

A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of the interior of Saint Bartholomew's Church in New York City. The church is filled with people seated in pews, attending a service. The architecture is Gothic Revival, featuring high vaulted ceilings with intricate stone carvings and a large, ornate chandelier hanging from the ceiling. The altar area is decorated with Christmas trees and red flowers. A large black circle is superimposed over the center of the image, containing white text.

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CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF
✧NEW YORK✧

PARISH REPORT
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: EASTER DAY, ST. BART'S DAY FAIR, COFFEE HOUR, EASTER EGG HUNT, PRIDE MARCH (PHOTO BY TIM MARTIN), FOOD PANTRY AT CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SERVICES



FESTIVAL BANNERS ON EASTER DAY

WHO WE ARE

We are St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York, fondly known as St. Bart's, a warm and welcoming parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. And we are growing! We have strong momentum in membership, in-person attendance, online participation, lay leadership, and financial stewardship. Members feel things are going well and are excited about a future in which we continue to grow and live more fully into the ministries to which God calls St. Bart's.

Founded in 1835 by philanthropists who believed in the transformative power of Christ's teachings, St. Bart's today is a forward-looking parish, committed to applying these teachings to the present. Our members are engaged, educated, curious, and broadly diverse across demographics, spirituality, and faith formation. Their diversity extends to liturgical and musical preferences, lived experience, and political perspective.

At the heart of our identity is a commitment to the "radical welcome" we believe Christ calls us to embody. Our doors are open wide to people of every age, ancestry, background, economic circumstance, gender, and orientation. We like to say, "Everybody needs a place," so we invite all who wish to continue, restart, or begin their faith journey to find a place with us. We are glad that our clergy say: "Whoever you are, whatever your background, whatever brings you here—you belong. Everyone is welcome at God's table in this place." We rejoice that many who once felt uncomfortable, excluded, unsafe, or unfulfilled—whether in church or in society at large—have found their place at St. Bart's. As several parishioners have said,

"St. Bart's is the first place I could bring my whole self and feel safe."

PARISHIONERS

At St. Bart's we strive to live the Gospel of love and justice in all we do: worship, music, education, and formation. Our outreach includes social justice advocacy and community action initiatives where we partner willingly with other faith communities as well as with academic, corporate, government, and nonprofit organizations.

We do not claim to have all the answers. We stand against elitism—especially within the Church. We reject bigotry in all its forms, authoritarianism, indifference to injustice and suffering, false certainty in the face of complexity, and superficial answers to life's hardest questions. We are proudly and explicitly Episcopalian, but not prescriptive. We value open hearts and minds, respectful dialogue, and honest debate. We honor the balance between tradition and relevance, and our civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans, and global citizens. And above all, we honor all who seek to know and follow Jesus.



HOLY BAPTISM

THE FUTURE WE HOPE FOR

The St. Bart's we envision will continue to be transformed in ways we may not yet imagine. With humility, and trust in God, we seek to build on our core values and momentum, living boldly into our calling as a leading church in the heart of New York City.

We seek to deepen our identity as a Christ-centered, mission-focused community. Rich learning and formation opportunities will support the spiritual journeys of all who call St. Bart's home. Lay leaders will be nurtured, empowered in their gifts, and trusted to lead. We expect to grow and become more diverse, open, and reflective of the city we serve.

We will strengthen our financial foundation through careful stewardship, becoming a congregation whose members each contribute financially as they are able. Coupled with increased revenue from mission-supporting activities and renewed commitment to fundraising beyond our parish, we foresee a financially stable church that sustains every aspect of our ministry.

Great music and architecture will continue to welcome people to St. Bart's and our community. Traditional sacred music will remain central while contemporary music will enrich our worship. Our landmarked church and community house will stand as symbols of our mission and places of gathering, refuge, hope, and wonder.

“St. Bart's welcomes people wherever they started and wherever they are in their spiritual journeys.”

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We will be steadfast in our call to serve the wider community. Outreach and social justice initiatives will expand to meet growing needs and emerging challenges. Crossroads Community Services (our soup kitchen and pantry) will continue as a lifeline for neighbors in need. Our migrant welcome ministry will grow as a vital model of collaborative service.

