

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning September 8, 2024



Sunday We celebrate the **Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 am. You can join us for worship on Zoom. There will be a **special coffee hour after the service** to welcome Mario and his family. Children are invited to stand at the Altar for the Eucharist in celebration of **Children's Sunday**. **Child care** is available in the Parish House Cribbery for children up to age 5 from 10:00 am through 12:00 pm. Please stop by the Cribbery and meet our wonderful Caregiver, Dona McIntyre.

† **Monday through Saturday** at 12:00 Noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). †
If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Adam Barner (adam@stbs-md.org).

Monday The **40 West Board** will meet at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Tuesday There will be a meeting of the **Daughters of the King** on Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday **40 West Volunteers** will meet on Zoom at 3:00 pm.

Saturday The **African American Quilters of Baltimore** will meet in the Parish House beginning at 9:00 am.

Community Notes . . .

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG TODAY, and please continue to do so while Mario and his family learn our names.

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D-Group (for youth entering 6th through 12th grade) will return next Sunday, September 15, at 9:15 am in the Youth House.

The Classics will resume their monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 18 with St. B's member Bryan MacKay as our Guest Speaker. Where's the best place to see Baltimore orioles (besides Camden Yards)? Where can I walk a wilderness beach with no one around but birds? Where can I find rare and endangered plants? Join Bryan MacKay on an armchair road trip to his favorite places around the Free State, illustrated with beautiful photography. The program starts promptly at 11:00 am, so come a bit earlier to gather and greet fellow Classics friends! After the program, we'll have lunch – so bring your lunch. We provide the drinks and desserts. We do need some volunteers to bring desserts so please call Barbara Yeager (410-465-0407) if you are able to bring a dessert for the group in September. The Classics welcome adults ages 50 and up and requests a donation of \$2.00 per person each month to fund our Classics budget. Come and enjoy Bryan MacKay's presentation and time to get together with fellow participants for this Classics gathering!

The Daughters of the King Chapter 926 meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. If you have a prayer request that you want the Daughters to add to their prayers, please email or call Glorius Sullivan (chgl@verizon.net or 410-644-8110). You can also put your request in the blue DOK box on the chest in the Tower Room. All requests are confidential. If you are interested in becoming a Daughter, we will be offering The National Study Guide classes in early October. Please talk with Dana Rose or Laurie Brady at the 8:00 am service or Glorius Sullivan at the 10:30 am service. The Daughters will be celebrating their 36th year at St. B's this month!

September COVID Update: The COVID transmission is coming down slowly in Baltimore County (moderate), but remains high in Baltimore City and Howard County (substantial). We may have passed the peak of this summer surge. The KP3.1.1 variant is becoming more prevalent around the country. The new Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are due to be released in a few weeks. The Novavax vaccine is also ready, and more effective against the current variants, but not approved yet. These are not boosters, but newly formulated vaccines for the more recent variants.

Faith Forum returns in October. Many changes are happening at St. B's this fall and Faith Forum will be making a small change as well and will be starting in October. This will give our new rector a chance to catch his breath (hopefully!) and see how he would like to be involved with this aspect of Adult Formation. As always, we hope you will find it stimulating and thought-provoking. We'll let you know when the fall session will begin. And as always, if you have any suggestions for topics, let one of the Faith Forum team know: Pat Alt; Corinne Bowmaker; Ronnie Clark; Daphne Cover; Angel Jackson; Leah Kulp; Michael Soderstrand; Joe Twist.

Weekly Memorials and Thanksgivings – There are several opportunities to offer the flowers or bread and wine on September 15, 22 and 29. Our custom at St. Bartholomew's is to offer as Memorials or Thanksgivings the flowers or candles for the altar or the bread and wine of the Eucharist. We continue to read the names of those persons who are memorialized by such gifts, and the events celebrated by the thanksgivings, in the intercessions on Sunday and at Noonday prayer. Memorials can be given in memory of the deceased person's birthday, a special date for remembrance, date of death, or just because you want to remember them at this time. Thanksgivings can be for events you would like to commemorate for living persons – baptismal anniversaries, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, special occasions, special blessings – or just because you are thankful for life itself. The cost to offer the flowers is \$30.00 per vase or centerpiece and \$15.00 for the bread and wine, or candles. These donations help to offset the purchasing these items. To list your offering, contact Glorius Sullivan (410-644-8110 or chgl@verizon.net) I will try to arrange your offering nearest to the date that you want to commemorate.

Come join us! Beginning on September 24th and ending on October 29th, The Rev. Thelma Smullen and Chuck Sullivan will begin 6 weeks of **Bible Study on the Gospel According to John**. The study group will meet on Tuesdays via Zoom beginning at 11:45 am and ending at 1:15 pm. John's Gospel contains some of the best known and most beloved stories in our Bible. We see Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, and we see one of the leaders of the Jews, Nicodemus, coming in the dark to meet Jesus. We watch as Jesus heals the Man at the Pool and as He washes the feet of His apostles. This Bible Study will be based on a new book by Amy-Jill Levine, an internationally renowned biblical scholar and teacher. Her book is titled *The Gospel of John – A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life*. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact The Rev. Thelma at tasmullen@gmail.com, or Chuck at chgl@verizon.net. Hope to see you there.

Thanks for your continued donations of food to 40 West! We are in need now of boxes of cereal. The food bank has cut back on the number we can receive and our clients are having no choice in cereal for breakfast. If every family at St. B's just brought in one box every week, our cereal drought would be over. Please help those less fortunate and make your thought as you come to church on Sunday be "Bring a box"!

A quick look at events in the coming weeks ...

Sept. 1-15 Neva+ will be on vacation.

September 15 Our celebration of St. Bartholomew's Day

Other Groups that Meet at St. B's

40 West Assistance and Referral Center

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

12-Step Groups

NA Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 noon (Undercroft)
 Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 pm (Undercroft)
AA Friday at 8:30 pm (Undercroft)

For additional information about our ministries and programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263, office@stbs-md.org, or visit our website at <https://stbs-md.org/>.

Give to St. B's online!

Use this link, or scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera to make an online donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stbs-md>



PRIDE YOUR RIDE
with a St B's car magnet!

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**To purchase, see Saville
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The image shows a white SUV with a blue oval magnet on the rear window that says "St. B's". To the right, there is a list of details: "PRIDE YOUR RIDE with a St B's car magnet!", "Cost: \$5.00", "Proceeds will be donated to 40 West Assistance & Referral Center", and "To purchase, see Saville MacDonald (or Adam)". Below this text is a close-up of the magnet itself, which is a blue oval with "St. B's" written in white.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Annual Flea Market
Saturday, September 7
9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Where: On the Parish Grounds at 4711 Edmondson Avenue

Also: Special ticketed preview sale (\$5 per person): Friday, September 6, in the Parish House, 6:00 pm-8:30 pm with select items in Jewelry, Books, Collectibles, Electronics, Clothing and More

Rain Date for Flea Market: Saturday, September 14

What You'll Find: GREAT buys on Jewelry, Books, Collectibles, Toys, Electronics, Clothing, Shoes & Accessories, Housewares, Seasonals, Linens, Sporting Goods, Furniture, Notions, Plant/Garden items, Food, Bake Sale and Much More!

All proceeds support the church's outreach projects!

