

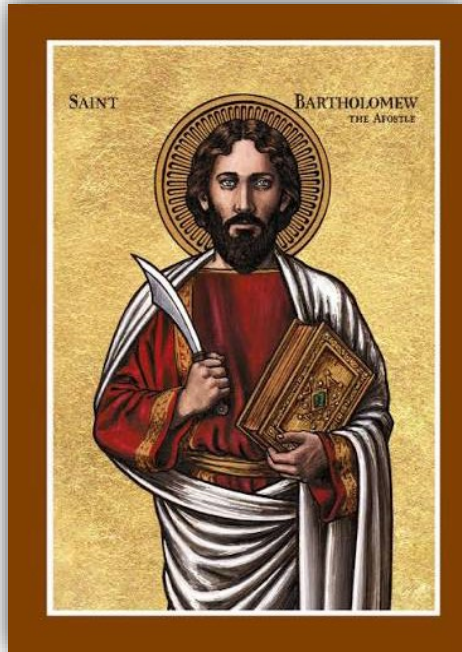


Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

THE FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

August 23, 2026, 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two



We welcome all to today's service.

The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson, Priest-in-Charge

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William P Fenimore III, Music Director

SERVICES

Sundays, 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

3rd Thursdays, (September 17th), 1:00 pm Healing & Holy Eucharist

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Phone: (856) 424-2229

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Sunday, August 23, 2026, 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *I sing a song of the saints of God.....* 293 HYMNAL



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
3 They lived not on - ly in a ges past, there are



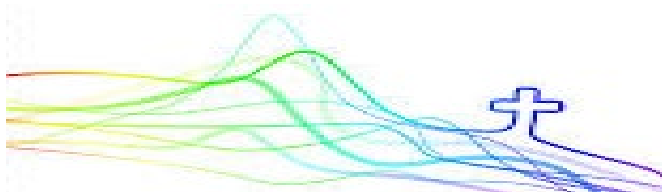
pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and _____
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
hund-reds of thou-sands still, the world is bright with the

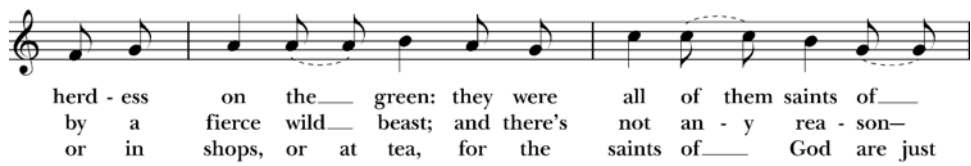


lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And _____
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can

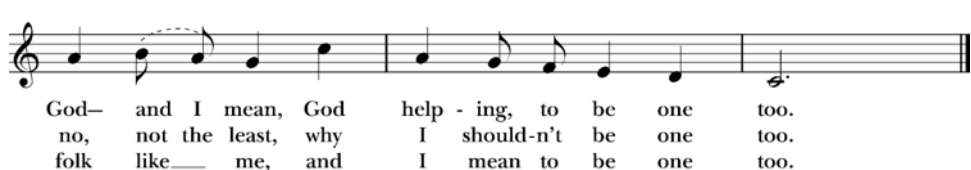


one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,





herd - ess on the___ green: they were all of them saints of___
 by a fierce wild___ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son—
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of___ God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 folk like___ me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

OPENING ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR PURITY.....BCP 355

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, 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.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People ***And also with you.***
 Celebrant Let us pray.
 Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle
 Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your
 Word: Grant that your church may love what he believed
 and preach what he taught; 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 for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-18

Reader A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among
 your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you

requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE RESPONSE Psalm 91:1-4 *Qui habitat*

The Psalm is read responsively by verse.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,***
 "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
 my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
 and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,***
 and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
 his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 Corinthians 4:9-158

Reader A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

ReaderThe word of the Lord.