We have a strong sense of who we are and where God is calling us. At the same time we remain open to new perspectives that may broaden our vision and discover possibilities we have not yet seen.



HOLY COMMUNION

KEY CHALLENGES

Like many mainline denominations and mission-driven organizations, we face an unsettled cultural landscape. This calls for resilience, thoughtful adaptation, and at times responding in the moment. St. Bart's key challenges are real but they also bring opportunity.

Financial sustainability

St. Bart's has meaningful financial resources on hand but does not have a large endowment. We rely on annual stewardship contributions and revenues from church mission-supporting activities (e.g. rentals) which have not kept pace with operating needs and expenses. We have been running operating deficits, which have been covered by investment income and, at times, draws from unrestricted reserves. While we are stable today, with substantial financial assets and no debt, our current financial model will not support the future we envision.

Maintaining our historic buildings is expensive. Past decades of deferred maintenance have increased capital spending. We have met these needs through capital campaigns, sales of some of our transferable development rights, and contributions from St. Bartholomew's Conservancy, an affiliated, independent nonprofit organization that helps fund restoration and preservation of our buildings and grounds.

Looking ahead, stronger stewardship and fundraising will be essential. A paradigm shift in annual giving has already begun. A major gifts campaign to build an operating reserve—something not tried in recent memory—may be timely. Clear, consistent, transparent messaging about finances will help the whole community understand the path forward. A long-term sustainability plan has been developed, with several steps already taken. The plan's success will depend on the right leadership, good decision-making, unified commitment from all of us, and, as in all things, God's help.

Attracting and retaining new members, particularly younger ones

Like many congregations, a significant proportion of our members is over 60. We need to attract and incorporate new and younger members into the community, engage them in parish life, and encourage their financial support.

Retention can be difficult. Many members in their 30s, 40s, and 50s relocate for career or family needs, while others relocate or spend less time in New York as they retire or have grandchildren. Sustained online engagement and a warm welcome when they return in person will remain essential.



ST. BART'S ON PARK AVENUE

Our location—both challenge and opportunity

St. Bart's is not a traditional neighborhood church. Only half of our members are Manhattan dwellers, of whom 25% live within 20 blocks (1 mile) of St. Bart's and 24% farther away. A third come from the City's other four boroughs and its New York, New Jersey and Connecticut suburbs. Fifteen percent live elsewhere in the US, and the rest outside it. (2025 Parish Survey statistics). At the same time, our Midtown location places us at the crossroads of the city, opening opportunities for ministry, engagement, and partnership with people of many faiths and no faith—especially among the workers, commuters, and corporations that define the area. This environment also offers a rich talent pool for lay leaders and volunteers.

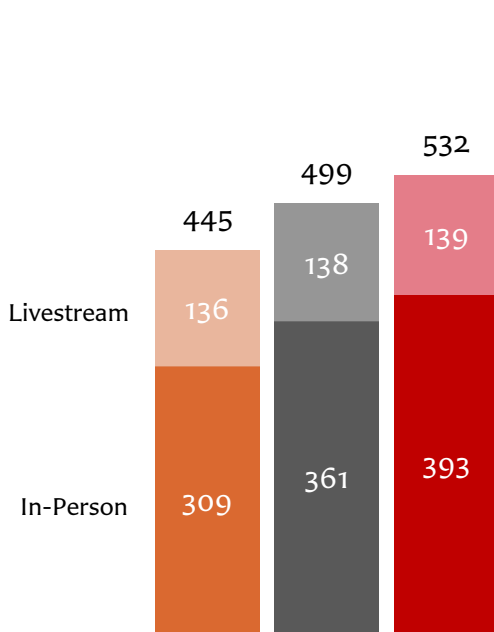
Some 34,000 neighbors live within blocks of St. Bart's, and more than 10,000 people pass by our doors each weekday. Midtown East is evolving, with nearby office buildings slated for residential and mixed-use conversion, which should bring thousands of new residents and a more lived-in neighborhood energy. The potential for outreach and connection here is extraordinary.

