



LENT 40 STUFF

We are on the verge of Lent. So maybe this is a good time to think about what might be helpful as we begin that 40-day journey.

40 is an important number regarding journeys in the Bible.

The Israelites spent 40 years wandering around in the wilderness on their way to the promised land. When God set them free from enslavement, he sent them on a 40 year journey so they would have time to shake off the slave shackles physically but also emotionally and mentally. He sent them on a 40-year journey to prepare them to be God's holy people and to be ready to live accordingly.

Jesus went on a 40-day journey in the wilderness. As he was being baptized, God verbally informed him that he really was his son and that God was pretty pleased. So now Jesus needed time to understand who he really was and what God expected of him. Jesus needed time to prepare for what awaited him when he left the wilderness behind cuz it would be a lot.

So what about the number 40 for us - for you? What about Lenten 40 Stuff?

Every year we get to have a 40-day experience. Most of us think of Lent as a time to give up something as an act of penance. Not a bad idea given our plethora of reasons to be penitential for our various shortcomings. Well, at least that is true in my case.

BUT I want us to think of Lent perhaps differently. Instead of just penance - let's think of Lent as a chance to wander for 40 days to discover what God is asking of me/you/us this year. What does God want us to think about, pray about, reflect on so that we are prepared for Easter and what ministry God will require of me/you/us thereafter.

So instead of penance, let's make Lent be a time to set aside the shackles of the stuff that binds us. Let's make Lent a time to spend with God musing about who he thinks we are and what he expects of each of us. Let's make Lent a time to prepare for whatever it is that God hopes we will do to his honor and glory as his baptized disciples.

So here is some Lent 40 Stuff:

- ✘ Make a commitment to get to church every Sunday.
- ✘ Join the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays.
- ✘ Agree to some quiet time once a day. To put aside devices (all of them) and just be quiet - time to actually slow down and think. Maybe even about your spiritual life.
- ✘ Read a book. Maybe a book of the Bible from the beginning to the end. Imagine.
- ✘ Spend time thinking about your baptism. Reread the baptism covenant in the Book of Common Prayer. Think about what ministry you might continue to do or muse about doing something new for God and us.

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You may have your own ideas about Lenten 40 Stuff. Please have some. Whatever they are - God thinks 40 experiences are worthy of our time and attention. So maybe we should too.

I actually think it is a blessing. Try it. I suspect you will too!

— Flo Ledyard, Rector

☞ **Worship**

Worship at St. B's

Join us for worship! We worship in the Church at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Please wear a mask (available in the Church) and practice compassionate distancing. You can also join us for our 10:30 am worship on Zoom.

Here's how you can join us on Zoom at 10:30 am:

This is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/7641738777?pwd=d05KWmJPZ0ZZaHlmUlpRK2NiOFp6UT09>.

or you can go to your own Zoom page and use this info:

The Meeting ID: 764 173 8777

The password: 703085

or you can call in using this number: (301)-715-8592

AND, you can come early to have some fun at our Zoom Coffee Hour.

Ash Wednesday March 2

The Ash Wednesday Liturgy
will be held in the Church and on Zoom
at 7:30 pm.



Lent at St. B's

During Lent, we prepare for Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection. These six weeks between Wednesday, March 2 and Saturday, April 16 are a special time in our calendar for *prayer, reflection, formation, and service*.

Special Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday (March 2)

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm (in the Church and on Zoom)

Palm Sunday (April 10) Blessing of the Palms and Passion at 8:00 am (in the Church) and 10:30 am (in the Church and on Zoom)

Maundy Thursday (April 14) Eucharist & Footwashing at 7:30 pm (in the Church and on Zoom) , followed by an all-night vigil (in the Chapel or at home)

Good Friday (April 15) services at 12:00 noon (Good Friday Liturgy) — in the Church and 7:30 pm (Tenebrae) — in the Church and on Zoom

Weekly Worship

Sundays: Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am (in the Church)& 10:30 am (in the Church and on Zoom)

Weekdays & Saturdays: Noonday Prayer at 12:00 noon (from home)

Wednesdays: The Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm on Zoom

We say and sing

The Great Litany

on **March 20** at both services.

The Litany is a series of prayers and supplications appropriate for the season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday: A Moment and an Opportunity

by Flo Ledyard

Wednesday March 2 is Ash Wednesday.

It is a **moment** worthy of your attention. Here is why:

1. It is the first day of Lent.
2. It is a day of penitence to prepare for our observation of Lent as we begin that 40-day journey in the right and proper way.
3. We get marked with ashes as a symbol of death: the death of Jesus which Lent prepares us for and to remind us of our own mortality.
4. Ashes are also a sign of being aware of and actually sorry for our personal sins and the sins done on our behalf.

So yep — it is an important spiritual **moment**. To ignore it is pretty lame, spiritually.

BUT it is also an **opportunity**. When we acknowledge and participate in Ash Wednesday, it also prepares us to understand the intensity of Good Friday and the cross as well as the power and amazing redemption of Easter Sunday.

So in a way, grabbing Ash Wednesday is important in order to embrace the depth and wonder of Good Friday and Easter.

AND our Opportunity at St B's is Wednesday, March 2 @ 7:30 pm!

Ok — so how do we get ashes?

1. For those of you who come onsite, they will be waiting for you.

But for those who will Zoom into worship:

1. Both our communion kits and ashes will be available at Take Out @ St B's on Saturday, February the 26th, between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm.

But 2. There is even another alternate plan because — ashes do not have to be blessed, btw!

