



REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR

Celebrating the Place God Has Prepared

75 years of worship, witness, friendship, service, and faith

Dear Friends in Christ,

This August, St. Bartholomew's will celebrate seventy-five years of worship, witness, friendship, service, and faith.

In 1951, forty-five people gathered to celebrate the first Holy Eucharist of the parish that would become St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. They could not have imagined what would grow from that faithful gathering—the many people who would find a home here; the baptisms, weddings, funerals, Sunday services, parish meals, ministries to the community, and friendships formed.

They trusted that God had called them together to create a new place of welcome in Christ. Seventy-five years later, we are the beneficiaries of their faithful response. St. Bart's has been shaped by the prayers, generosity, labor, courage, and love of generations who came before us.

We also have the responsibility and privilege of preparing this place for those who come after us.

Because we have so much to celebrate, this year's St. Bartholomew's Weekend will be especially meaningful. On Friday evening, we will gather for our annual Sock Hop and Ice Cream Social. On Saturday, we will enjoy a night together at the Augusta GreenJackets game. Then, on Sunday, Bishop Daniel Richards will join us for his regular parish visitation as we celebrate our patronal feast and the 75th anniversary of our parish.

Before worship, we will dedicate the Meadow Meditation Garden, the Labyrinth at its center, and the Josephine Shippen Bluebird Trail. Each of these spaces represents something important about who St. Bart's has been, who we are now, and who we are becoming.



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The Meadow offers rest and renewal. The Labyrinth offers a path of prayer—not a maze to solve, but a single path on which to slow down, listen, and open ourselves to God. The Bluebird Trail reminds us that faithful care for creation makes room for life to flourish.

Together, these spaces extend our welcome beyond the church doors. They say to our neighbors, to those who are searching, and to those who simply need a quiet place: There is room for you here.

That desire for welcome is guiding our Vestry's August 1 retreat centered on Invite Welcome Connect. Christian welcome means noticing people, learning their stories, helping them form relationships, and making room for their gifts. It allows "All have a place here" to become something people experience—not simply something they read.

An anniversary invites us to give thanks for the past and focus on the future. What kind of parish are we called to be now? What will those who come after us inherit?

I hope you will be present for St. Bartholomew's Weekend. Come and dance. Join us at the ballpark. Worship with Bishop Richards. Walk the Labyrinth. Share memories. Welcome someone new.

Most of all, come give thanks for all God has done and for the place God has prepared for us now—and help us prepare it for those who come after us.

*Blessings,
Joseph+*

**"There is room for
you here."**



The Meadow Meditation Garden, Labyrinth, and Josephine Shippen Bluebird Trail will be blessed and dedicated on Sunday, August 30.



Deacon Pam Crossley

PARISH LIFE

With Gratitude for Deacon Pam

On Sunday, July 26, St. Bart's gathered to give thanks for the faithful ministry of the Rev. Deacon Pam Crossley.

Archdeacon Mary Jeffers joined us on behalf of Bishop Daniel Richards and the diocesan staff. MaryAnne Good presented Pam with a gift from the parish, and the congregation joined in a prayer of gratitude and blessing as Pam entered a new season of ministry.

The prayer gave thanks for the gifts entrusted to Pam and asked God to grant her "joy in serving, wisdom in discerning your call, strength for the journey ahead, and the assurance of your unfailing love."

Pam's four years of ministry at St. Bart's strengthened our outreach, worship, pastoral care, Christian formation, Safe Church practices, and lay leadership. We remain deeply grateful for her service—and grateful that Pam and Neil remain part of this parish family.

Four Ways to Learn, Pray, and Serve

August brings opportunities to deepen faith, strengthen welcome, begin a new school year with prayer, and carry the Eucharist beyond Sunday worship.

A New Book Conversation

Fridays after Centering Prayer • approximately 11:00 a.m.

Our Friday Centering Prayer group has begun a conversation based on Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ*.

The group meets after the regular 10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer gathering in the Chapel of the David Thompson Ministry Center. Attend Centering Prayer, the book conversation, or both. Join at any time; read as much as you are able.

Questions? Contact Fr. Joseph at priest@saintbart.org.