ST. BART'S BY THE NUMBERS

We Are Growing

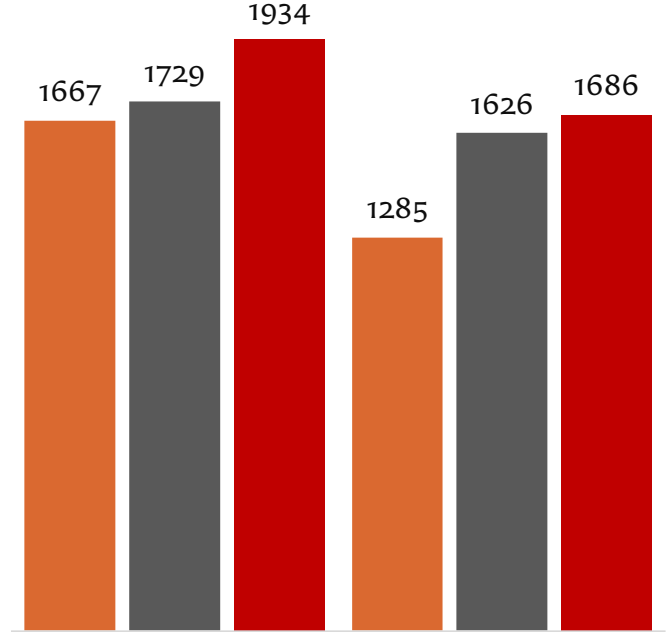
Average Sunday Attendance

+ 12% in 2024 + 7% in 2025



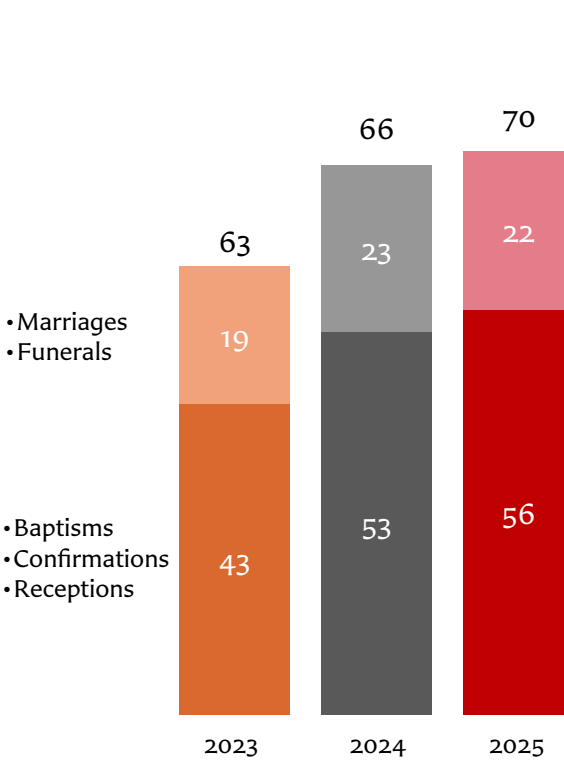
Christmas and Easter Attendance

+ 4% in 2024 + 8% in 2025

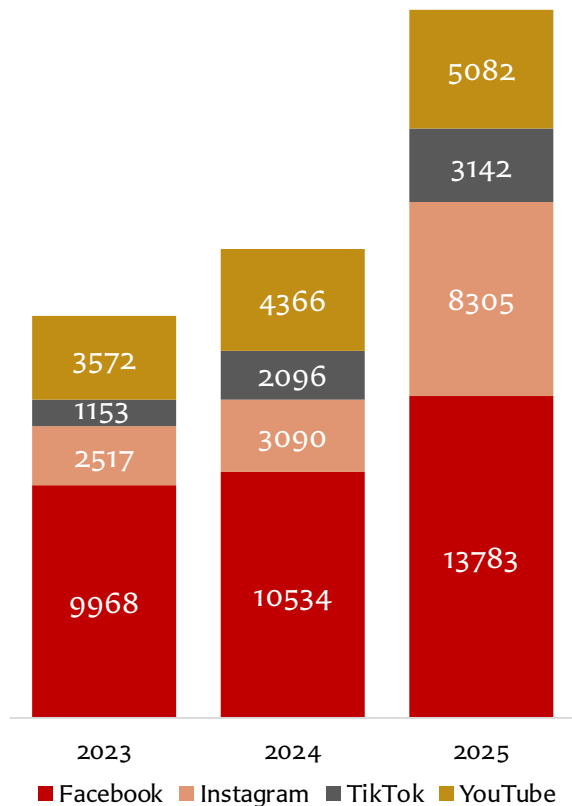


2023 2024 2025

Sacraments



Online Followers and Subscribers



Facebook Instagram TikTok YouTube

Growing Plate, Pledge and Other Contributions

(\$ in Millions)