3. The importance of ashes is what they represent and the act of getting some smudged on your forehead.

So 4. Ashes can come from anywhere: a fireplace, a charcoal grill, or even some paper burned for the occasion.

What matters is what the ashes represent - that we are sinful and capable of destroying people, things, and creation. AND that we are dust and to dust we will return, Good stuff to be reminded of as we start the journey of Lent to Jerusalem, a cross, and an empty tomb.

SO come join us. Let's be a community that worships together, acknowledges our faults, but also awaits the grace of God. Doing that together is so much better. Makes it easier to actually do it more fully if we are not doing it alone!

More About Ash Wednesday

For those on site, an ashy cleric finger awaits.

For those of you on Zoom, imagine what it will be like to actually impose ashes yourself.

You can put ashes on your own forehead or you can do it amongst those who will be with you. Even kids can do it!

Btw, we use the sign of the cross when we do this right over the sign of the cross we got when we were baptized. An important location, don't ya think?

Trust I will see you — in one format or another.

— Flo is St. B's Rector



Daylight Saving Time begins March 13.
Remember to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks ahead
one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Stations of the Cross

by *Glorius Sullivan*

From the earliest times, Christians flocked to the Holy Land to visit the places sanctified by the events in our Lord's earthly life. Especially popular was the pilgrimage along the path our Lord took on the first Good Friday. This pilgrimage was made with great devotion, the procession stopping (or making "stations") for prayer and meditations at the various traditional points where legend held that special events took place.



For those who were unable to visit the Holy Land, the custom arose throughout Europe of setting up replicas of the different incidents along the Way of Sorrow, so that the faithful could make spiritual pilgrimages. After a long development, these little shrines were formalized and set along the interior walls of Christian churches, just as they are in the nave of St. Bartholomew's Church.

Since we cannot be in the nave due to the COVID virus, the Order of the Daughters of the King will be hosting the Stations of the Cross via zoom this year beginning at 5:30 pm on the Wednesdays in Lent (March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6). You may find the Zoom link [here](#).

This short but powerful reminder of the true sacrifice that was made by our Lord Jesus Christ for us. This simple 'walk' has been a Christian tradition for hundreds of years. Please join in this "walk" as part of your Lenten journey towards Easter.

For those that are not able to participate on Wednesdays, the Stations of the Cross will be available on the St. Bartholomew's [website](#) for individual meditation throughout the season of Lent.

— *Glorius is Secretary and Treasurer of the of the Daughters of the King, Margaret Rollo Chapter*

Available Online . . .

On Our [Website](#):

- ~ "A Moment of Peace and Quiet" — a digital devotion.
- ~ Recordings of St. B's worship services.

And on our ["Music at St. Bartholomew's -Baltimore" YouTube Channel](#):

- ~ The 14th edition of Bach at St. Bartholomew's



Choral Evensong is March 27

by Ted Davis

Invite a friend to join us for Choral Evensong on Sunday March 27, beginning at 4:30 pm!

This sublime musical liturgy, with its history of nearly 500 years, has been called one of Anglicanism's gifts to the world. And your friends in the St. Bartholomew Choir have been working diligently, despite covid protocols, to prepare this version. Lent is a particularly good season to carve out a moment for prayer. And Evensong—prayer in song—has a special aura that many report is soul-enriching, and a lovely way to close the weekend and spiritually fortify for the week ahead.

Prior to the pandemic, the St. Bartholomew Choir made Choral Evensong offerings twice annually. This Choral Evensong will be the first open to in-person attendance in over two years!

While the service will be available to view online, there is a particular potency in praying as a community together, so we hope you can encourage friends to join us in person.

— Ted is St. B's Organist and Choirmaster

The solemnity and beauty of
Choral evensong

Sunday, March 27
4:30 p.m.

join us in person or on YouTube Live



Led by members and
friends of the
St. Bartholomew Choir

St. Bartholomew's
Episcopal Church
Baltimore, Maryland

A Poem for Ash Wednesday

shared by Janet Aldrich

I love how this poem weaves honest doubt amid comforting, and at the same time, dramatically definitive and redemptive images of “candle flame” and “tongues of fire;” “walkers on water” and “trumpet call to new life.” The poet lures us into her doubt while assuring us that the “wholly” grubbiness of oil and ashes on our skin (and no doubt soul) are as necessary as creation, towards the culmination of “healing,” “longing,” “hope-filled,” and “unrelenting” “resurrection” and “laughter” that await us beyond our dabbling, perseverant, oxymoronic willingness and ambivalence, to be cleansed in this season of Lent

Will stopping this Wednesday to receive
the sign of the cross in dirty ash
Upon tired foreheads really make a difference
Mark us for a moment, a season, a lifetime?

Will this emblem on our own skin
Soak in where words have not
and choices have not?

I wonder at its hope and purpose.

People of candle flame and tongues of fire,
Walkers on water who have dipped
beneath the cleansing surface,
Taking a night to dabble in oily ash and stain.

Would that Sunday, yet two months away,
dawn at all, if not as bright,
with trumpet call to new life if we could not
stand in this other truth, as true
as resurrection but more gritty?

Does its honest presence make the revelation
The breath, the rising sun possible?

We stand with grimy hands, flinching,
Drawing back from the itchy sensation
Of ash and oil and human nature.

Holding ourselves still
And breathing deeply until, we can be,
wholly in this grubby skin,
Waiting, with creation for the water and the flame.

Tossing scraps of paper sin into a smoky burner
Watching as they are consumed,
disintegrate and rise,
Prayers for healing, longing, hope, to God.

