

## Our Search for a New Rector is Underway! Please help!

Dear St. B's Parish Family and Friends,

We are ready to begin the next step in our search for our next rector. Our Parish Profile is live and we are ready to receive applications through February 15. **We ask for your help** so our beloved St. B's can connect with our future rector. Here are some ways to spread the word:



1. **Like, Comment and Share** the Parish Profile Posts on Facebook
2. **Text or email** your friends and network, asking them to spread the word, too! Here is the Parish Profile website link: <https://stbs-md.org/new-rector>, which is what we want prospective candidates to see.
3. **Social Media.** St. B's will be running Facebook ads through February 15. We encourage everyone to share our posts. If you have an Instagram or other social media account, share a graphic and include the Parish Profile website address in your message.

Please watch this [video](#) that has more explanation on how the Profile Committee is asking for your help on Facebook.

Above all, please **pray** for our community and future Rector. We undertake this search process prayerfully and seriously. We are casting our net widely to make sure that we reach the next rector whom the Spirit is calling for St. Bartholomew's.

We want to thank the Profile Committee and everyone who participated in creating this amazing profile. As we enter this next stage please pray for a new rector that matches our hope and keep the Search Committee in prayer, as they receive and review applications. The Vestry has asked the Search Committee to present one candidate whom they think is the right person to be our next rector. We will be holding their discernment in constant prayer.

With best wishes for 2024!

Michael Sarbanes  
Senior Warden

Patricia Williams  
Junior Warden

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### Prayers for a new rector

Please pray! Below are some suggestions but freeform is great too!

**Book of Common Prayer:**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. -BCP

**Borrowed from Grace Episcopal Church in NY Website**

O God, who has blessed and sustained us through the years; we ask that you continue to lead us, stretch us, and direct us, in our search for a new rector. Raise for us, we pray, a rector who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may continue to grow in the likeness of Christ and be a beacon of love and hope to our community and the world. To the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

**Borrowed (with modifications) from St. Martin in the Fields Website (by Anika Rinker)**

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector.  
Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing  
Guide the members of our Search Committee, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will  
We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be strengthened in our mission to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands and feet to our neighbors no matter where they are on their journey of faith.  
Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our community through its journey.  
Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection.  
All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Prayers for the applicants (modified from St Luke's in Washington D.C. website)**

O Lord,

We lift up the applicants:

Lord be the light that guides their feet.  
Lord be the map that gives them direction.  
Lord be the peace that makes them strong.  
Lord be the leader whom they faithfully follow.  
May your light illuminate their lives.  
And your guidance bring direction to their ministry.  
May they find inspiration in your Word,  
And peace in their hearts as they follow you.  
Amen