2024	2025	2026 Budget
\$2.25M	\$2.65M	\$3.01M

Growing Connections—The Path to Membership

	2024	2025	
New additions to eNews and contact lists	1170	1581	+35%
Connect Cards (newcomers and visitors)	122	241	+98%

We are Diverse in Many Ways

2025 Parish Survey Statistics

	As a Child	Current
Episcopalian/Anglican	28%	81%
Other Mainline Protestant	30%	6%
Roman Catholic	21%	4%
Other Christian traditions/denominations	11%	5%
Other faith traditions	6%	3%
None / no religion	4%	2%

32% are also involved with another church or religious institution
30% are under age 60, 67% are 60+, 3% unstated
23% identify as LBGTQ+, 73% don't
9% are non-white, 6% unstated; 87% are white (vs. TEC median 95%)
14% speak a language other than English at home
25% are single, 57% married or in committed relationship, 15% other status
12% have children 22 and under, 29% all other ages, 59% have none
92% have a college degree, 69% a graduate or professional degree
33% have belonged for 20+ years, 23% for 10-19, 18% for 2 years or less
52% are working outside the home, 39% retired, 4% not employed
31% report \$100-250K annual household income (gross), 10% less than \$50K, 15% \$50-100K, 15% \$250-500K, 8% \$500K or more, 21% prefer not to say.



A RADICAL WELCOME

ST. BART'S AT A GLANCE

We see St. Bart's as a welcoming parish that is warm, dynamic, and inclusive. We are very glad to be growing. Our thriving community is made up of long-standing members — many of us have been members for more than 20 years — and an expanding number of newcomers. Many join us online from neighboring counties, others from across the country, and around the world.

Our Worship

“I love being in a warm and welcoming community centered on the Gospel, worshipping in a glorious sanctuary, listening to deep and challenging sermons, and feeling blessed by soaring music that brings me closer to God.”

A PARISHIONER

St. Bart's is a broad church that seeks to be a sacred space for all. Our commitment to diversity and inclusion extends to worship and music. We offer a variety of liturgical styles, preaching voices, musical genres, and worship experiences, reflecting a community that includes lifelong Episcopalians and many who have come to St. Bart's from other faith traditions or no tradition at all.

On Sundays, our principal service is a Choral Eucharist at 11 am, held in our main sanctuary, with music by St. Bartholomew's Choir and Choristers, and a service for children. This service is livestreamed and available on demand, and draws the largest attendance.

About 20% of Sunday worshipers come to our 9 am service of Holy Eucharist, held in the round in the chapel, which includes congregational singing led by St. Bart's Singers. About 10% attend our candlelit service of Holy Communion at 5 pm in our chapel, with preaching, singing, and prayer woven into an intimate hour of spiritual renewal.



SUNDAY 11 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST



Thursdays at 7 pm, Imagine Worship is held in the round in the chapel. Developed by the Reverend Zack Nyein, Senior Associate Rector and Pastor of Imagine Worship, this immersive Eucharist features inclusive theology, a casual vibe, and contemporary music led by Artist-in-Residence Mark Miller and a Community Choir. Fellowship and food follow the service.



Weekdays, an intimate Eucharist service is held in the chapel Tuesday through Thursday at 12:05 pm, particularly intended for those who work in the area.

Special services are important to St. Bartians' worship experience. Highlights across the year include Advent Lessons and Carols, Candlelight Carols, Holy Week and Easter services, and Good Friday's Three Hours, frequently with reflections from lay people.

For archived livestreamed worship services, visit youtube.com/stbartsnyc.

TOP TO BOTTOM: IMAGINE WORSHIP, CANDLELIGHT CAROLS

Our Music

Music is central to worship at St. Bart's—rooted in tradition, open to innovation, and vital to parish life. Music is one of the top reasons people are drawn to St. Bart's initially, and it's a top reason they stay. For some parishioners, music is not mere accompaniment, but the essence of worship.

