

Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 21

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II - 10:00 AM



Welcome to St. Bart's.

We are glad you are here. This bulletin contains everything needed to participate in worship; music not printed here may be found in The Hymnal 1982 or Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS II Hymnal). Restrooms are in the Parish Hall, and Children's Church meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Nursery. Children are always welcome in worship. Please ask an usher for directions, accessibility assistance, Communion brought to you, or anything else that would help you participate fully.

Silent Prayer

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn: The Church's One Foundation (*Hymnal 1982*) **#525**

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

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant and People:

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***Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.***

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Lesson

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel [18:1-4, 25-32]

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-8 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

The Psalm is read responsively by half-verse beginning with the Reader.

1 To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *

- let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O God, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.
- 7 Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- 8 You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.

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The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians [2:1-13]

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: I Surrender All

(LEVAS II)

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The Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [21:23-32]
People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes

believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Please be seated

The Sermon:

The Rev. Joseph Shippen

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please stand or kneel

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

During this seventy-fifth anniversary year, let us give thanks for God's faithfulness through the generations and pray for the Church and the world, saying, "Faithful God, hear our prayer."

For the peace that comes from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls; for the peace of the world, the welfare of God's holy Church, and the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

For Daniel, our Bishop; Joseph, our Rector; and all bishops, priests, deacons, lay ministers, and people of God, that the Church may proclaim the Gospel faithfully and reveal the reconciling love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for seventy-five years of worship, fellowship, witness, and service at St. Bartholomew's; for those who founded this parish and for all who have built, taught, sung, served, given, prayed, and borne witness here. Make us grateful stewards of what we have received and faithful servants of those who will come after us, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

For the life and ministry of this parish; for our children, youth, and elders; for those who are new among us and those who have worshiped here for many years; for our renewed acolyte ministry, and all our ministries of prayer, music, formation, fellowship, pastoral care, outreach, justice, and welcome. May every person who comes among us truly know that all have a place here, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

For Donald, our President; for the leaders of the nations; and for all who hold authority, that they may act with wisdom, humility, courage, and concern for the common good. Deliver all peoples from danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, and lead us into the ways of justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

For the good earth which God has entrusted to our care, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it; for the Meadow, its Labyrinth and Memorial Garden, and the

Josephine Shippen Bluebird Trail, that these places may offer prayer, remembrance, beauty, and rest to all who enter them, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

For all who are sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially Julie, Steve, Susan, Linda, Joyce, Lindsay, John, Bill, Bill, Julie, Mary, Gordon, Laurie, Anne, Dexter, Gary, Lil, Carol, Barb, John, Lisa, Becky, Lauren, Cary and Will, Jimmy, Pearce, Dolores, Darren, Hinton and Ginger, Tammy and Tess, and Anne Zboran; that they may know God's healing presence and sustaining grace, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Mike and Carol Osteen. Bless them in the year ahead and deepen their joy in you and in one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Michael's, Easley, SC, and St. Michael & All Angels', Columbia, SC. We also pray for the ministry of Education Equals Hope; that together we may seek and serve Christ in our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection; for the departed founders, members, and friends of St. Bartholomew's and especially for Florence Ussery and Don Adams. Grant that, when our earthly pilgrimage is ended, we may depart this life in faith and hope and be gathered with them into the joy of your eternal kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful God, hear our prayer.

In communion with St. Bartholomew and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes:

Faithful God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: receive the prayers we offer, renew your Church in faith and love, and make St. Bartholomew's a living sign of Christ's welcome. Keep us steadfast in worship, joyful in fellowship, courageous in service, and generous in love, until all things are gathered into the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please kneel

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

ALL

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Please be seated

Welcome and Announcements

Jackie Raeth, Senior Warden

Offertory: What wondrous love is this *(Hymnal 1982)*

#439

Please stand

Doxology: ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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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.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he

had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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This setting is not used in Lent.



The Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please be seated until the usher indicates that you are invited to come forward to the altar rail for Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms over your chest. If coming forward is difficult, please tell an usher and Communion will be brought to you. All are invited into Baptism and life in the body of Christ. If you find yourself drawn to life in Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions and have a conversation with you about Baptism.

Communion: At the Name of Jesus (LEVAS II)

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Please kneel

Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (*Hymnal 1982*) **#450**

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed as follows

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

For those who have a specific prayer need, members of the Daughters of the King will be available for prayer at the altar after the service.

Prayers for healing: Julie Bush, Steve Dubay, Susan Dunlap, Linda Elston, Joyce Feenstra, Lindsay Ford, John Good, Bill Gray, Bill Jopling, Julie Kerr, Mary Kral, Gordon Lepri (Natalie Madar & Mary Beth Pierucci), Laurie Maddox (MaryAnne Good), Anne Mayer, Dexter Mazurkiewicz (MaryAnne & John Good), Gary McCall, Lil Miller, Carol Osteen, Barb Rectenwald, John Rectenwald, Lisa Russ, Becky Sapp, Lauren, Cary and Will Shealy, Jimmy Smith, Pearce Truesdale, Dolores Tyler (Robin Petry), Darren Waters, Hinton and Ginger Wells, Anne Zboran.

Anniversary: Mike and Carol Osteen

Deaths: Florence Ussery, Don Adams (Tammy & Tess Westafer)

LITURGICAL SERVERS

Lector..... Robin Petry
Intercessor Irene Abernathy
Eucharistic Minister Charlie Creech, Zeny Vo
Acolytes..... Camilla Gilmore, Kadence Anderson
Usher Joyce Feenstra
Altar Guild..... Julie Bush, Georgia Jopling, Anne Zboran
Audio Joey Zeller
Video Barb McCall

Pastoral Emergencies

For pastoral emergencies, including hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths, or urgent family concerns, please contact Fr. Joseph at priest@saintbart.org or through the parish office at 803-279-4622. All concerns will be handled with care and discretion.

