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Reflections from the Priest in Charge:

I want to use my article this month to share some exciting news. In an expression of our commitment to stewardship, the Mission Committee has decided to embark on a significant and visionary project: the installation of a solar panel system on the roof of our building that faces Martintown Road. This decision reflects our dedication to financial as well as environmental responsibility, as we strive to live out the Biblical call to "tend and keep" the Earth (Genesis 2:15).

As stewards of both the resources entrusted to us and the creation around us, we are called to make wise choices with our resources. The installation of solar panels is a practical response to this call. It is a great opportunity to reduce our environmental footprint and our monthly power bill, using energy that God has freely provided to us all—sunlight.

Financially, this initiative is especially timely. The recent enactment of the Inflation Reduction Act by the federal government, which includes a 30% tax credit for such installations, is the first time that churches have been able to benefit from a tax credit for installing solar. Over the expected 30-year lifespan of this system, the projected savings will be \$181,604 in electricity costs. This significant reduction in one of the church's largest expenses will enable us to allocate more resources to other ministries and community outreach efforts.

Environmentally, the choice to install solar panels directly relates to the care of God's creation. Psalm 24:1 reminds us, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." It is our sacred duty to protect and preserve the gifts of God's creation.

This initiative goes beyond environmental and financial benefits. Strategically located on the roof facing the busy Martintown Road, our new solar power system will also serve as a visible testament to our commitment to stewardship. This placement not only maximizes sunlight exposure but also shows that we take our responsibility to care for God's creation seriously, potentially inspiring others to consider similar steps. We rarely have such a good opportunity to show the world how we live out our Christian values. It is also an educational opportunity for our congregation and the community to demonstrate the feasibility and benefits of renewable energy.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says: "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48). We have been given so much – in our wonderful church and in this amazing world that God has given us to enjoy. With this project, we hope to care for both, not only for our benefit but for the benefit of the next generation.

The theme of our Stewardship campaign last fall was "Shining our Light." That seems especially fitting for this project. God's light shines on us like the sun shining on solar panels. We are then empowered to shine the light of Christ in the world. Together, let us shine our light—not only through this initiative but through all our actions and commitments—as stewards of St. Bartholomew's and of God's magnificent creation.

In Christ,
Joseph+

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Senior Warden's Report

Spring is here in full force. Along with all the beautiful blooming plants came a yellow pollen covering everything and making allergy sufferers miserable. It made me think, isn't that how life is; along with all the beautiful and good things there is always something lurking just around the corner that is scary or painful. It is easy to believe when everything is blooming, but our real faith is when we still believe and trust God when times are difficult.

I know that I have questioned God, but I was told that it is alright to question. It is through questioning that our faith becomes stronger. "Psalm 46:1-3: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".

As we muddle through life, we can only take one day at a time and make the decision to make the best of what is offered. Psalm 118:24: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Amen.

Bobbie Quinn

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St. Bartholomew's Vision Statement

God has called us to be a diverse community where all may encounter God's love. God strengthens and nourishes us through the sacraments and speaks to us through scripture, tradition, and reason.

Our worship services are fully accessible in person and online, supported by a variety of music, good sermons, and relevant teaching. We provide a unique mix of the traditional and contemporary in both music and liturgy.

We strive, with God's help, to serve all who hunger for the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

All have a place here.

- *St. Bartholomew's Vision Statement Adopted by the Mission Committee on May 21, 2023*

Beloved,

Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!

And indeed, He is alive and working in and through the community of St. Bart's to minister to the needs around us. I have personally experienced it in a number of ways over the past several weeks, and witnessed it in the faces and joy of those who have been serving as well as those being served. About 10 of our parishioners helped spread God's love and positively affirmed the value of middle school young people as well as teachers and staff at LBC Middle School this past week. St. Bart's hosted and served at an Ice Cream Sundae Social to recognize academic progress for almost 400 students who had successfully scored on their MAP testing. These students remembered the last time we celebrated their academic testing successes just before Christmas when we honored them with a hot chocolate and cookie part; and, according to teachers, they had been eagerly anticipating our arrival on campus last Friday. With Julie Bush taking the lead, St. Bart's is continually looking for ways to nurture a supportive relationship with the LBC Middle School.

Our leadership for the Kay Bryden Brown Bag Ministry is exploring ways to make this ministry more effective in addressing food insecurities of seniors in our community. To see how you can help, contact Debra Jones or Dino Pierucci.

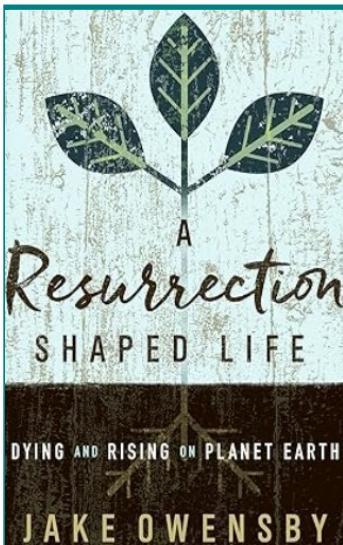
Be on the lookout for more opportunities to serve.