St. Bartholomew's Choir, our professional choir, sings at the 11 am Sunday Eucharist year-round and at major feast days. They have appeared on national radio and television, receiving wide praise and recognition by major media outlets. The ensemble also appears in the Great Music at St. Bart's series, including the annual Joyous Christmas Concert; its singers perform at leading New York venues.

The St. Bart's Singers, a volunteer choir with professional section leaders, sings weekly at the 9 am Eucharist. Their repertoire spans plainsong, Renaissance masters, spirituals, and modern choral works, enriching worship and building a strong musical community.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHOIR WITH ORCHESTRA



SUNDAY 11 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

St. Bartholomew’s Choristers offers children ages 8 and older a free, high-quality education in liturgical music. Choristers rehearse twice weekly and sing on Sunday mornings alongside the professional choir. Little Voices, for children ages 5 to 8, provides a playful introduction to music, helping younger children develop foundational skills and deepen an appreciation for sacred music.

Our organs are two celebrated Æolian-Skinner pipe organs: the main church organ—the largest in New York City—and the intimate chapel organ. These historic instruments anchor worship and concerts and are icons of American organ building.

For more information about our music program, choirs and organs, visit stbarts.org/music.

Connection and Community through Worship and Music

Worship and music at St. Bartholomew’s serve not only the parish but the wider city, offering a public ministry of remembrance, prayer, and shared celebration. In moments of crisis and in times of joy, St. Bart’s is a place Midtown Manhattan gathers.

St. Bart’s annual September 11 service is offered in remembrance of those who died in the 2001 attacks and from injuries sustained in their aftermath. Closely connected to our Midtown neighborhood and local FDNY firehouses, the service draws firefighters, police officers, civic leaders, and neighbors from across the city. Offered in collaboration with the Grand Central Partnership and other community partners, it reflects St. Bart’s long-standing role as a place where Midtown gathers to mark collective memory with dignity and prayer.



ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

That role was also evident in our response to the July 2025 shooting at 345 Park Avenue that took the lives of 5 people. In the days following the violence, we invited the Midtown community in to gather, reflect, grieve, and seek pastoral support. Within a week, St. Bart’s co-organized an interfaith Midtown community prayer service in partnership with neighbors Central Synagogue, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, and St. Peter’s Church (Lutheran). Clergy and leaders from multiple faith traditions, and civic and state representatives participated. Many parishioners describe this response as “St. Bart’s at our best.”

“Those in attendance said that although the tragedy is still fresh on their minds, the night was about hope and healing”

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Alongside these moments of public witness, worship at St. Bart's includes regular practices of hospitality and prayer that invite both parishioners and passersby into the life of the Church. On Ash Wednesday, clergy and lay volunteers offer ashes throughout the day from the Park Avenue steps, welcoming all who seek prayer, blessing, or conversation. Night Prayer, offered online on weekday evenings since 2020, gathers participants from across the United States and beyond. Centering Prayer is offered online Friday mornings and, like Night Prayer, is typically lay-led.



CAROLING ON THE STEPS

Music is an important way St. Bart's cultivates community and public welcome, and services that emphasize music are a draw. The Sunday before Christmas 2025, 900 people attended our Candlelight Carols service, and our Annual Caroling on the Steps brought parishioners and passersby together for a holiday sing-along followed by hospitality inside the church. Great Music at St. Bart's extends our welcome through a concert series that draws parishioners, neighbors, and visitors into the nave throughout the year, including A Joyous Christmas Concert, which drew over 700 attendees, and the New Year's Eve Organ Concert, with over 300 attendees.

The Great Music series is produced by The Mid-Manhattan Performing Arts Foundation, an affiliated, independent nonprofit organization that exists to cultivate, promote, and sponsor the performing arts at St. Bartholomew's Church, where it is housed.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Children, Youth, and Families

Ministry with children, youth, and families at St. Bart's is grounded in acceptance, wonder, and community. From their earliest years, children are invited to know they are loved, that they matter, and that they belong. We believe that children have a natural sense of spirituality, and that faith is "caught" more than "taught", nurtured through relationship, story, music, and participation in the life of the Church. Families of all faith backgrounds, and of none, are welcomed into this inclusive community.