Learning to Invite, Welcome, and Connect

Vestry Retreat • Saturday, August 1

The Vestry will gather at the Convent of St. Helena to explore three connected questions: How do people discover St. Bart's? What do they experience when they arrive? How do we help them form relationships, discover their gifts, and participate?

The goal is not simply to attract more people. It is to see, know, and make room for the people God brings into our life.

A later Scroll will share what the Vestry learned and the next steps that emerge.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 2 • 10:00 a.m. worship

Students, teachers, school staff, and families are invited to bring backpacks, book bags, laptop bags, or other symbols of the new school year.

During worship we will offer a special blessing for everyone beginning a new year of learning, teaching, service, and growth. Preschool, graduate school, classrooms, offices, and every place of learning are included.

Bring your bag and receive the prayers of your parish.

A Ministry of Presence

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

St. Bart's is forming a team of parishioners trained and licensed to bring Holy Communion to people who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to attend Sunday worship.

Visitors normally serve in pairs, offering Communion, prayer, conversation, and the reminder that those who cannot be physically present remain part of the Body of Christ. Safe Church training will be required.

Feeling called to explore this ministry? Contact Fr. Joseph.

CONTACT FR. JOSEPH • priest@saintbart.org

Two Wednesdays for Conversation and Connection

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY RETURNS

The Apostle: Grace in a Ruined Life

Wednesday, August 12 • Parish Hall • Potluck at 5:00 p.m.

Our featured film is *The Apostle* (1997), written and directed by Robert Duvall, who also stars as Sonny Dewey—a gifted Pentecostal preacher whose powerful ministry exists alongside deep personal failings.

The film asks difficult and deeply Christian questions: Can a deeply flawed person be genuinely called by God? Can real faith coexist with real sin? What does grace look like in the middle of a ruined life?

Watch the film at home before we gather. A group screening begins at 3:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share; the guided conversation follows the 5:00 p.m. potluck. Recommended for adults and older teens.



Warm, musical, sometimes funny, and profoundly moving.

FROM ECUADOR TO ST. BART'S

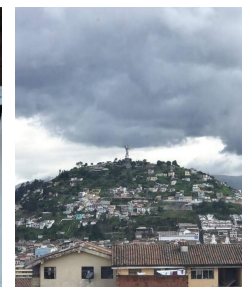
Stories, Photographs, and a Future Possibility

Wednesday, August 19 • Parish Hall • Potluck at 5:00 p.m.

Join Fr. Joseph for photographs, stories, and reflections from his recent mission journey to Ecuador with Education Equals Hope.

The evening will explore the people, the work, and what the experience might teach St. Bart's about mission and partnership. It will also open a conversation about a possible future St. Bart's group trip to Ecuador.

Bring a dish to share for the 5:00 p.m. potluck. The presentation will follow. All are welcome.



Scenes from Ecuador: Fr. Joseph's mission journey with Education Equals Hope offered opportunities to listen, learn, build relationships, and witness the hope taking root in communities around Quito.

AUGUST 28–30, 2026

St. Bartholomew's Weekend

Seventy-Five Years of Worship, Welcome, and Witness

This year's celebration brings together beloved traditions, Bishop Daniel Richards's regular parish visitation, our patronal feast, and the dedication of three outdoor gifts to the parish and wider community. Longtime members, newer members, former parishioners, friends, neighbors, and guests are warmly invited. This weekend belongs to the whole St. Bart's family.

FRIDAY
AUG 28

Sock Hop and Ice Cream Social

6:00 p.m. • Parish Hall

Put on your dancing shoes for music, dancing, fellowship, and ice cream. A live DJ will provide the soundtrack for one of our most joyful parish traditions. Dancing is optional. Enjoying the company is not. Bring friends, children, grandchildren, and anyone who could use an evening of simple fun and warm community.

SATURDAY
AUG 29

St. Bart's Night at the Ballpark

Augusta GreenJackets vs. Myrtle Beach Pelicans • 5:00 p.m.

We have reserved 50 tickets at \$12 each. Every ticket includes a \$2 concession coupon, and the evening concludes with fireworks. Orders and payment are due Monday, August 10. Sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Janice at admin@saintbart.org or 803-279-4622, ext. 1.



