

Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2026, 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two



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Services:

Sundays, 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

3rd Thursdays, (March 19th) 1:00 PM Healing & Holy Eucharist

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Dear People of God:

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.

It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observation of a holy Lent.

- ✘ By self-examination and repentance*
- ✘ By prayer fasting, and self-denial*
- ✘ By reading and meditating on God's holy word. (BCP, p. 264-265)*

Welcome to Lent 2026!

*Yours in Christ,
Candine*



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*..... Bach

Please stand as you are able and join us in singing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Forty Days and Forty Nights*..... 150 Hymnal

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine; ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytlan (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

Celebrant Bless the lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY..... BCP 355

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, 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.

SONG OF PRAISE: Trisagion S102 Hymnal
sung by all, repeat three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY.....BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you

know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LESSONGenesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Reader A reading from Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm is read responsively by verse.

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

**2 *Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!***

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

**4 *For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.***

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 *I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.***

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach
them.

**8 *You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.***

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

**10 *Do not be like horse or mule, which have no
understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."***

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

THE EPISTLE.....Romans 5:12-19

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Christ whose glory fills the skies* 7 Hymnal

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous-ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. alt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son

of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for the sermon.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson

THE NICENE CREED.....BCP 358

Please stand as you are able and join in saying 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Celebrant We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us pray to the source of our sustenance, saying, “God, our hiding place, preserve us from trouble.”

Intercessor Great God, you have called your people to worship and serve you alone. Instill in us such a singleness of heart that we might perfectly trust you to meet our needs.

God, our hiding place,
People ***Preserve us from trouble.***

Intercessor Great God, we live among many temptations. Free the people of this nation, and this world, from all sinful desires that draw us from the love of God.

God, our hiding place,
People ***Preserve us from trouble.***

Intercessor Great Creator, you have surrounded us with blessings; you provide enough to meet our needs. And yet, we strive and scheme for more, always more. Have mercy on us.

God, our hiding place,
People ***Preserve us from trouble.***

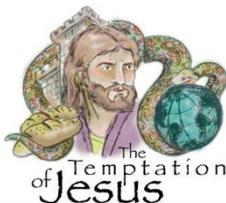
Intercessor O Lord, we pray for those bound by addiction, those for whom temptation is a constant threat. Set the captives free. Satisfy their cravings with abundant grace.

God, our hiding place,
People ***Preserve us from trouble.***

Intercessor Be with the sick and the suffering, Great Healer. Be for them a hiding place; preserve them from trouble; surround them with shouts of deliverance. We pray for Donna, Jeff, Will, Raymond, Frances, Heather, Win, Julie, Pat, Nicole, Mandisa, Christien, Paul, Clive, Matt, Pamela, Khalif, Peggy, Roddy, Christine, Jaime, Jim, Brady, and all those in need of long-term prayers.

The congregation may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

God, our hiding place,
People ***Preserve us from trouble.***



Intercessor Through the righteousness of Jesus our Christ, give new and abundant life to all. Justify the dying and the dead. Keep them in your strong hands for ever.

God, our hiding place,

People **Preserve us from trouble.**

Celebrant Holy and Merciful God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts. Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will. In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, we pray.

People **Amen.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Anyone with a recent birthday and couples celebrating anniversaries this week are invited to come forward for a blessing.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Celebrant 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 as you are able.

THE PEACEBCP 360

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCEBCP 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Holy Jesus* R. Willcocks

THE DOXOLOGY 380 v. 3 Hymnal

Sung by all.

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER BBCP 367

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***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.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

PROPER PREFACEBCP 361

The Celebrant says the Proper preface.

Celebrant

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:

Sung by all.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then 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 Bartholomew and 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.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....BCP 363

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All ***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.....BCP 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive communion.

Please let us know if you need gluten-free communion.

If you are unable to come to the altar,

let the usher know and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION SOLO *Be Thou With Them*Bach

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER.....BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Said by all in unison

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please join in saying:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

THE BLESSING.....BCP 366

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Please stand and join in singing.