We laugh, upside down and unrelenting,
A laugh like Easter morning.

~~ Lisa M. Caldwell-Reiss
(used by permission of the poet)



Vestry Highlights

During this time of pandemic and quarantine, the Vestry decided to divide the monthly Vestry meeting into two meetings. Shorter meetings are preferable than a longer meeting. The Vestry now normally meets on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm.

At their meeting on February 15:

- The Vestry passed a motion to support Kathleen Schotto's ordination to the priesthood.
- The Vestry passed a motion to support Karen Mercer's ordination to the diaconate .
- Rev. Flo presented the parochial report; the Vestry voted to submit the report as amended.

At their meeting on February 22:

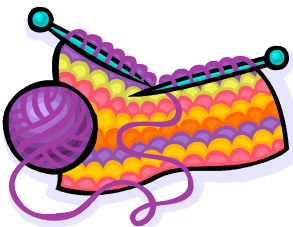
- The Vestry met in Executive Session to discuss various issues before St. B's.

The next regular meetings, scheduled on March 15 and 22,
both beginning at 7:30 pm.

All Vestry meetings are open, and all members and friends are welcome to attend.

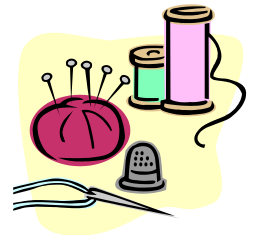
Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

The Prayer Shawls Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish House and on Zoom. We craft shawls and prayer squares to give to parishioners and 40 West clients in need of comfort. The shawls are a tangible hug folks can keep with them all the time—a tangible reminder of our love and care for them, and God's love and care for them. Knitters and crocheters of any age and ability are welcome.



Please contact Leigh Snowden at lsnowde1@msn.com for more information or for the Zoom link.

St. B's Sewing Bees meet on the 2nd Monday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Hardy home for crafting and fellowship. Any sort of handwork is encouraged—knitting, quilting, cross-stitch, scrapbooking, etc.



For information about the St. B's Sewing Bees, please contact Sharon Selleck at scobleselleck@gmail.com.



2022 Women's Retreat led by Katharine Armentrout and Flo Ledyard

The Edge of the World: Return, Stay, Go A Celtic Perspective

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATES!
Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26!**

Do you ever feel like you are standing on the edge of the world - on a precipice between what is familiar and what the future will be? Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the choices we have before us? If so, you are not alone! Our Women's Retreat will give us a chance to share our thoughts, fears, and excitement about where we are standing in the world right now and what choices we can make.

We will learn about an exquisite Celtic spiritual notion called the Edge of the World, meet people who have exemplified each possible response, and then explore our own choices.

And then we will examine spiritual practices to support wherever we choose to journey.

The retreat this year will be at St Bartholomew's Church — and via Zoom.

Please register!!! It will be really helpful and important for us to know who is coming and how.

You can register by contacting Maggie Caldwell at mcaldwell@stbs-md.org or call the Office (410-945-7263) and leave a message. And please let us know if you will be attending in person or on Zoom.

We will begin Friday at 7:30 pm. (Dinner will be available for those who will be on site starting at 6:30 pm.)

Saturday we will begin at 9:00 am. (Breakfast will be available at 8:00 am for those attending on site).

We will end Saturday evening.

Meals will be catered for those on site.

Men's Retreat Rescheduled

The Men's Retreat, scheduled at the Claggett Center in February, was postponed. Instead, plans are being made for a **Men's Fellowship Day** on Saturday, May 14.

The one-day event will include worship, talks from The Reverend Rick Larabee, opportunities for small group discussion, and fellowship. Weather permitting, much of this retreat will take place outdoors! The cost will be \$70 per participant, which includes lunch, dinner, and a continental breakfast during arrivals. Stay tuned for more information!



Lenten Learnin'

Lent has historically been a particular time of the year to earnestly engage in some **learnin'**! It is the time of the year when we intentionally seek to learn more about our faith and what it requires of us so we can be better at taking our baptismal vows and ministry more seriously.

Ergo, here are the wonderful opportunities:

The Cribbery, providing childcare for infants and children up to age 5, is open on Sundays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Children's Word meets on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 am service — both in person and on Zoom. Just after the Epistle (Second) Reading, children in the church, age 3 through grade 5, gather with their teachers in the Undercroft. Children at home join us on Zoom.

D Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, either in the Parish House or on Zoom.

Episcopal 102 meets on Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We cover a variety of topics, including The Episcopal Church, The Book of Common Prayer, Bible stories, and, during Lent, the Sunday Lectionary.

Faith Forum gathers on Zoom on alternate Sundays (and sometimes in-between) from 9:15 to 10:00 am. Here's what we've lined up for March:

March 13 — Concerns about Climate Control

Led by Leah Kulp and Drew Brown

March 27 — The DuBois Circle

Led by The Reverend Canon Sandye Wilson

The DuBois Circle, founded in 1906, is the oldest black women's organization in Baltimore. Sandye Wilson is a member of this organization who is serving at the moment in the US Virgin Islands. She will join us to share this group's fascinating ministry.

Christianity and Racism - Part Two

Last year we explored the presence of enslavement in the Scriptures, learned for the first time that the primary founding family of St B's had enslaved persons, and then had the extraordinary gift of hearing the stories of some of our members who have encountered racism in their lives.

This year we will explore the role of truth telling in the scriptures and what it requires of us. Then we will hear even more about the Dashiells as well as the early years of St Bartholomew's Church. But we will also hear about our more recent history and what we have tried to do to combat racism. And finally, we will have the chance to share about what we think we need to do next as a faith community.