Peace,

Deacon Pam

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND HEALING EUCHARIST

Join us for our Wednesday bible Study group at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall followed by Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing being offered at NOON in the church Nave. The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing is a welcome midweek Eucharist service for all who can attend during lunch hour. It usually runs about 35 minutes, and is a "said" service ...no music. A very short homily is included. Prayers for healing are offered ... Prayers for healing all kinds of hurt. For more info: email Deacon Pam: deacon@saintbart.org



Join us for a transformative journey this Easter Season as we explore the depths of resurrection faith and how it can shape our lives. Our Adult Sunday School class, led by Fr. Joseph, will delve into the themes of hope, renewal, and transformation that the resurrection of Jesus Christ brings into our lives and our world. While not a book study, the teachings will be enriched by insights from *A Resurrection Shaped Life* by Jake Owensby.

This series will run from Sunday, April 7, 2024, through May 12, 2024, meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Adult Education Building.

Whether you are seeking to deepen your faith, or understand the power of resurrection in new ways, we hope that this class will be a source of inspiration and spiritual growth. All are welcome to join us in this journey of faith, hope, and love.

For more information, contact Fr. Joseph at priest@saintbart.org or 478-719-9670.

Episcopal Youth Community News



A Note from the Youth Director

Thank you to Ms. Meredith Holodak, Ms. Sherry Scott, and Ms. Annamarie MacMurray, and those not mentioned but who have helped greatly. You all are not and have not gone unnoticed for being such great leaders for our youth. For years, they all have been supporting, helping to guide, and being the Youth Director's sidekicks. Even after their own children moved on from the youth group, they stayed to look after and help with the other children. Also, all the way back from Johnny Bethel, David Hensen, as well as Mark Thompson.

I have some big shoes to fill, but I am beyond thankful to have them supporting me from near and far away. These ladies have made such a big impact on so many, especially myself during my years of youth. They have helped frame me into who I am today. If it weren't for them, I wouldn't be able to take on this exciting new chapter.

With that being said, thanks again for the endless encouragement and guidance. I look forward to leading our youth, hopefully as well as y'all did.

With a grateful heart,
Emma Black

- ** Youth Sunday School meets on Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- ** The Youth Group will also meet Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m.



On SUNDAY - MAY 12th we will honor our
2024 High School & College Graduates.

If your son or daughter is graduating, we
would like to honor them!

Please submit their name, name of school they
are graduating from, and degree being received
(if applicable) to Janice at the Parish Office **by**
Thursday, May 2nd.

Email: admin@saintbart.org
Phone: 803-279-4622 ext 1

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 19

CHURCH PICNIC IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE 10AM SERVICE ON
THE BACK LAWN

HAMBURGERS AND
DRINKS WILL BE
PROVIDED.
BRING A SIDE DISH
TO SHARE!



MUSIC BY SIMPLE GIFTS

PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION!

St. Bartholomew's Church Picnic will be held on Sunday,
May 19th. We will be holding the 10 a.m. service on the back lawn
(in front of Bert Lewis) followed by the picnic.

We will be firing up the grill for some hamburgers. Drinks and
hamburger condiments will be provided! Wear your comfy
summer clothes, bring a side dish to share, and enjoy summer-
time fun filled with games for all to enjoy and music provided by
Simple Gifts!

There will be a sign up sheet for our side dishes and finger foods
including chips, salads (potato, cole slaw, broccoli, etc), beans,
and desserts!

We will be closing the upper parking lot next to the memorial gar-
den and in front of Bert Lewis. Parking will be available in a few
select spots for those who need assistance.

We can't wait to see you all there to ring in summer!



Kay Bryden Brown Bag Ministry
Below is a list of items needed to fill bags for
May ... Please Bring Donations no
later than Sunday, May 19th

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 6 - Cans Vegetables | 2 - Evaporated Milk |
| 2 - Boxes Mac & Cheese | 1 - Box Rice |
| 1 - Lemonade Mix | 1 - Peanut Butter |
| 2 - Rolls Toilet Paper | 1 - Jelly |

Thank you to everyone for your participation in the Kay Bryden Brown Bag Ministry. The residents at The Ledges are very appreciative.



Saint Bartholomew's
North Augusta, SC

For more information contact Dino Pierucci via text (803-442-3723) or email (dino.pierucci@comcast.net)

If you are unable to purchase or bring food, a cash donation would be appreciated. Bags are located in the Narthex and in each bag is a note card for you to sign, or you may add your own.