POST COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, who throughout these forty days.....* 142

Hymnal

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

THE DISMISSALBCP 339

Celebrant We have just received the body of Christ. Now let us be the body of Christ as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE



If you experience a **Pastoral Emergency**, sudden hospitalization, or end of life needs, please call **Candine** on her cell: (856) 739-5343.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Art Knight
Music Director Organist	William P. Fenimore III
Soloist	Kathleen Bandaruk
Choir	Bruce Barker, Valerie Barker, Catherine Clemons, Sharon Eggleston, Linda Horneff, Patrick Jjemba, Sarah Johnson, Elijah Mansaray, Monica Mundy, Emma Waring
Usher	Evelyn Biney
Acolyte	Patrick Trainor
LEM	The Rev. Dcn. Art Knight
Old Testament Reader & Psalmist	Sharon Eggleston
New Testament Reader	Catherine Clemons
Counters	Evelyn Biney & Catherine Clemons
Video Team	Ricky Rahming, The Rev. Dcn. Art Knight, Carolyn Gage, Lillie Kumar
Altar Guild	Gail Powers, Arlene Adams, Sidney Bacon, Christine Haliburton, Candi London
Flower Guild	Arlene Adams, Edie Bennett, Catherine Clemons, Laura DeRose, Lillie Kumar, Emma Waring
Fellowship	Jean Astmann, Tennyson Sobers, Laura DeRose, Emma Waring

THIS WEEK AT ST. BART'S

<i>Sunday, February 22</i> 1 st Sunday in Lent	9:00 am New Hope Church 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Fellowship 3:00 pm Grace Community Church
<i>Monday, February 23</i> Polycarp of Smyrna	12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 6:30 pm GPCS 7:30 NA
<i>Tuesday, February 24</i> Saint Matthias the Apostle	10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 7:30 pm Scouting @ Stockton Elementary
<i>Wednesday, February 25</i> Emily Malbone Morgan	12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose
<i>Thursday, February 26</i> Photini	12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 6:30 pm AA
<i>Friday, February 27</i> George Herbert	10:00 am Altar & Flower Guild 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose
<i>Saturday, February 28</i> Anna Julia Haywood	
<i>Sunday, March 1</i> 2 nd Sunday in Lent	9:00 am New Hope Church 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Fellowship 3:00 pm Grace Community Church

Prayer List

Those with immediate needs: Donna, Jeff, Raymond, Will, Francess, Heather, Win, Julie, Pat, Nicole, Mandisa, Christien, Paul, Clive, Matt, Pamela, Khalif, Peggy, Roddy, Christine, Jim, Brady

Those with long term needs: Joe, Carmella, Grace, John, Robert, Travis, Aimee, Jennifer, Jane, Carmen, Olivia, Laura, Morgia, Thelma, Elly, Stanley, those affected by the wars in the Middle East, the Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar, the Philippines, Georgia, Armenia, China, Latin America and our troops at home and abroad.

Holy Week at St. Bart's

	Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday	March 29, 2026, 10:00 am
	Liturgy of the Palms, Procession of the Palms, Reading of the Passion and Holy Eucharist.	
	Maundy Thursday	April 2, 2026, 7:00 pm
	Washing of the Feet, Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar	
	Good Friday	April 3, 2026, 12:00 pm
	Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Cross, Communion from Reserved Sacrament.	
	Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter	April 5, 2026, 10:00 am
	Festive Easter Liturgy and Holy Communion	

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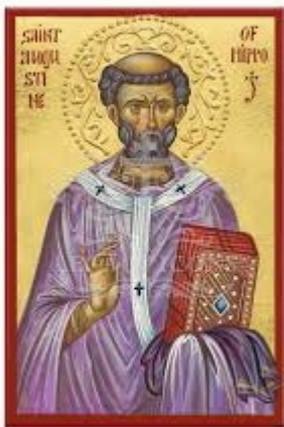
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LESSER FEASTS AND FASTS: AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, AUGUST 28



Augustine, perhaps the most influential theologian in the history of Western Christianity, was born in 354 at Tagaste in North Africa. In his restless search for truth, he was attracted by Manichaeism and Neoplatonism, and was constantly engaged in an inner struggle against sin. Finally, under the influence of his mother, Monica, Augustine surrendered to the Christian faith in the late summer of 386. He was baptized by Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, on Easter Eve in 387. After returning to North Africa in 391, Augustine found himself chosen by the people of Hippo to be a priest. Four years later he was chosen bishop of that city. His spiritual autobiography, *The Confessions*, written shortly before 400 in the form of an extended prayer, is a classic of Western spirituality. He famously wrote, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

Augustine wrote countless treatises, letters, and sermons. They have provided a rich source of new and fresh insights into Christian truth, and became foundational of later Christian theology as it developed in the Western church.