People*Thanks be to God.*

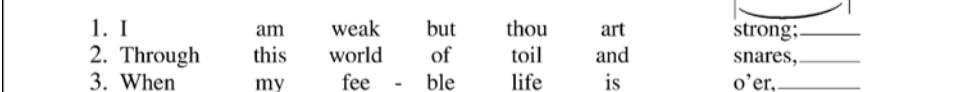
Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* 72 LEVAS



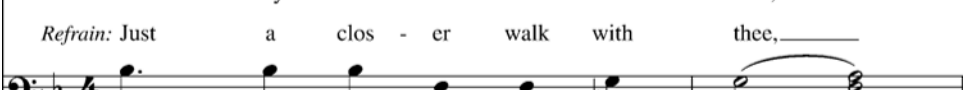
1. I am weak but thou art strong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares,
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,



1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3. Time for me will be no more;

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,



I'll be sat - is - fied as
Who with me my bur - den
Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Dai - ly walk - ing close to



1. long
2. shares?
3. o'er

As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Words: Anonymous. Music: American Folk Song.

THE GOSPEL Luke 22:24-30

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. “You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Celebrant 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 CREEDBCP 358

Please stand as you are able. Said by all.

***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

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|-------------|---|
| Celebrant | On the feast of Saint Bartholomew, let us draw strength from the faith that comes to us from the apostles, and let us pray to God for his holy people. |
| Intercessor | Be mindful of your Church, O Lord. |
| People | <i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i> |
| Intercessor | You sent your Son to preach the good news to the poor: give us the grace to proclaim the Gospel, especially Archbishop Sarah, Presiding Bishop Sean, Bishop Sally and our clergy Candine and Art. |
| People | <i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i> |
| Intercessor | You sent your Son to sow the word through all the world: send workers into the harvest. |
| People | <i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i> |
| Intercessor | You sent your Son to heal the sick: give succor to those in need, sickness and pain: especially Grant, Steve, Scott, |

Cynthia, Chuck, Rita, Marie, Tariq, Roland, Jr., Sarah, Xavier, Anthony, Annette, Brianna, William, Louise, Sylvia, Richard, all those on our long-term prayer list, and our troops at home and abroad.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

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

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE.....BCP 360

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE DOXOLOGY380 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 PREFACE.....BCP 361
The Celebrant says the Proper preface.

SANCTUSS130 Hymnal
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:
Said 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION.....BCP 362
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 PRAYERBCP 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 BREADBCP 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.

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 Celebrant blesses the people.

Please stand and join in singing.

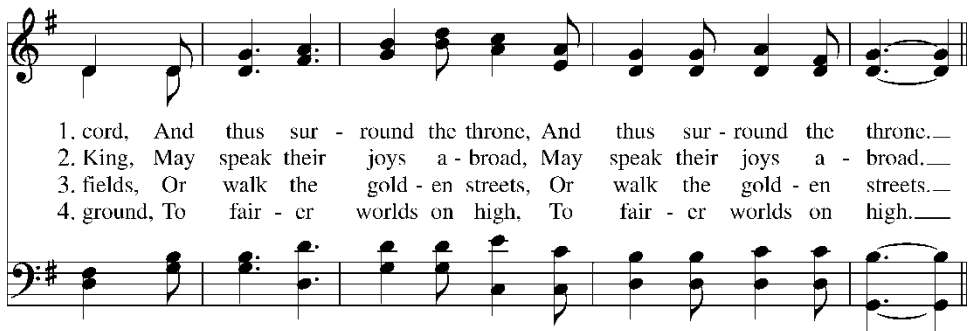
POST COMMUNION HYMN *We are Marching to Zion* 12 LEVAS



1. Come, we that love— the Lord, And let our joys— be known;— Join
 2. Let those re - fuse— to sing Who nev - er knew— our God;— But
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou-sand sa - cred sweets— Be -
 4. Then let our songs— a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're



1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
 2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
 3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
 4. march-ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im - man - uel's



1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.—
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.—
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
 Zi - on, Zi - on,
 The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

THE DISMISSAL.....BCP 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.*



Pastoral Emergency Contact Information

In the event of a **pastoral emergency**, sudden hospitalization, or end-of-life situation, please reach out immediately:

Call Candine directly at (856) 739-5343

Your church family is here to support you—please don't hesitate to call when urgent care is needed.