It will be quite a Lenten series.

Christianity and Racism

Part 2

Wednesday Evenings During Lent

7:00 pm — on Zoom

March 9 — Truth-Telling as Subversive Obedience

Based on the book of the same name by Walter Brueggemann.

Led by Flo

March 16 — The Dashiell Family in Baltimore

Led by Corinne Bowmaker

March 23 — The Actions by St B's while located on North Avenue

Led by Corinne Bowmaker

March 30 — The Decisions and Actions by St B's on Edmondson Avenue

Led by Corinne Bowmaker

April 6 — What's Next for St Bartholomew's Church

Led by Flo



The Cribbery

(providing child care for infants and children up to age 5)
is open on Sundays from 10:00 am—12:00 pm.

Are you interested in finding out more about the Cribbery?
Stop by on Sunday morning and meet our wonderful, fully-vaccinated
childcare provider Dona McIntyre.

D Group!

by Steven Johnson

Greetings all!!

We as a whole D-Group hope this finds everyone in GREAT SPIRITS!! Even though face-to-face interactions and Sunday D-Group shenanigans have been paused, we still have made the best of impacting each other's lives

thru Zoom!! 🎆 🎆 While we hope things change soon, we will continue to make intentional efforts to connect as a D-Group!!

Over this month we have been taking a look at the theme/title "Why Not Us??" David & Goliath... taking a phrase from the coach of the Cincinnati Bengals. This year in the AFC championship game, you had the Bengals & the Chiefs. In the biblical sense, Bengals are David & Chiefs are Goliath. We saw even in today's football,

"David "still beats "Goliath." 💪 💪

We have been able to " Dig into the story of David & Goliath and how David was able, with God's help, to defeat Goliath, and God's name be glorified!! Throughout this theme we read scripture in our Bibles from the book of 1st Samuel Chapter 17. We learned that David was a shepherd, a Musician/Psalmist, Poet/Songwriter, Fierce in the face of danger, and a man after God's own heart!!

This lesson helps us see that God is able to assist us in defeating any Goliath that may seem to take us down or becomes too big to handle on our own. Depression, feeling of unworthiness, fear, etc.

We also learned about obedience!! David was obedient to God and had a relationship with him, making his faith strong enough to believe God would deliver him from anything!!

In closing, let us take heart that when we come against challenges and we call on the name of the Lord, he is

there to help us defeat those Goliaths. Just trust him & have FAITH!! 🙏 🙏

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." 1st Samuel 17:45 NIV.

Hallelujah!! Hallelujah!! Amen!!

Sincerely,
Marty, Kathie, Steven, & Amanda

— Steven is Coordinator of Youth Education



GROUP SCOOP

Get Ready for D-Group!

St. B's D-Group meets on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. We met outdoors at the Youth House while the weather was nice. And now we're meeting on Zoom or in the Parish House. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark (peaceclark1@gmail.com). Gather for fun, fellowship, and faith. Invite a friend!



New Beginnings!

April 29—May 1

New Beginnings, a retreat for middle school youth, is a fantastic weekend at Camp Wright in Stevensville, MD. Previous New Beginnings who have reached high school are the designer team and staff for the weekend. This makes for a perfect sense of what it means to be a part of the community. A whole weekend dedicated to youth working through the transitions of middle school through talks, skits and small group. A place where they can find community in Christ and mentors in high school students. Click [here](#) to register.

We Are the Church!

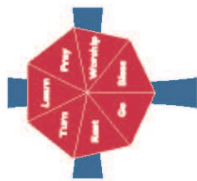
by Kobey DeVale

During Children's Word (for ages 3 – 5th grade), we have been singing and signing the song "We are the Church." We started the year not being able to sing in-person so using ASL signs allowed us to sing with gusto.

*I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!*

The song has been a great reminder that even when we are all Zooming or hybrid that we are still the church together.