Much of Augustine’s theology developed in dialogue with those he disagreed with, and his training in rhetoric is on full display. The Manichaeans had attempted to solve the problem of evil by positing the existence of an independent agent eternally opposed to God. In refutation, Augustine affirmed that all creation is essentially good, having been created by God, and that evil is, properly speaking, the privation of good. A rigorist sect, the Donatists, had split from the rest of the church after the persecution of Diocletian in the early fourth century. Against them, Augustine asserted that the church was “holy,” not because its members could be proved holy, but because holiness was a property of the church, to which all its members are called.

Stirred by Alaric the Visigoth's sack of Rome in 410, Augustine wrote his great work, *The City of God*. In it he writes: "Two cities have been formed by two loves: the earthly by love of self, even to the contempt of God, the heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self. The earthly city glories in itself, the heavenly city glories in the Lord . . . In the one, the princes, and the nations it subdues, are ruled by the love of ruling; in the other, the princes and the subjects serve one another in love."

Augustine died on August 28, 430, as the Vandals were besieging his own earthly city of Hippo.

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Prayer Breakfast

St. Bartholomew's ECW, Episcopal
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Saturday, May 23, 2026

10 am - Noon

Marco's at Indian Springs Country Club
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❄️ WINTER WEATHER SERVICE UPDATES ❄️

Winter has arrived, and we want to ensure everyone stays safe and informed.

In the event of winter weather and the potential need to cancel services, updates will be communicated promptly through **Mailchimp**, **Realm**, **Facebook**, and **Realm announcements**.

- **If services are not cancelled** and you are unsure about traveling safely, we invite you to worship with us online via our YouTube channel: **@saintbartscherryhill**.
- **If services are cancelled**, we encourage you to join the **Washington National Cathedral** for worship on their YouTube channel: **@wncathedral**.

If you do not have access to these online platforms, please make arrangements with a friend, family member, or fellow parishioner to call you with service updates throughout the winter season. Please check for updates before leaving for church during inclement weather. Your safety is our priority, and we are grateful to remain connected in worship, wherever wherever you are.

Scam Awareness: Protecting Our St. Bartholomew's Community

St. Bartholomew's Church in Cherry Hill, NJ, is committed to the safety and well-being of our parishioners, both inside and outside our parish grounds. Unfortunately, scammers sometimes target individuals and organizations connected to faith communities. The following information is intended to help you recognize common scams and protect yourself and others.

Common Types of Scams Affecting Faith Communities

1. **Impersonation Requests**
2. **Fake Fundraising Appeals**
3. **Spoofed Communications**

How to Protect Yourself and the Parish

Verify Before Responding:

If you receive a request for money, gift cards, or financial information that seems out of the ordinary—even if it appears to come from a church leader—contact St. Bartholomew's office directly at the parish phone number or in person. Do not use contact information provided in the suspicious message.

Watch for Red Flags:

- Urgent deadlines or pressure to act immediately
- Requests to pay via gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfer

- Messages with generic greetings or unusual language

Protect Personal Information:

Do not give out personal, financial, or account information in response to unsolicited communications.

Stay Informed and Vigilant

Scams evolve over time. Staying aware of current tactics and maintaining open communication within our community helps keep everyone safer.

<u>ST. BART’S FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>	
Annual Budget Income for 2026	\$322,570.00
Annual Budget Expense for 2026	\$328,089.00
Income Year to Date	\$43,904.14 ¹
Expenses Year to Date	\$44,637.48
Income Last Week	\$6,388.01
Expenses Last Week	\$9,312.78
Difference Last Week	-\$2,924.77

¹ Includes \$10,000 withdrawn from investments.

OUR STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson, Priest-in-Charge
 The Rev. Art Knight, Deacon Ret.
 William (Bill) Fenimore, III, Music Director/Organist
 Elizabeth (Betsy) Murphy, Parish Administrator

ST. BART'S VESTRY

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TREASURER: Patrick Jjemba

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Jazz Tillman

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