Welcome to St. Bartholomew's

We're so glad you're here - whether it's your first visit or your hundredth.

If you're new, we'd love to meet you!

Please fill out a **Connect Card** (in the pews), introduce yourself to our clergy, Candine, and join us for fellowship after the service.

We look forward to getting to know you and walking the journey of faith together.

Choir Rehearsals

Love to sing? Come join us! Speak with **Bill Fenimore** or **Candine** for details. The Choir will be on hiatus from May 31st to September 13th.



Healing Service

Thursday,
September 17th 1:00 pm,

Chapel

A quiet, 30-minute service with laying on of hands and Holy Eucharist. Come as you are to seek peace, renewal, and healing

Stay in Touch

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Thank you for serving today

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Art Knight
Organist & Choir Director	Bill Fenimore
Usher	Florence Pandit
LEM & Intercessor	The Rev. Deacon Art Knight
Acolyte	Patrick Trainor
Reader	Florence Pandit
Counters	Patrick Jjemba Evelyn Biney
Video Team	Ricky Rahming, The Rev. Art Knight, Deacon, Carolyn Gage, Lillie Kumar
Altar Guild	Gail Powers, Arlene Adams, Candi London, Florence Pandit, Olivia Wilmot
Flower Guild	Arlene Adams, Edie Bennett, Catherine Clemons, Lillie Kumar, Emma Waring
Fellowship	Jean Astmann, June Davis, Tennyson Sobers, Emma Waring

PRAYER LIST

THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Grant, Steve, Scott, Cynthia, Chuck, Rita, Marie, Tariq, Roland, Jr., Sarah, Xavier, Anthony, Annette, Brianna, Louise, William, Sylvia, Richard

THOSE WITH LONG-TERM NEEDS: Pamela, Olivia, Sidney, Dennis, Simon, Brady, Julia, Joe, Carmella, Grace, John, Robert, Aimee, Jennifer, Ely, Stan, Jane, Carmen, Olivia, and Lily

SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS: Please pray for: Our troops at home and abroad, those affected by war and violence in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, Ethiopia, Libya, Taiwan, Mexico, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar, Armenia, China, Haiti, and Venezuela

🌸 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS 🌸

Celebrate a joyful occasion-Give thanks for a blessing-Remember a loved one. You are invited to sponsor **Altar Flowers** in honor of a birthday, anniversary, homecoming, in thanksgiving, or in loving memory.

✍️ **Sign Up:** The book is available in the **Narthex** — choose your preferred date.

🌺 **Donation Amount:** \$40.00

☑️ **How to Give:** Use the envelopes provided in the sign-up book or those located in the pews.



🍬 ✨ ECW Jelly Bean Guessing Contest! ✨ 🍬

Can you guess how many jelly beans are in the jar?
Put your counting skills to the test for a chance to **WIN \$100!**

🎉 Contest Details

- \$2 = 1 Guess
- \$5 = 3 Guesses
- The person with the **closest guess to the actual number of jelly beans** wins!

🏆 **Grand Prize: \$100 Cash**

📅 **Winner Announced:**

Sunday, August 23, 2026, at the Annual Parish Picnic

👤 **See Edie Bennett** for more information and to submit your guess(es).

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

CHURCH PICNIC

All are welcome and invited to join us for an outdoor service
Following the service we will have our annual picnic

AUGUST 23, 2026 10:00 AM

1989 Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

- Sign up to bring a dish to share
- Invite Friends and family
- Tickets to support our outreach will be available for sale.

CONTACT

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September 11th 25th Anniversary Service of Remembrance

Friday, September 11, 2026
7:00 pm

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💡 **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH** 💡

At St. Bartholomew's Church, your generosity makes a meaningful difference—both within our parish family and beyond.

📅 **First Sunday of Each Month**

Loose plate donations support the **Rector’s Discretionary Fund**, providing confidential, compassionate assistance to individuals and families in times of urgent need.

🌍 **Third Sunday of Each Month**

Loose plate donations are dedicated to **Outreach**, strengthening our mission and ministry in the wider community.