— Kobey is Chair of the Kid's Council and a Children's Word Leader



Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Reflections from "Living the Way of Love" by Mary Bea Sullivan (Church Publishing, 2019). Used with permission.</p>	<p>Mar 2 Bless Notice the pattern of your breathing. Pray for awareness of blessings. Gen. 2:7</p>	<p>3 Rest How might you connect with others in the spirit of renewal? Kings 19:11-12</p>	<p>4 Rule of Life How can you build pauses into the day to reflect on the work of the Spirit? John 15:5</p>	<p>5 Worship How does community help or hinder your growing in Christ? John 1:12-13</p>	<p>6 1st Sunday of Lent</p>	
<p>7 Go Where can you go and intentionally provide kindness? Matt. 5:4</p>	<p>9 Way of Love Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story? Luke 5:19</p>	<p>10 Bless Who has taught you to live a Jesus-filled life? Who have you taught? 2 Cor. 4:16</p>	<p>11 Worship What is most meaningful to you in worship? BCP, p. 281</p>	<p>12 Rest How do you incorporate rest in your life? Jer. 6:16</p>	<p>13 2nd Sunday of Lent</p>	
<p>14 Turn Today, intentionally listen devoutly to another. Mark 4:23</p>	<p>16 Learn What passage of scripture is important to you Why? Isa. 40:8</p>	<p>17 Pray Take 20 minutes in contemplative prayer today. Matt. 4:18-22</p>	<p>18 Bless Intentionally smile at least ten times today. Phil. 4:4</p>	<p>19 Go Where are you being encouraged to "show up"? Matt. 25:44-45</p>	<p>20 3rd Sunday of Lent</p>	
<p>21 Learn How is the Jesus who walked this earth beckoning you to meet him? Mark 10:46-52</p>	<p>23 Rest How can you incorporate rest from technology today? Matt. 11:28</p>	<p>24 Pray Try praying with Anglican prayer beads. Luke 18:1</p>	<p>25 Worship In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you? Phil. 4:6</p>	<p>26 Turn How might you share what brings you great joy with others? Rom. 12:6-8</p>	<p>27 4th Sunday of Lent</p>	
<p>28 Learn Practice lectio divina with this scripture. Luke 15:17-24</p>	<p>30 Rest What can you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest and joy? Lev. 23:3</p>	<p>31 Bless What challenges are you facing today? Job 11:18</p>	<p>Apr 1 Go Create a prayer representing how you seek to serve God and follow Jesus. Matt. 5:15</p>	<p>2 Turn Where do you find joy and passion? Luke 24:32</p>	<p>3 5th Sunday of Lent</p>	
<p>4 Pray What are you thankful for? I Chron. 29:15</p>	<p>6 Learn Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this speak to the world today? Matt. 4:18-22</p>	<p>7 Worship What seminal moments have informed a need to return to Christ? Ps. 51:10</p>	<p>8 Turn What relationships do you need to mend? Isa. 55:8-9</p>	<p>9 Rule of Life How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God? John 7:38</p>	<p>10 Palm Sunday</p>	
<p>11 Learn Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God? Ps. 119:105</p>	<p>13 Bless When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open? Matt. 12:43-44</p>	<p>14 Worship How do you want to prepare people to remember you? 2 Cor. 1:3-4</p>	<p>15 Rule of Life Who can support you in living a Jesus-centered life? 2 Cor. 3:6</p>	<p>16 Turn How did you turn back towards God's love when you made a big mistake? Luke 15:18</p>	<p>17 Easter Day</p>	

Lent Madness — A Lenten Discipline That's Fun!

Lent Madness is an amusing way to learn about some of the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints. Here's how it works: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

It's fun to play! Visit the website <https://www.lentmadness.org/>. You can sign up for daily email notifications or connect via Facebook. And you can find a link to print your own bracket if you like. Vote for your favorite saint each day during Lent and see who wins the 2022 "Golden Halo."



2022 LENTMADNESS.ORG

ROUND OF 32

SAINTLY 16

ELATE 8

FAITHFUL 4

THE GOLDEN HALO

Martyrs & Mystics

- Stephen
- Wenceslaus
- Teresa of Avila
- Crispin
- Perpetua
- Cecilia
- Juliana of Liege
- Blaise

Theologians & Thinkers

- Juana Inés de la Cruz
- Gabriel the Archangel
- Origen
- Hilda of Whitby
- Columbanos
- Drogo
- Mesrop Mashtots
- Madeline Barat

Confusion Corner

- Melania the Elder
- Hilary of Poitiers
- Aloysius Gonzaga
- Thomas of Villanova
- Felix
- Oscar
- Thomas Aquinas
- Jerome

Healers & Helpers

- Emma of Hawaii
- Hugh of Lincoln
- José Hernández
- Constance of Memphis
- James Holly
- Lydia
- Olaf
- Kateri Tekakwitha

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Stewardship and Lent

by Cynthia Wagner

Lent is a time of self-denial as we reflect on Jesus' time in the desert, the road to the cross and his ultimate sacrifice of his life for our souls. In his resurrection, he guarantees our eternal life.

Because the Stewardship committee is focusing on the liturgical calendar as a guide for expanding our perceptions of stewardship, I'd like to invite you to take a different approach in your Lenten journey this season. Instead of focusing on the self-denial (or in addition to), I encourage you to think about ways you can share some of the abundance that God has given to you. This could take the form of giving time in caring for God's creation; picking up trash, start to recycle, or learn about and start to compost. It could mean being more mindful in your support of companies or stores that use fair labor practices and have sound environmental policies. You could also spend time volunteering at a place that is caring for some of the most vulnerable (40 West, other food donation sites, a Moveable Feast, Paul's Place, Health Care for the Homeless, just to name a few).

Stewardship is about ACTION and Lent (for me) is about reflection. The beauty of combining these two practices is a strengthening of my awareness of God's blessings in my life and God's greatest act of love—the ACTION of God's son, Jesus Christ to endure death on the cross and provide me with the promise of everlasting life by His resurrection.

By involving myself in some of these activities during Lent helps remind me of the fragility of human existence in the world and leads me to a greater appreciation of my abundances and blessings as well as what my responsibilities are as one of God's stewards—not just in Lent, but all year long.

— *Cynthia is a member of the Stewardship Committee*

Financial Position as of January 31, 2022

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

January 31, 2022	Current Month		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Income	84,165.86	48,791.25	84,165.86	48,791.25
Total Expenses	(55,177.91)	(52,023.56)	(55,177.91)	(52,023.56)
Difference	28,987.95	(3,232.31)	28,987.95	(3,232.31)

A Correction

In last month's Apostle article regarding the budget for 2022, the following is a more accurate number:

Regarding the revenue increase proposed for 2022 over 2021, the actual increase is \$7,382 (not \$2,128 as was stated in the article).



Sneak Peek: Climate Anxiety — What's the Use?

by the Creation Caretakers

What is the climate crisis?

- Greenhouse gases (GHGs) emitted by people trap energy in the atmosphere and cause a warming effect.
- Global temperatures have risen by around 1^o C since 1900.