SUNDAY
AUG 30

The Feast of Saint Bartholomew

- 9:00 a.m. — Outdoor dedications and a guided introduction to walking the Labyrinth
- 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist with Bishop Daniel Richards: patronal feast and 75th-anniversary celebration
- Following worship — Anniversary reception in the Parish Hall

We will bless and dedicate the Meadow Meditation Garden, the Labyrinth, and the Josephine Shippen Bluebird Trail. Certified labyrinth facilitator Camille Woodruff will guide those who would like to learn more about walking the Labyrinth as a practice of Christian prayer.

COME CELEBRATE THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARED THIS PARISH FOR US—AND HELP PREPARE ST. BART'S FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME.

A Weekend Rooted in Joy, Fellowship, and Welcome

St. Bartholomew's Weekend gathers the parish around beloved traditions and the gifts God continues to grow among us.

FRIDAY



Music, dancing, ice cream, and conversation at a past Sock Hop.

FRIDAY



The celebration is for every generation—and costumes are welcome.

SATURDAY



St. Bart's returns to SRP Park for baseball, fellowship, and fireworks.

PARISH LIFE



Breaking bread together helps St. Bart's become a community.

SUNDAY



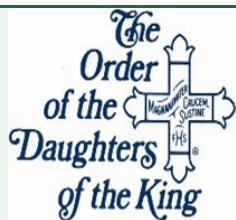
Bishop Daniel Richards joins our visitation and anniversary celebration.

SUNDAY



The Bluebird Trail reflects faithful care for creation and room for life.

"All have a place here" becomes real through worship, welcome, shared meals, joyful traditions, and room for new life.



"You only need a desire to grow closer to Christ, deepen your life of prayer, and serve others."

CURIOUS?

Speak with Robin Petry after worship or contact her at 706-836-3027 or petrymail@yahoo.com.

AN INVITATION TO CONSIDER THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

A Life of Prayer, Service, and Hope

One of the quiet strengths of St. Bart's is the faithful ministry of our Daughters of the King. The Daughters are not simply another committee or social group. They are women who pray regularly for the Church and the world, support the parish's pastoral-care ministry, and seek to make Christ's love known through their words and lives.

Much of what they do is not highly visible. Their ministry often takes the form of a prayer quietly offered, a card sent, a person remembered, a need noticed, or a faithful presence during a difficult season. That ministry greatly strengthens the spiritual life of our parish.

This August, the Daughters especially invite the women of St. Bart's to consider whether God may be calling you to explore their ministry. You do not need to think of yourself as especially knowledgeable, experienced, or "religious enough."

You do not need to have everything figured out.

Becoming a Daughter is not a decision made hastily. There is time for prayer, learning, conversation, and discernment before making any commitment. Asking questions does not obligate you to join; it is simply an opportunity to listen for where God may be leading.

I am deeply grateful for the prayerful care our Daughters offer this parish. If you might be interested in exploring whether this community and ministry could become part of your journey with Christ, I hope you will contact Robin.

*Blessings,
Joseph+*

CURSILLO #151 • ROOTED IN GRACE



Bishop Daniel Richards speaks to a diocesan Cursillo gathering last year.

Could Cursillo Be Your Next Step?

September 17-20, 2026

Cursillo is a three-day weekend of worship, prayer, teaching, fellowship, laughter, and honest conversation designed to help Episcopalians deepen their life with Christ and discover practical ways to live their faith.

Any Episcopalian age 18 or older may attend. The cost is \$200, and scholarships are available so finances need not keep anyone from participating.

If you are curious about Cursillo, considering attending, or simply have questions about what happens during the weekend, please speak with Fr. Joseph or contact him at priest@saintbart.org. He would be glad to talk with you and help with the application and sponsorship process.

LEARN MORE: Talk with Fr. Joseph.

Gather, Care, Pray, and Create

Regular Gatherings

Centering Prayer

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. • David Thompson Ministry Center Chapel

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. • Adult Education Building

Children's Church

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. • Parish Hall

Rosary & Compline

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. • David Thompson Ministry Center Chapel

Episcopal Youth Community

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. • Parish Hall

Handbell Choir

On summer break; rehearsals resume September 9

SPECIAL DATES

Fellowship, Care, and Prayer

Health Ministry Screening

Sunday, August 9 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • Parish Hall

Free blood-pressure, blood-glucose, and weight checks, with an opportunity to ask general health questions. No appointment is needed; stop by before or after worship.