ST. BART’S FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Budgeted Annual Income	\$322,570.00
Budgeted Annual Expenses	\$328,089.00
Income Year-to-Date	\$250,133.62 ¹
Expenses Year to Date	\$217,618.42
Income 8/17/2026-8/23/2026	\$6,728.00
Expenses 8/17/2026-8/23/2026	\$8,215.21
Difference	-\$1,478.21

¹Includes \$93,000 withdrawn from investments Year -to-Date

🩸 **DIAPERS & DIGNITY DRIVE** 🧒💙

Help Us Support Families in Need!

St. Bartholomew's is partnering with **St. Wilfrid's Open Door Pantry** to collect essential items for babies, toddlers, and adults in our community.

Most Needed Items:

-  Baby Diapers (all sizes)
-  Adult Diapers & Incontinence Products
-  Baby Wipes
-  Personal Care Wipes
-  Pull-Ups & Training Pants

Every donation helps provide comfort, dignity, and care to families facing difficult circumstances.

📌 **Bring your donations on Sunday mornings** and place them in the designated collection area in the Narthex.

This Week at St. Bart's

Sunday, August 23 <i>Proper 16</i>	10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Parish Picnic 11:00 am Grace Community Church
Monday, August 24 <i>Saint Bartholomew's</i>	Noon – AA Primary Purpose 7:30 pm NA Recovery in Progress
Tuesday, August 25 <i>Louis K</i>	10:00 am Overeater Anonymous Noon – AA Primary Purpose 4:00 pm Troop 170 Party - offsite
Wednesday, August 26 <i>Simeon Bachos, the Ethiopian Eunuch</i>	Noon – AA Primary Purpose
Thursday, August 27 <i>Thomas Gallaudet & Henry Winter Style</i>	Noon – AA Primary Purpose Noon – Convocation Clericus 6:15 pm – AA Ask the Basket
Friday, August 28 <i>Augustine of Hippo</i>	Office Closed 10:00 am Altar & Flower Guild Noon – AA Primary Purpose
Saturday, August 29 <i>The Beheading of St. John the Baptist</i>	
Sunday, August 30 <i>Proper 17</i>	10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism 11:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Grace Community Church



The Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Bartholomew on August 24.

One of the twelve apostles of Jesus, Bartholomew is known to us only by his being listed among them in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. His name means “Son of Tolmai, and according to Holy Women, Holy Men, “He is sometimes identified with Nathanael, the friend of Philip, the ‘Israelite without guile’ in John’s Gospel, to whom Jesus promised the vision of angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man” (Holy Women, Holy Men, 538).

Unfortunately, this is the only information recorded about Bartholomew across the Gospels; few other historically reliable sources are available. Despite this lack of a reliable historical record, tradition has filled in several details around his travels, ministry, and martyrdom.

This hagiography, or writing of the life of a saint, has come to diverse conclusions. Some sources hold that church historians Jerome and Bede knew of a Gospel of Bartholomew, though such a text is lost to us today. Eusebius of Caesarea writes in the third century that a Hebrew text of Matthew’s Gospel was found in India by a traveling philosopher-theologian, attributed by locals to “Bartholomew, one of the Apostles.”

There is also a tradition that Bartholomew, along with the Apostle Jude Thaddeus, brought the gospel to Armenia. While there, they are reputed to have converted Polymius, the king of Armenia, to Christianity, thus enraging the king’s brother, who ordered Bartholomew’s execution. The story holds that the apostle was flayed alive and crucified at Albanopolis, leading to a common (and sometimes grotesque) depiction of the saint as a man or skeleton holding his own skin.



*Detail of St. Bartholomew the
Apostle from Michelangelo's The
Last Judgment*

There are at least 18 Episcopal churches named in honor of the saint, from California and the Dominican Republic to Michigan and Georgia. Perhaps the most famous example is St. Bart's on Park Avenue in New York City, a rare example of Byzantine Revival architecture from 1916 and a National Historic Landmark.

Collect for St. Bartholomew

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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