Thank You for all your help, we couldn't continue this ministry without YOU! -- - - - Dino Pierucci and Debra Jones



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 will start a training class in May/June. Any woman interesting in joining, can contact Robin Petry at petrymail@yahoo.com or call: 706-836-3027



2024 SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S WEEKEND
Aug 16, 17, & 18



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TAKING RESERVATIONS NOW

We have reserved 50 Tickets @ \$12/each * for Saturday Aug 17th
Ballgame between the Greenjackets & the WoodPeckers
This is also a Fireworks night *(includes \$2 coupon off concessions)

STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

“Stewardship is the use of God-given resources for the accomplishment of God-given goals.” Ron Blue

Year to Date receipts through March, 2024:

	OPERATING FUND		Difference
	Actual	Need	
Pledge	\$ 77,809.16	\$ 66,305.54	\$ 11,503.62
Other	\$ 5,669.33	\$ 2,408.70	\$ 3,260.63
TOTAL	\$ 83,478.49	\$ 68,714.24	\$ 14,764.25

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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

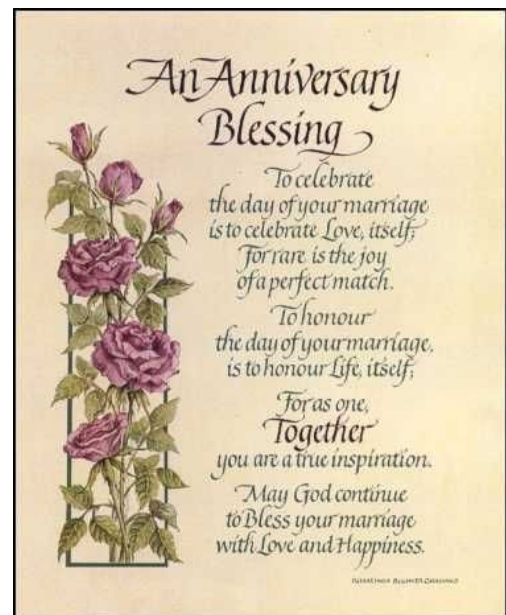


When you wish upon a birthday candle, God hears it as a prayer. These dreams of your heart ascend to His heart, where they ignite in hope. Hope for happy days ahead, for making more good memories. Hope for loved ones coming together, sharing smiles and stories and hugs. For

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Bill Jopling**
- 1 **Robin Petry**
- 3 **Molly Campbell**
- 4 **Florence Ussery**
- 5 **Donna Butler**
- 6 **Erin Redwood**
- 10 **Rev. Pam Crossley**
- 22 **Michael Bowen**
- 22 **Kim Vickers**
- 23 **Pat Kotti**



MAY ANNIVERSARIES
No Anniversaries in May



In Remembrance:

Paul Whitaker May 21, 1945 - March 20, 2024
Please continue to hold his family up in prayer!

Pastoral Emergencies

All pastoral concerns including:
hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths, child concerns, or relationship issues
may go directly to Father Joseph via his secured email at priest@saintbart.org
or by phone at 803-279-4622.

All concerns will be held in the strictest of confidence.



The school year is coming to an end and I would like to thank each of you for your prayers, contributions, commitment and generosity to LBC Middle School staff and students. **THANK YOU!** We are really providing **HOPE...Helping Others Prepare to Excel.**

Looking Forward

Anyone who adopted a staff member will continue to reach out to them monthly through May. Ideas include gifting a favorite drink or candy, a desk-top plant, a card specifying how you addressed their prayer requests, note pads, a gift card to a coffee shop or restaurant or any other clever idea. You can celebrate their half or belated or current birthday. (Marcia Godfrey or Barb McCall were teachers and could help you with ideas.) **There is now a box in the Narthex to place gifts for delivery to LBC.**

We will probably be asked to sponsor and host some type of end of the year celebratory event

It takes the entire ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S Village to provide this yearly support for our LBC family. If you would like to get more involved, visit the school or even become a mentor, please contact Julie Bush at alsojules@yahoo.com or 336-602-6754.

Visit our bulletin board in the Parish Hall to read the beautiful thank you card from the staff at LBC Middle School to Saint Bartholomew's.

HEALTH SCREENINGS



Health Ministry Screenings will be this month on the **THIRD SUNDAY May 19th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.**

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.

EpiscoPals Lunch

*The EpiscoPals is a monthly luncheon gathering for Adults 50+. It is a fun, relaxed time of fellowship and to eat good food! We meet for lunch on the 3rd Thursday of each month in a different location. On **May 16, 2024** we will be going to **Mount Vintage Grill, 375 Mount Vintage Plantation Dr, N. Augusta at 11:30.** So, for some good food and a whole lot of talking, make plans to attend this outing. Sign up Sheet is in the Narthex.*

*For more information contact **Mike Osteen at 803-315-3549***



ST. BART'S TEAM AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

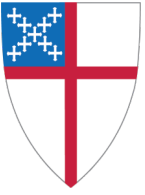
We will be serving at the Master's Table on the **Second Monday of each month.**

This month, May 13th for both Food Prep starting at **8:30 am** and Dining Servers that ends at **12:30 pm**

BLT (BAZAAR CRAFTERS) - will meet on **May 21st**

The BLT's meet on the **Third Tuesdays at 10:00 AM** in the BLT room on the bottom floor of the David Thompson Ministry Center (Admin Bldg) at the top of the hill. All adults are invited to join for fellowship and craft-making followed by lunch. Crafts will be sold during the Holiday Bazaar and the funds raised from this ministry support local missions.





The Scroll

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
471 West Martintown Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. *Sunday School*
10:00 A.M. *Holy Eucharist Rite II*
10:00 A.M. *Live Streaming to Facebook & YouTube*
11:00 A.M. *Coffee Hour in Parish Hall*

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Any suggestions? Submit to same.