



# The Scroll

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## *Reflections from the Rector:*

Last Sunday I was watching the Pentecost service online. Fr. Doug was just beginning the Eucharistic Prayer, the time in the service when we ask for the Holy Spirit to come on the bread and wine and on us. Suddenly I heard cries of panic from the kitchen. A fire had started quickly and got out of hand faster. By the time I could reach it, it was beyond what I could manage. The fire department arrived fast, contained the damage to the kitchen and ceiling, and left us with a house that is standing but will not be livable for several months.

No one was hurt. We are grateful beyond words.

But all this week I have been thinking about how our family had a Pentecost fire on Pentecost Sunday, the day when we remember the fire that descended on the disciples.

I do not think God sent our kitchen fire. That is not how I understand the Spirit to work. But the tradition of the church has always known something true about fire — that it disrupts, it clarifies, it burns away what is not essential, and it has a way of sending people out. The disciples in the upper room were not expecting what arrived. And after it did, they were not the same people, and they were not in the same place.

May was not the month I had planned for other reasons as well. On May 21, I had surgery at Piedmont Augusta to address a severely herniated disc in my lower back — months of nerve pain that had become impossible to manage without intervention. The surgery went well, and I am recovering. Many of you have prayed for me and my family through this season, and we are profoundly grateful. Being on the receiving end of a community's care is a humbling and deeply moving experience for someone who is more accustomed to being on the giving end of it.

Surgery. Fire. Displacement. This Pentecost season has gotten off to quite a start.

And yet — Pentecost is also a beginning. The disciples left the upper room. They went out. They were sent.

With all of that as backdrop, I want to share something I have been anticipating since last year: in early July, Lord willing and my surgeon willing, my family and I will travel to Ecuador for mission work with Education = Hope, an organization that builds schools and invests in communities in Ecuador.

This trip began as an attempt to organize a St. Bart's mission team. We worked at it seriously — we advertised, held conversations, and explored partnerships with other small congregations. In the end, it did not come together. But my brother's church in Tallahassee had a team going with room for us. And since Ecuador mission work has been part of St. Bartholomew's story before — our youth did exactly this kind of trip about eight years ago — we made the decision to go. My brother will also be there. We will go to learn what this ministry looks like from the inside, so that when the time comes to invite St. Bart's into it, we will know exactly what we are inviting you into.

Pentecost sends people out. Sometimes the fire of Pentecost disrupts our lives first, but after the fire comes new life in Christ, new mission. Consider this your advance notice that the conversation is coming about where God is moving in our life together, maybe even disrupting us, and where God is sending us, not only to far off places like Ecuador but also our own community in North Augusta.

In the meantime, I ask for your prayers, and please know that you are in mine.

Blessings,

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**SUMMER AT BART'S**

Summer brings a natural shift in the rhythm of parish life. Here is what to expect in the weeks ahead.

- **Sunday worship** continues each week at 10:00 a.m., followed by **coffee and fellowship** in the Parish Hall.
- **Adult Education** continues at 9:00 a.m.
- **Centering Prayer** continues on **Sunday** mornings at 8:30 a.m. and on **Friday** mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- **EpiscoPals**, our monthly luncheon for adults 50 and older, continues through the summer — watch the e-news for monthly details.
- **Crafters for Christ** meet on the **third Tuesday** of each month at 10:00 a.m.
- **Daughters of the King** meet on the **fourth Sunday** of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Nursery.
- **Handbell Choir** meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays** and **Wednesday Rosary and Compline** are suspended during Father Joseph's medical leave and will return when he does.

*Your 2026 Vestry*

*Jackie Raeth - Sr. Warden*  
*Charles Duchscher - Jr. Warden*  
*MaryAnne Good*  
*Barb McCall*  
*Joyce Feenstra*  
*Lisa Russ*  
*Mary Beth Pierucci*  
*Kyle Waddell*  
*David Miller*

*About St. Bartholomew's*

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

Our worship services are fully accessible in person and online, supplemented by a variety of other opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. We welcome the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as we seek to follow Christ.

With God's help, we seek to share the unconditional love of Jesus Christ through our outreach and social justice ministries.

All have a place here.

- *St. Bartholomew's Vision Statement*

## **CELEBRATING DEACON PAM - A NEW DATE IS COMING**

As many of you know, the reception honoring Deacon Pam Crossley was postponed from Pentecost Sunday so that Father Joseph could be present for the occasion. We are grateful for the congregation's grace and patience in waiting.

A new date will be announced as soon as it is confirmed. Watch the e-news and Sunday bulletin for details. In the meantime, we give thanks for Deacon Pam's continuing presence in our community, and we look forward to celebrating her faithfully when the time comes.



## **ORDINATION OF THE REV. ADELLE DENNIS - JUNE 17**

On Tuesday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m., The Rev. Deacon Adelle Dennis will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Augustine of Canterbury in Aiken, where she will serve as Vicar.