From the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine website: <https://www.nap.edu/read/25733/chapter/5>

In the Faith Forum session on March 13, 2022, members of St. Bartholomew's Creation Caretakers will express some of our anxieties over climate change and suggest actions that individuals, groups, and communities can take to be part of the solution. The following is a sample of our concerns and frustrations:

- I have great concern for the quality of life that my children and grandchildren will face.
- Climate change over a short time period threatens biodiversity, and that will harm humanity in ways we can hardly imagine.
- Single use plastics is an ugly problem that is hardly being addressed.
- Food waste in landfill trash creates methane, a more potent green house gas than carbon dioxide (CO₂): Why should I recycle and compost when I am the only one doing it?
- I dread weather events that now often lead to worst case scenarios of flooding, extended power outages, downed trees, and drought.
- Whether international or domestic, those for whom life is already a struggle face far more certain and serious consequences from humanity's failure to address this crisis than I do.
- Many people don't seem to care about climate change even though they hear about what is going on.
- Sea level around Baltimore has increased by around 12 inches in the last century: (<https://>

www.geo.umass.edu/climate/stateClimateReports/

[MD_ClimateReport_CSRC.pdf](http://www.geo.umass.edu/climate/stateClimateReports/MD_ClimateReport_CSRC.pdf)) :: Islands have been drowned in the Chesapeake Bay that watermen once lived on, but many argue that it was due to erosion, not climate change.

- This is a global problem that requires us all to work *together* ... Our leaders are all looking in different directions (political, economic, spiritual) but not seeing how It's All Connected.

So, are we doomed? What's the use in doing anything?

Find out at the Faith Forum session what you can do to become part of the solution. As people of faith, let us make Lenten pledges and share our hope together: Use less fossil fuel... Recycle... Join us March 19 (and every third Saturday) to pick up litter along Route 40... Plant a tree... Compost food scraps... Buy an electric car... Stay informed of local environmental efforts... Get informed about upcoming legislation...

Some Impending Legislation in Baltimore City Council:

- Carbon Neutral City (Resolution 21-0075R)
- City Operations: Net-Zero Emissions of Greenhouse Gases (Ordinance 21-0161)
- Procurement: Zero-Emission Vehicles (Ordinance 21-0159)

Some Impending Legislation in Maryland General Assembly:

- Environmental Rights Constitutional Amendment – (HB0596/SB-783)
See February 2022 Apostle Article
- See mdehr.org
- Climate Solutions Now Bill (SB0528)
- Paradigm shift: Electrify and reduce carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels of 60 percent by 2030 and be carbon neutral by 2045

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- Enforcing Pollution Permits (SB0492/HB0649)
 - 70% of facilities with industrial stormwater permits are not in compliance
 - Eliminate “zombie permits” where facilities have not been inspected for years

— Drew Brown, Peggy Cummings, Margaret Engvall, Erin Kosloski, Leah Kulp, Sharon Selleck, and Michael Soderstrand are members of the Creation Caretakers and contributed to this article.



Some Property Updates

by Dave Murray

New desks for Flo and Maggie were installed; the old furniture from Flo's office, along with the old desks, were donated to Restore (Habitat for Humanity)

The 2 pews in back of the church were removed to allow space for the Tech Vergers to operate more efficiently. Two new cameras were installed on each side of the nave for better quality pictures and remote control of Sunday services and other events.

A State Grant request was submitted the proceeds of which would provide for new door security systems in the Church/40 West areas, plus a parking lot surveillance system. We're waiting for a response from the State.

We've started planning for the installation of a new doorway on the east side of the church that would provide accessible entry for the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center. JIGSAW funding will cover this cost.

Quotes on fixing the Youth House front porch are being solicited now.

A pressure valve in the ceiling above one of the sump pumps in a 40 West storage area was replaced along with one of the power outlets.

The boiler failures have created the coldest Sunday services in our history. Maryland Mechanical has spent many hours trying to determine why the boiler keeps shutting down. They've fixed a few suspected troubles and cleaned out a blockage. As of this writing, we're hoping the problem has been resolved. You'll know if we have "in-person" Sunday services.

— Dave is a member of the Property Committee

Outreach News

Thomas Jefferson



Elementary Middle School

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Mission: To create a community school that is the foundation for lifelong progress and success.

Vision: We are preparing our scholars with academic and emotional resources to become respectful, responsible and productive citizens of this world.

January 25, 2022

Dear St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church:

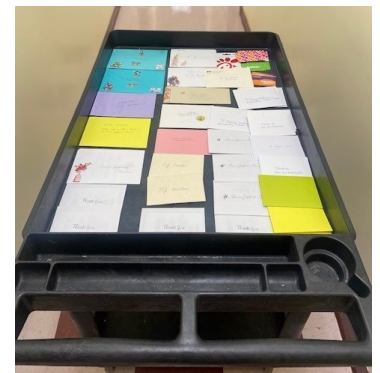
On behalf of the teachers and staff here at Thomas Jefferson EMS we would like to THANK YOU for the continued support throughout the year. We appreciate the generous donation of thank you cards and gift cards! Teachers were so excited to receive such a pleasant surprise on a Tuesday. With your giving, we were able to send over 40 staff members home with a smile on their faces! When they saw what they had received from your church, they were oh so grateful. It's such a blessing to share a community with such great and giving people!

As a community school, Thomas Jefferson EMS is committed to providing assistance to individuals in need, not just during the holidays, but also throughout the year. We have so many instances where we are in need of assistance, but our resources are extremely limited. We are dependent on the generosity of donors and partner resources to continue to provide the much-needed services to people in the Hunting Ridge Community as well as the surrounding areas.