“We love and accept these kids for who and all they are. No judgment. That’s a unique environment for kids, especially in a church.”

A PARISHIONER

Sunday morning is the primary gathering time for formation with children and youth during the program year. Young people from nursery care through high school are invited into age-appropriate groups and spaces for connection, spiritual exploration, and enjoyment that are intentionally woven into the parish’s worship life.

Children are fully integrated into the 11 am liturgy. Elementary-aged children are invited to Wonder Church, an immersive experience of song, story, and prayer before the sermon and return to the main church for holy communion with their families. Middle and high school students serve as acolytes and lectors.

Our Choristers program likewise contributes to formation. Beyond weekly rehearsals, we offer two free summer day camps: a Creative Arts and Find Your Voice, which integrate creativity and spiritual development.

Community life for families is woven into parish rhythms through shared meals, seasonal celebrations, and special events that emphasize fun, hospitality, and belonging.



PROCESSION TO WONDER CHURCH FOR KIDS

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is at the heart of St. Bart’s ministry, and all clergy provide it. The Reverend Meredith Ward, Senior Associate Rector, oversees this work and is supported by a dedicated team of lay parishioners, many of whom are Eucharistic Visitors. Together, they extend compassion and presence to our community—through in-person visits at St. Bart’s, in parishioners’ homes, hospitals, or other care settings, and by phone, Zoom, or email, as preferred by those receiving it.

The Reverend Ward leads three monthly online community groups that support parishioners throughout key seasons of life. Lay members serve as co-leaders under her direction. The groups are: Retirement: Transition and Purpose; Grief, Hope, and Healing Together; and Caregivers Support Group (for people caring for loved ones with Alzheimer’s or dementia).

Parishioners may submit prayer requests through our website, with the option to be contacted by clergy. Prayer Ministers are available for individual prayer at the Imagine Worship service on Thursday evenings.



SUNDAY 9 AM EUCHARIST IN THE ROUND



PATHFINDERS CLASS

A Commitment to Growing in Faith

At St. Bart's, formation grows through education, study, prayer, and fellowship. Faith and curiosity meet as we explore what it means to live thoughtfully and compassionately as followers of Jesus in today's world.

The Forum, St. Bart's long-running Sunday morning speaker series, serves as the cornerstone of adult formation. Offered most Sundays between services and curated in recent years by the Reverend Peter Thompson, The Forum brings a wide range of voices into conversation at the intersection of faith, ethics, culture, and public life. Through livestreaming and on-demand access, its audience extends beyond New York City to participants across the country and abroad, and it often serves as a point of entry into parish life for those encountering St. Bart's for the first time.

Speakers include authors, journalists, theologians, clinicians, artists, and civic leaders, alongside parishioners who share professional and lived expertise. In parish survey results, The Forum ranked first among formation offerings and continues to anchor adult education at St. Bart's.

“I love Sunday mornings at St. Bart's...the Forum, the services, and the people. I feel refreshed and inspired to take on another week.”

“I love being part of a community of faith where I am accepted as I am but challenged to really think and act about what God wants for me and the world.”

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In addition to The Forum, formation at St. Bart's unfolds throughout the week in a variety of in-person, online, and hybrid settings. We offer a mix of recurring pathways and seasonal programs. Core offerings such as Explore and Pathfinders return annually as consistent points of entry, while additional classes and short-term series rotate each season in response to congregational interest, the liturgical calendar, and current events. Bible study, contemplative prayer, and small-group gatherings support ongoing spiritual practice, while Pathfinders provides sustained preparation for baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation, rooted in community, prayer, and retreat.

Education for Ministry (EfM) has been part of parish life since the late 1980s, offering rigorous theological reflection and spiritual formation in small groups led by trained mentors. Graduates of EfM at St. Bart's mark completion of this four-year journey with a celebratory Eucharist and reception.

Interfaith engagement is a highly valued dimension of life at St. Bart's. We share a close relationship with neighboring Central Synagogue, collaborating on joint art, scripture, and study initiatives that foster dialogue, shared learning, and lasting friendships. St. Bart's enjoys our link parish relationship with St. James's Piccadilly in London. This partnership deepens our connection to the worldwide Anglican Communion and to our Episcopal tradition's Anglican roots.

