

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning March 30, 2025



Sunday We celebrate the **Holy Eucharist** at 8:00 am and 10:30 am in the Church. You can also join us for worship at 10:30 on Zoom.

Faith Forum begins at 9:15 in the Parish House and on Zoom. Have you ever heard the phrase “Lex orandi, lex credendi”? It means “the way we pray leads to the way we believe”. Today at Faith Forum we will take a look at our Book of Common Prayer, our Episcopal hymnals and a few other resources that guide us in our corporate worship and individual prayers. How does the Church Year give structure to faithful living? How do our liturgies support us from birth to death, and keep us connected to those who have gone before and those who will follow? How do our hymns help shape our theology? The Reverend Thelma Smullen will share her insights and hopes you will share some of yours.

Child care is available in the Parish House Cribbery for children up to age 5 from 10:00 am through Noon. Please stop by the Cribbery and meet our wonderful Caregiver, Dona McIntyre.

Wednesday **Stations of the Cross** begins at 5:45 pm, followed by the **Lenten Program**.

Thursday The **Choir School of West Baltimore** begins at 5:30 pm.

Compline begins at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please contact Brigit Molony (brigitmolony@msn.com) for the Zoom link and more information. Compline will return to Wednesdays after Easter.

At 7:30 pm, the **St. Bartholomew Choir (older youth & adults)** practices in the Undercroft.

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

Community Notes . . .

Please send all **annual reports for the Annual Meeting booklet** to adam@stbs-md.org by THIS TUESDAY, April 1.

Please return your filled **Lenten Offering Folders** on Easter Day.

Maundy Thursday Vigil: St. Bartholomew's Church will again hold a virtual vigil Maundy Thursday night, April 17 immediately following the Maundy Thursday service. The Vigil will begin at approximately 9:00 pm and continue through Noon on Good Friday, ending with the Good Friday Liturgy. The vigil will be staffed in hourly increments by hopefully two volunteers. The volunteers will begin each hour with short readings, and will use the remaining time to pray, meditate or simply be still. The readings remind us of our God, our past, our present, and our future. The first of the readings will be the Christian story - our story - beginning with the creation (Genesis) and ending with Jesus' arrest at the garden of Gethsemane. Volunteers throughout the night will then repeat Matthew 26:36-41. This reading reminds each of us of why we are at this place at this time. The sign-up sheet is available throughout Lent in the Tower Room for anyone who feels called to take part in this vigil. If you have any questions, please contact Glorius Sullivan (410-644-8110). “Could none of you stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Battery recycling: Deposit used printer ink cartridges, lithium button batteries, and rechargeable batteries for tools and electronics, and alkaline batteries in the collection box in the Tower Room. St. B's gets money for ink cartridges!

Mario's email address is mario@stbs-md.org. **His mobile number** is (240) 319-3917.

If your **contact information** has changed, please inform the Parish Office (office@stbs-md.org) as soon as possible. Please also send us your **birthdays and wedding anniversaries** so we can update our records accordingly. Thank you!

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).

Thanks for your continued donations of food to 40 West! We are in need of SMALL containers of mayo, ketchup, mustard, and cooking oil. We also welcome gently used winter coats and sweaters during the cold winter weather. Thank you!

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

April 1	Deadline for Annual Report submissions
April 7	Deadline for Easter flower memorials
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 20	Easter Day
April 27	St. B's Annual Parish Meeting (one service only, at 9:30 am)
May 4	Bach at St. Bartholomew's
June 1	Parish Picnic
June 28-29	Women's Retreat

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)
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- 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/>.

EASTER FLOWERS



Easter is a wonderful time to honor loved ones you have lost or special people in your life. Every year we offer Easter lilies to be dedicated for just such a purpose. The dedications are listed in our Easter service program.

Please fill out the form in the Tower Room or in this bulletin, or email adam@stbs-md.org with the names of the persons you wish to honor.

The deadline for submitting names is April 7.

The cost of the lilies is \$45 per plant. Donations can be put in the offering plate marked for Easter lilies, by check sent in the mail to

St. Bartholomew's Church, or paid online in the Memorial and Thanksgiving fund at <https://www.osvhub.com/stbs-md>.

Show Your St. B.'s Spirit!



Gear up for spring and summer fun in a new St. B's t-shirt! You can pre-order a black or white ultra cotton t-shirt displaying St. B's logo and a quote from Fr. Mario's inaugural children's sermon, "Jesus is a cool dude". The shirts cost \$25 each. Look smart while spreading the message of St. B's at the parish picnic, flea market, running errands, or on your college campus. See Amanda Harris or Dana Rose if you'd like to purchase a t-shirt for this church fundraiser.

The Agape Feast: Join Us to Celebrate the Resurrection!

On Holy Saturday night, April 19, we will be celebrating the Resurrection with the Easter Vigil service, beginning at 7:30 pm. Immediately after the service, we will continue our celebration with an Agape Feast in the Parish House.

This festive meal features simple foods that call to mind New Testament times. We are looking for non-alcoholic beverages (preferably juices) as well as wine; Easter breads, cheese, nuts, and fruit are particularly appropriate.

If you would like to contribute to the festivities by bringing a finger food or beverage to share, please sign up in the Parish House as soon as possible. Do come and join us as we celebrate!



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday (April 13)

Blessing of the Palms and Reading of the Passion at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday (April 17)

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm followed by an all-night vigil at home.

Good Friday (April 18)

Services at 12:00 noon (Good Friday Liturgy) and 7:30 pm (Tenebrae)

Holy Saturday (April 19)

The Easter Vigil (with Holy Eucharist) at 7:30 pm, followed by an Agape Feast in the Parish House. Please sign up in the Tower Room to let us know what you would like to contribute to the Feast.

Easter Day (April 20)

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