Ms. Kim Flash is a great member for outreach to represent the love and compassion of the congregation there at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. She was very accommodating for our staff and we look forward to the continuous support and outpouring from your church community. Please let us know how TJEMS could be of any benefit to your congregation or community. Thank You all again and may God bless you abundantly!

Best Regards,

Edward Pinder, Jr.
Community Schools Site Specialist
epinder@bcps.k12.md.us



Looking to the Future

by *Glorius M. Sullivan*

We continue to serve our clients by offering to arrange for COVID test kits to be sent to clients' homes, and distributing food from the federal TEFAP program (The Emergency Food Assistance Program), and the Baltimore City DSS (Dept. of Social Services) emergency food program, and of course, providing food from our pantry.

We can now offer help to access the new Water4All program initiated by Baltimore City, and provide flyers offering tax preparation assistance for lower income families. We also help with individual on-line grant applications to the Maryland Department of Human Services OHEP (Office of Home Energy Programs), the Fuel Fund of Maryland and BGE – all programs designed to assist our clients.

And soon, our first “Pantry on the Go” Food Distribution Event for this year will be held on April 19. Clients start arriving and parking in the lot about 7:00 am as we are setting up the tents and tables. The food is scheduled to be delivered by truck at 8:00 am and volunteers then pack food from the truck into bags and supplement that with food from our pantry. Our distribution usually begins about 9:00am — and is usually DONE by 10:30am! These events are first come, first serve and are open to all in need of food. The Maryland Food Bank (MFB) supplies the truck load of food for the event and 40 West usually purchases food to add to the MFB donation to ensure a full, plentiful and well balanced “basket” of food to put into each persons' car or cart. Lots of volunteers are needed for such jobs as parking duties, packing and putting food into cars and carts! If you can help, just let me know! Another need on this day is a photographer! We are usually so busy getting ready, we forget about getting pictures for our website and other publicity! Again, if you can help, let me know.

Speaking of our website — we do need to update and improve it! Your skill and expertise would be most welcomed to help tell our story and highlight what we offer to the community.

We are now learning the new software program from the Maryland Food Bank that is expected to assist both the Maryland Food Bank and our pantry in maintaining and using data from our records.

The Maryland Food Bank (MFB) requires annual site inspections (which includes record keeping) of their Partners who offer their programs. Our site inspection for the TEFAP program was held on February 15, and we are pleased to note that we fully passed the inspection. We were very proud to show our newly refurbished area!

And, with the ever present and supportive Dave Murray, we are beginning to look at the possibility of providing handicapped access for clients, and easier food delivery options, to the Center.

Our search for a new director is continuing, as our volunteers welcome and serve clients with food and other services. Please pass the word about our need for a new director. Inquires and/or cover letters and resumes can be sent to Mrs. Glorius M. Sullivan, Chairman of the Board at chgl@verizon.net. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to seek new leadership.

Our neighbors count on us, and we count on you and your support — for food donations, monetary donations, time and talent donations, clothing donations, and prayers. We are most grateful for your support, and honored to have the opportunity to help others.

— *Glorius is Chair of the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center, Inc.*

My Brother's Keeper — Continuing to Expand Services and Outreach

by Bonnie Kutch

My Brother's Keeper has served our neighbors in the Irvington community since the early 1980s. They strive to be, what Kevin Mason, the Executive Director, describes as a "safe, consistent presence for the community." During these challenging times, the need has only grown. As the need has evolved, they have looked to the needs of the community to expand the types and breadth of services that they provide.

St. Bartholomew's partnership with My Brother's Keeper, born out of an Outreach project started in 2018, has also evolved. Initially, we supported their daily lunch service by providing volunteers to cook and serve a lunchtime meal, monthly. That evolved into dropping off frozen casseroles, prepared in the Parish House kitchen, from recipes that they provided. In 2020, when they moved to a take-away bagged lunch service, St. B's moved to delivering monthly donations of food items through our Outreach Committee. Parishioners continue to make individual donations directly to My Brother's Keeper.

My Brother's Keeper continues to provide a bagged lunch service, 365 days a year. On Tuesdays and Wednesday's, there is the option for a hot lunch, eaten in the dining room or packaged for take-out. Packaged non-perishables are also provided on some days and occasionally, fresh produce is distributed. Over 100 meals are served on a typical day.

In addition to addressing food insecurity in the Irvington community, My Brother's Keeper seeks to provide a set of interlocking services that can empower people to overcome some of the barriers and personal challenges to their well-being.

- Through a new partnership with PNC Bank, financial literacy education, support with setting up bank accounts and help accessing basic financial services will soon be available at My Brother's Keeper. A mobile ATM may also be periodically docked at My Brother's Keeper.

- The Job Hub offers employment support and job training and continues to successfully place community members in sustainable jobs.
- A Primary Care Health Clinic has operated on-site since 2020. In conjunction with Ascension St. Agnes Hospital, it provides preventative health and wellness support. Prescription services, cardiovascular care, diabetes prevention, and specialist referrals, are offered, making health care more accessible to those in the Irvington community.
- Behavioral and Mental Health services are also offered on-site, with some telehealth options available.
- Specialists who offer Social Security and Medicaid benefits eligibility and access help, support those trying to navigate these complicated, highly technical systems to secure their benefits.
- Information on resources for help paying for utilities or other basic needs, is made available.