Additional information about adult education offerings may be found at stbarts.org/adulted.



THE FORUM WITH CLERGY FROM ST. JAMES' PICCADILLY, LONDON

A Fertile Ground for Postulants

Lived service is taken seriously at St. Bart’s. Here, parishioners find abundant and meaningful ways to “walk the talk” of the Gospel, and our community has become a nurturing place for those exploring a call to ministry. Over the past twelve years, we have joyfully sponsored five individuals for ordination to the priesthood or diaconate. In addition, seven graduates of our Education for Ministry program are now sharing their gifts as Episcopal priests, deacons, or interfaith ministers. Discernment committees for five seekers are underway. At St. Bart’s, we are grateful—and continually humbled—to walk alongside so many who are listening for God’s call in their lives and saying, “Here am I.”

An Engaged Laity and Communities of Belonging

Lay volunteering and leadership are defining strengths of St. Bart’s, and a vital expression of our life in Christ. More than 200 parishioners are currently active volunteers offering their time, talent, and experience across worship, governance, formation, pastoral care, and outreach, many in more than one capacity.

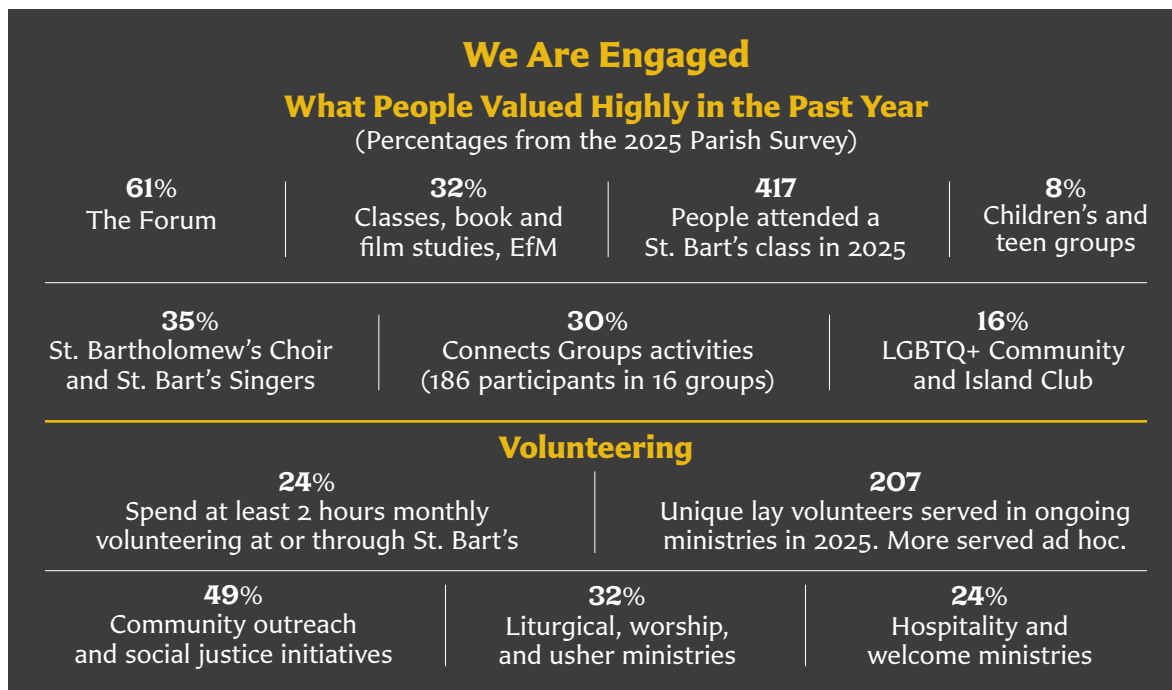
Parishioners play an essential role in worship life and welcome ministries, serving as acolytes, altar guild members, crucifers, vergers, lectors, ushers, greeters, and Night Prayer officiants. Experienced lay leaders support clergy by coordinating these ministries. Youth at the Center is also lay-led, reflecting the parish’s trust in lay leadership across generations.

Our cadre of lay leaders includes some 45 parishioners who serve on the Vestry and its committees, lead classes and spiritual practices that support formation, and lead or coordinate various initiatives and community and affinity groups.