Adelle served as St. Bartholomew's seminarian last summer, and many in this parish community know her well. Her ordination is a cause for celebration for the entire Diocese of Upper South Carolina - and for St. Bart's in particular, which had the privilege of walking alongside her in ministry during her formation.

All are welcome to attend. For more information and to RSVP, go to this link: <https://www.edusc.org>.



## **A WONDERFUL SUNDAY AT CAMP GRAVATT ON MAY 10TH**



## THE SPOKEN SERVICE CONVERSATION CONTINUES

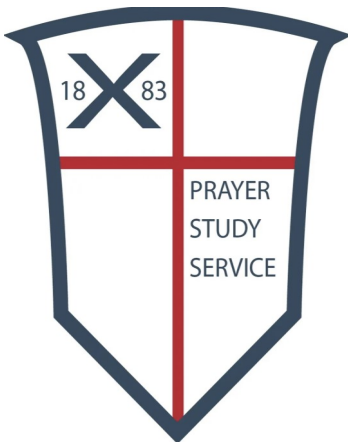
In the May Scroll, Father Joseph wrote about the possibility of adding a quiet, spoken Eucharist to St. Bartholomew's Sunday morning. He promised a congregational survey in the weeks that followed.

The disruptions of May intervened before that survey could go out. The conversation has not been set aside — it has simply been paused. When Father Joseph returns from medical leave, the discernment process will resume and the survey will be shared with the full congregation. Your voice in that conversation will matter.

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## BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW - CHAPTER INSTALLATION, JUNE 21

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, St. Bartholomew's will officially install a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew during the 10:00 a.m. service.



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is the oldest lay ministry in the Episcopal Church, tracing its roots to 1883. It is a society of men committed to three principles: prayer, study, and service. Membership is open to all Christian men, regardless of denomination.

The installation will be conducted by Tom Martin, National Vice President for Growth, Renewal, and Development, who is traveling from Roswell, Georgia to be with us. Prior to the service, Tom will lead an organizing meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall for men who wish to be part of the chapter from the beginning.

Father's Day is a fitting occasion to launch a brotherhood. All men of the parish — and their sons, fathers, and friends — are warmly invited to the organizing meeting and to the service.

For more information, contact the parish office at [admin@saintbart.org](mailto:admin@saintbart.org) or (803) 279-4622.

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## A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE: LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

St. Bartholomew's is exploring the formation of a Lay Eucharistic Minister team — men and women trained and licensed to bring the Reserved Sacrament to members of our congregation who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to be present for Sunday worship. This ministry is typically carried out in pairs, visiting parishioners in their homes or in care facilities, offering communion, prayer, and the simple gift of presence.

It is among the most meaningful forms of lay ministry a parish can offer — and among the most needed.

Anyone who feels called to explore this ministry is invited to contact the parish office at [admin@saintbart.org](mailto:admin@saintbart.org). Safe Church online training would be required for all who serve.



# Brown Bag Ministry of the month

**Below is a list of items needed to fill bags for July... Please Bring Donations no later than Sunday, July 19th**



Saint Bartholomew's  
North Augusta, SC

For more information contact Dino Pierucci via text (803) 634-0805

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| 2 - Cans Vegetables | 1 - Lemonade Mix                   |
| 1 - Box Cereal      | 1 - Box Crackers                   |
| 1 - Peanut Butter   | 1 - Can Fruit in light syrup       |
| 1 - Jelly           | Small Box Biscuit or Cornbread Mix |
| 1 - Can Chicken     | 2 - Cans Evaporated Milk           |
- Many thanks to everyone that has contributed to the Brown Bag Ministry. The residents of The Ledges really appreciate everything we do for them

## 2026 SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S WEEKEND Aug 28, 29, & 30



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### TAKING RESERVATIONS NOW

**We have reserved 50 Tickets @ \$12/each for Saturday Aug 29th**

**Ballgame between the Greenjackets & the Myrtle Beach Pelicans  
This is also a Fireworks night \*(includes \$2 coupon off concessions)**

## HEALTH SCREENINGS



The Health Ministry Screenings take place on **Sunday, June 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Parish Hall**. During this time, you can have your blood pressure, blood glucose and weight checked, as well as ask general health questions. For any questions, contact Robin Petry, 706-836-3027 or [petrymail@yahoo.com](mailto:petrymail@yahoo.com).



The St. Bartholomew's Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is a group of women who commit themselves to a life-long practice of prayer, service and evangelism with the mission to spread Christ's Kingdom. Here at St. Bartholomew's we support the clergy's pastoral care. **We meet on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the Nursery**. Any woman interested in joining, can contact Robin Petry at:

[petrymail@yahoo.com](mailto:petrymail@yahoo.com) or call: 706-836-3027



## EpiscoPals Lunch

The EpiscoPals is a monthly luncheon gathering for Adults 50+. It is a fun, relaxed time of fellowship and eating good food! For some good food and a whole lot of talking, make plans to join us:

Our monthly luncheon will be held on **THURSDAY, JUNE 18th**. We will meet at **11:30 a.m. at FEED SACK, 1069 Edgefield Rd, N. Augusta** Sign up Sheets are in the Parish Hall. For more information contact **Mike Osteen at 803-315-3549** We hope to see you there!