Contact Robin Petry at 706-836-3027 or petrymail@yahoo.com.

EpiscoPals Lunch — Adults 50+

Thursday, August 20 • 11:30 a.m. • Bonefish Grill, 2911 Washington Road, Augusta

Join the EpiscoPals for good food, relaxed conversation, and warm fellowship.

Sign up in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Mike Osteen at 803-315-3549.

AUGUST MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Crafters for Christ

Tuesday, August 18 • 10:00 a.m.



Members bring skills such as sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, and other handmade work. Projects support parish ministries, outreach, gifts, and special occasions. Bring a project, learn from others, or simply enjoy the fellowship.

Need something made? Contact the Parish Office at admin@saintbart.org or 803-279-4622 to be connected with the group.

Daughters of the King

Sunday, August 23 • 11:45 a.m. • Nursery

The St. Bartholomew's chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King meets after worship. The Daughters commit themselves to prayer, service, and evangelism and support the parish's pastoral-care ministry.

All women of the parish are welcome. Contact Robin Petry at 706-836-3027 or petrymail@yahoo.com.

**Saint Bartholomew's
Episcopal Church**

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Celebrating Deacon Pam Crossley 8:30am Centering Prayer 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Children's Church 10:00am Holy Eucharist II 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship	27	28	29	30	31 10:00am Centering Prayer	1 VESTRY RETREAT
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Gratitude Made Visible

\$11,421.74

below the year-to-date operating need

Latest available figures through April 2026

Operating receipts totaled \$102,596.26 against a year-to-date need of \$114,018.00. Pledges are welcome at any time during the year. Contact the church office for a pledge card or place one in the offering plate.

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	NEED	DIFFERENCE
Pledge	\$97,732.60	\$104,781.46	-\$7,048.86
Other	\$4,863.66	\$9,236.54	-\$4,372.88
TOTAL	\$102,596.26	\$114,018.00	-\$11,421.74

PARISH FAMILY

August Birthdays

We give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays this month. May God bless you with joy, strength, and a deep awareness of Christ's presence in the year ahead.

- 1 Kyle Waddell
- 5 Carla Bouchard
- 7 Cathy Sligh
- 7 Teresa Thirkell
- 12 Hinton Wells
- 21 Marcia Godfrey
- 24 Jessica Jones
- 25 Andy Driver
- 31 Darren Waters

August Anniversary

19 — Jim and Shari Scott

Deaths

- 29 - Vera Russ
- 29 - April Hyatt

CARE & CONTACT

Pastoral Emergencies

Please send pastoral concerns—including hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths, concerns involving children, or relationship difficulties—directly to Fr. Joseph at priest@saintbart.org or 803-279-4622. All concerns will be held in the strictest confidence.

Altar Flowers

Honor someone in loving memory or thanksgiving by signing up in the Flower Book in the narthex or contacting Janice at admin@saintbart.org. The cost is \$45 and may be paid by cash, check, or text-to-give: text SAINTBART Flowers \$45 to 73256. Standard messaging rates apply.

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Sunday Worship

- 8:30 a.m. — Centering Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. — Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:00 a.m. — Children's Church
- 10:00 a.m. — Livestream on Facebook and YouTube
- 11:00 a.m. — Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

About St. Bartholomew's

We are called to be an inclusive community where all may encounter God's love. God strengthens, nourishes, and speaks to us through scripture, tradition, and reason.

Our worship is accessible in person and online, with opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. With God's help, we share the unconditional love of Jesus Christ through outreach and social justice ministries.

All have a place here.



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FROM THE ST. BART'S ARCHIVES

Seventy-Five Years of Faith

In 1951, forty-five people gathered to celebrate the first Holy Eucharist of the community that would become St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. These photographs preserve some of the earliest chapters of our parish story—a story shaped by prayer, courage, fellowship, and trust in God's future.



The parish's early church building, c. 1950s.



Early members gathered outside the church.



A ceremonial moment in the parish's early life.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS LATER, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO PLANTED AND BUILT, FOR ALL WHO HAVE WORSHIPED AND SERVED
HERE, AND FOR THE GENERATIONS STILL TO COME.