Those who wish can continue to support My Brother's Keeper's bagged lunch service by delivering items or with online grocery purchases. A list of items needed is provided each week in the *What's Happening* email and includes sliced turkey, sliced beef bologna, sliced ham, sliced cheese (5-pound box), mayo packs, mustard packs, granola bars, cookies, drinks, sodas, oranges, cheese crackers, potato chips, Sun chips, pretzels, fruit cups, fruit gummies, carryout plastic bags, and Zip-lock plastic sandwich bags. Donations can be delivered to 4207 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229, at the side door on S. Augusta Avenue between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

February Cease Fire



This photo is of a group in Africa that was inspired to support the Baltimore February Cease Fire Weekend. Bria is the capital of Haute-Kotto, one of the 14 prefectures of the Central African Republic. As of the 2003 census, the town had a population of 35,204. They are living under siege of armed groups and Russian mercenaries. Yet still standing in solidarity with the [#baltimoreceasefire](https://twitter.com/baltimoreceasefire).



Recap of February 2022 Baltimore Ceasefire/Peace Challenge Weekend

- Day 1: Nobody was killed. 3 life-affirming events.
- Day 2: 21 yr. old Ronald Boone's and 42 yr. old Gregory Nelson's Earthly lives were taken by violence. We are still trying to reach Gregory's close loved ones. Please help us connect with them. We have monetary love & support for them. 5 life-affirming events, including 1 murder space being reclaimed as sacred ground.
- Day 3: Nobody was killed. 18 life-affirming events, including 14 murder spaces being reclaimed as sacred ground.

One Straw Farm CSA Returns to St. B's



St. Bartholomew's Church will again be a pick-up site for the One Straw Farm CSA this year, with fresh fruits and vegetables available for pick up every Thursday afternoon between 3:30 and 7:00 pm. They are using a program to better enable the customization of your

share online each week, so you do need to register for it at the link below. You can rate your preferences ahead of time, adjust your custom box each week online, and purchase extra items if you choose. Join with your friends, purchase a share (either small, large, or jumbo), and then volunteer to staff the pick-up site a few times during the 24-week season, from June 9 – November 17, 2022. A great chance to get excellent produce, support local organic agriculture, and meet your neighbors!

2022 CSA Details:

Small Share ~ 4-5 items/week = \$420

Large Share ~ 8-9 items/week = \$744

Jumbo Share ~ 12-14 items/week = \$984

For 24 weeks (06/9—11/17)

With the new payment plan, you have a choice of paying in four installments, or paying in full at the sign-up. You can also choose to have it delivered every other week, purchase extras, put your box on hold, or move it to another week if needed. And the CSA will also offer other specials during the season.

Here is the link to join this year, be sure to use the Pickup Site button and sign up for the St. Bartholomew's location: <https://onestrawfarm.csaware.com>.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a mutually beneficial relationship between farmers and the community in which participants provide funding for the farmer in advance in exchange for produce during the growing season. Items vary according to the season (with 30 fruits and vegetables overall). For example, greens for the whole time, strawberries and sugar snap peas in spring, tomatoes and watermelon in summer, and hard squashes in fall.

Membership is accepted throughout the growing season, members who sign up after the season has begun may do so at a prorated price. If there are at least ten shares purchased at our site, One Straw Farm will provide some produce each week for a the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center).

For additional information please contact Pat Alt (palt@towson.edu).

*Your prayers are requested for
members and friends of St. B's ...*



Lucy Marshall; Vince Marsiglia; Donna Cartwright; Janet Churchill; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Lillian Thomas; Celia Vismale; Ray Zeigler; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Mary Warfield; Phoenix DeVale; Dana Przybyszewski; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; Irene Hardy; Connie Lee; Bates Churchill; Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Tijon Cox and family; Rodney Michel; the Meats and Harris families; Bonita DeVale; Michele Gorman; Michael Soderstrand; Michelle Haynie Madison; Alex Stone; Brian Wagner; Tim Wolf; Robin Murray; Tom Cover; Michael Olliver; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; Hope Harbor partner families; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; John and Jean; Nathan; Gerald and Pat; Bert Halverstadt; Pat Blume; the Robinson-Madison family; Daheem Richardson; Ken and Dorris McElroy; Roger Funk; James Cooper; Joe Pagano; Ken; Ingrid Sanders; Wayne Corbin; Dave; Sue Goodall; Bernice Carver; Craig Blume; Liz Miller; those affected by the coronavirus; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time.

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**The deadline for the April issue of
The Apostle is Tuesday, March 15.**

Please e-mail articles to mcaldwell@stbs-md.org.

To submit typewritten or handwritten material, place it in Maggie Caldwell's mailbox outside of the Church Office. All articles must include a contact name and email or phone number. Publication of *The Apostle* is on the last Sunday of the month.



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☞ Worship & Christian Formation ☜

Sunday Worship & Formation

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

The 10:30 services are also available on Zoom. Please visit our [website](#) to learn how you can join us.

Childcare is available for children up to age 5 in the Parish House from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Sunday Christian Formation

Faith Forum for Adults and Older Youth: Alternate Sundays from 9:15—10:00 am on Zoom.

Children's Word for Children Age 3 (by 09/01) — Grade 5:

During the 10:30 am service; in church or on Zoom.

Youth Group for Grades 6—12: Meets on Sundays at 4:30 pm—in the Parish House.

Weekday Worship & Formation

Noonday Prayer is said every weekday and Saturdays at 12 noon by parishioners (at home).

For more information about our worship or programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263 or office@stbs-md.org or visit www.stbs-md.org.