## Crafters for Christ - JUNE 16th

Crafters for Christ are accepting requests for personal crafted items including: quilts/blankets of various sizes, pillowcases, walker caddie, key fobs, bibs, aprons, infant sensory taggies, and comfort stuffed animals like bear, cat, rabbit, dog, giraffe, or elephant. Items can be made from a loved one's clothing. Color or patterns can be specifically requested. Pricing is per the item ordered.

Any of the Crafters can take your order or you can complete order form. Forms are available on the table in the Parish Hall, the Parish Office, or online @ [saintbart.org/form/C4C](http://saintbart.org/form/C4C). One of the group will be in touch with you for confirmation.

All proceeds go to local ministry outreaches of St. Bart's Episcopal Church. Please make checks out to St. Bart's Episcopal Church and mark "**For Crafts**" in the memo line.

If you would like to contribute your time and talents, our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday – JUNE 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the David Thompson Ministry Ctr.**

## Rector's Fund



*Loose Plate Offerings collected on **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** (as well as designated cash & checks) will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund*

Donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund are used to support individuals and families in need. Assistance is kept confidential.

## STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

“Christian stewards seek the heart of God in faithfully, joyfully, and gratefully managing all the gifts God has given.”

Year to Date receipts through April, 2026:

	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,596.26</b>	<b>\$114,018.00</b>	<b>- \$ 11,421.74</b>

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 If you are a member who has not pledged, please consider doing so. Just contact the church office, get a pledge card, and drop it in the offering plate. Pledges are welcome at any time during the year.

### *A Wish and a Prayer*



When you wish upon a birthday candle, God hears it as a prayer. These dreams of your heart ascend to His heart, where they ignite in hope. Hope for happy days ahead, for making more good memories. Hope for loved ones coming together, sharing smiles and stories and hugs. For reasons to celebrate – big and small – and for joy upon joy. Each candle, like each year of your life, represents God’s

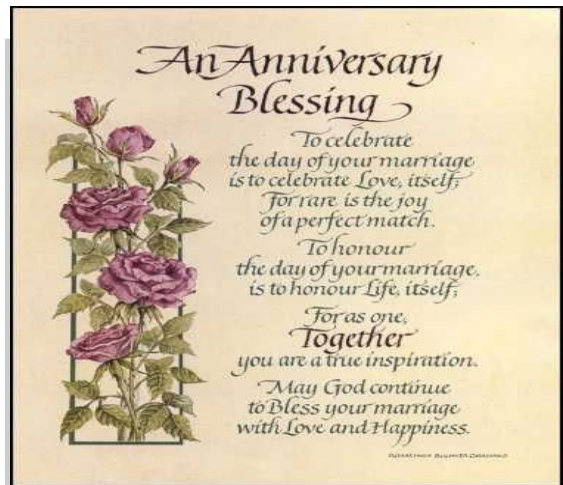
faithful care for you. He is always working things together for your good, bringing you more grace, making your hopes and dreams come true.

#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kathy Ives
- 5 Katherine Zeller
- 5 Sarah Langston
- 7 Alexander Bowen
- 8 Joey Zeller
- 9 Annamarie MacMurray
- 24 Leo Boehmer
- 25 Jacob Oglesby

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joyce Feenstra
- 4 Joseph Zeller
- 4 Robin Jones
- 9 MaryAnne Good
- 12 Terry McLane
- 14 Georgia Jopling
- 17 Benjamin Shippen
- 21 David Miller
- 21 Mike Osteen
- 29 Lillian Vickers
- 30 Emma Whitaker



#### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Leo & Connie Boehmer
- 18 Dick & Susan Dunlap
- 25 Jacob & Vicki Oglesby
- 25 Neil & Rev Pam Crossley
- 30 Scott & Annamarie MacMurray

#### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Bart & Natlalie Black
- 20 Fr. Joseph & Suzanne Shippen
- 27 Tom & Teresa Thirkell

As many of you know, Fr. Joseph is currently on medical leave. Supply clergy will be leading Sunday worship during Fr. Joseph’s recovery. We ask for your continued prayers for Fr. Joseph and his family.

### Pastoral Emergencies

For pastoral emergencies during Fr. Joseph’s medical leave, please contact Father Doug Puckett directly at 803-663-9457 (home) or 803-640-3077 (cell - turned off at night).



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 A.M. Centering Prayer  
9:00 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 AM Children's Church  
10:00 A.M. Live Streaming to Facebook & YouTube  
11:00 A.M. Coffee Hour in Parish Hall

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the month by e-mail to:**

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**Any suggestions? Submit to same.**

## Mother's Day at Camp Gravatt Baptism & Picnic