Altar Flowers

We invite you to give altar flowers in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving for a blessing by signing up for a Sunday in the white Flower Book located in the Narthex, or by contacting Janice at admin@saintbart.org. The cost is \$45 and may be paid by cash or check earmarked "altar flowers" in the Sunday collection. You may also text SAINTBART to 73256 and select "Altar Flowers." Standard messaging rates apply.

Did You Know?

Why is Our New Men's Ministry Named for St. Andrew?

Andrew rarely stands at center stage in the Gospels. Instead, he brings people to Jesus. In John, Andrew first brings his brother Simon Peter; later he points Jesus toward a boy with five loaves and two fish; when Green visitors wish to see Jesus, Andrew helps bring their request forward. That quiet pattern made him a fitting patron for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, founded by young Episcopalians in Chicago in 1883. Its members commit themselves to prayer, study, and service—not as private achievements, but as ways of helping others draw nearer to Christ. As St. Bart's establishes its chapter today, Andrew reminds the whole congregation that Christian witness often begins simply: noticing someone, making an introduction, and helping another person take one step toward Jesus.

This week at St. Bartholomew's

Sunday, 9/27 - The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Centering Prayer - David Thompson Ministry Center
- 8:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew organizing gathering
- 9:00 a.m. Making Faith Together
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:00 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Installation during Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall
- 11:45 a.m. Daughters of the King -- Nursery
- 5:00 p.m. Episcopal Youth Community

Wednesday, 9/30

- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Friday, 10/2 - Church Office Closed

- 10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer - David Thompson Ministry Center
- 11:00 a.m. The Universal Christ book conversation
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Visitation for Florence Ussery — Posey Funeral Home, 1307 Georgia Ave.

Saturday, 10/3 – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Reception for Florence Ussery — Parish Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Funeral for Florence Ussery — Church
- Private family committal following the service

Sunday, 10/4 – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Centering Prayer - David Thompson Ministry Center
- 9:00 a.m. Making Faith Together
- 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. – Vaccine Clinic in Parish Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals — outside the church's front doors
- 5:00 p.m. Episcopal Youth Community

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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Our Guests

We are so glad to have you with us. Please fill out a yellow card and place it in the offering plate. All are invited to Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after worship.

Centering Prayer and *The Universal Christ* Book Conversation

The Centering Prayer group meets in the Chapel of the David Thompson Ministry Center on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. and Fridays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Newcomers who are curious about Christian meditation are always welcome.

The Friday group has also begun a conversation based on Richard Rohr's book *The Universal Christ*. The book conversation meets at approximately 11:00 a.m., following Friday Centering Prayer. You are welcome to attend Centering Prayer, the book conversation, or both.

St. Bart's Handbell Choir

St. Bart's Handbell Choir meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish Hall.

Today

Daughters of the King — Today

The Daughters of the King will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the Nursery for prayer, service, and fellowship. All women of the parish are welcome. Contact Robin Petry at 706-836-3027 or petrymail@yahoo.com for more information.

Making Faith Together — Sundays through November 15

Making Faith Together continues each Sunday from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Children, teenagers, and adults—with or without children—are invited to encounter Scripture through wondering, prayer, and a shared creative response. No art experience is needed, all materials are provided, and each Sunday stands on its own. Come whenever you can.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Begins Today

St. Bartholomew's will formally establish a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew today. Interested men will gather at 8:30 a.m. in the Adult Education Building, and the new chapter will be installed during the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. A celebratory lunch will follow at 11:30 a.m. at The Feed Sack. Please keep this new ministry and the men who will be part of it in your prayers. For questions or information about joining, please contact Fr. Joseph at priest@saintbart.org.

This Week

Funeral Arrangements for Florence Ussery

We continue to hold the family and loved ones of Florence Ussery in our prayers as we give thanks for her life and commend her to God's loving care. Visitation will be held Friday, October 2, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Posey Funeral Home, 1307 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta. On Saturday, October 3, Florence's family will receive friends from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Bartholomew's. Florence's funeral will follow at 3:00 p.m. in the church. A private graveside committal for the family will take place following the service. Please continue to keep Florence's family and all who mourn in your prayers.

Coming Up

Blessing of the Animals — Sunday, October 4

All creatures great and small are welcome for the Blessing of the Animals at 4:00 p.m. outside the church's front doors. Dogs should be leashed, cats should be in carriers, and other animals should be safely secured.

Vaccine Clinic — Sunday, October 4

St. Bartholomew's will host a vaccine clinic on Sunday, October 4, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., sponsored by Family Pharmacy of Aiken. Available vaccines will include flu, Moderna and Pfizer COVID boosters, RSV, pneumonia, and shingles, first or second dose. Medicare and most private insurance cover the cost. Those who register ahead of time can have their insurance coverage verified by the pharmacy. To register, sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Robin Petry at 706-836-3027 or petrymail@yahoo.com.

Pumpkin Patch volunteers Needed — October 18-31

The Pumpkin Patch returns October 18-31, and volunteers are needed to welcome visitors and sell pumpkins. We also need readers for the preschool groups visiting the Patch. Please sign up on the sheets in the Parish Hall and help us continue this wonderful ministry of hospitality and outreach.