear spike heels. For more information call 228-452-4563 or 228-547-8636.