Our culture of shared labor and leadership is deepened through community and affinity groups that nurture connection and reflection and fun. These groups form spaces of belonging within the larger parish ecosystem, which can be daunting to navigate.

Examples include: the 20s/30s Community, which blends fellowship, service, and spiritual exploration; St. Bart’s Players, a community theater group now in its 98th year; the LGBTQ+ Community, a visible part of parish life for decades; and the Island Club, which St. Bart’s has hosted for more than twenty-five years and provides important outreach to the city’s LGBTQ+ community. Parish-wide small groups such as St. Bart’s Connects further strengthen relationships across neighborhoods and life stages, while groups like St. Tabitha’s Guild converse, pray, and serve by making handcrafted garments and blankets for children and adult neighbors with need.

Together, these expressions of lay engagement and community life embody the spirit of St. Bart’s.





PARISH SERVICE PROJECT: WELCOME BACKPACKS FOR REFUGEES

Faith in Action

At St. Bart's, we believe love, peace, compassion, and justice lie at the heart of Jesus's teaching. Our self-study shows that St. Barts people deeply value volunteer service, community action, and social-justice advocacy—more than half of survey respondents are currently engaged in these efforts.

“If we can't show God's love here, where people see both abundance and need, where can we?”

“I love being part of an institution doing the important work of spreading the Gospel message in this secular city.”

PARISHIONERS

Yet, as a congregation, we wonder what level and manner of outreach, social justice witness, and engagement to work toward. While most of those who took part in the self-study felt St. Bart's current expression and messaging of Gospel values is appropriate, many hope for greater emphasis on outreach, community action, and social justice, and some would prefer less.

Our two most active ministries at this moment are Crossroads Community Services and the recently formed Migrant Welcome Committee. Information on these and other Faith in Action initiatives may be found at stbarts.org/faithinaction.

Crossroads Community Services

St. Bart's began offering social welfare services in the 1880s, and our tradition of community ministry has continued ever since. Today this ministry centers on providing food through a soup kitchen and a food pantry. (An emergency overnight women's shelter closed in 2020.)

Housed in our Community House, Crossroads operates in partnership with St. Bart's, the Coalition for the Homeless, City Harvest, and others. Our church and parishioners provide major financial and volunteer support. In 2025, Crossroads served more than 400,000 meals to 100,000 people, offering warm, nutritious meals four days a week and every evening of the year, and healthy groceries through its food pantry, which operates once a week. Crossroads seeks to unite our community against hunger and homelessness. All are warmly welcomed. Community is offered but never imposed.

Migrant Welcome Committee

Imagined by three parishioners in the spring of 2025, this rapidly growing committee works to welcome migrants with compassion and practical support. Partnering with local immigration organizations, it mobilizes the St. Bart's community to provide legal aid, advocacy, education, and material assistance. Recent projects include a campaign sending 5,000 postcards to Members of Congress, urging support for a bill banning immigration enforcement in churches and other safe spaces, and early in 2026, an immigration legal clinic helping asylum seekers apply for work authorization.

Online Presence and Virtual Engagement

Until 2020, St. Bart’s online presence was modest. That changed quickly when New York went into lockdown. What had once been a “someday” project became a calling for the moment.

Moved by a deep desire to bring Church to our people—and supported by parishioners’ professional expertise and the extraordinary dedication of staff and volunteers - our 11 am service went live within days. We are proud of how our community rose to the moment with grace and resolve.

Today, reliable digital tools connect us with a growing online congregation. We livestream worship and The Forum, and share parish life across multiple platforms. Our presence on YouTube and social media has grown significantly in the past three years, extending St. Bart’s far beyond Midtown Manhattan and strengthening connection with homebound, traveling, and distant members and friends.

The Forum, about half of our adult education programs, and several affinity, pastoral, and prayer groups meet virtually or hybrid some or most of the time. The St. Bart’s at a Glance section presents online followers and subscribers statistics.



ST. BART’S CLERGY TEAM

A Talented and Dedicated Team

“What I love most about St. Bart’s is the passion, commitment, diversity of St. Bart’s clergy. Also, appreciate the varying age ranges, perspectives and the journeys taken by the various members of the clergy staff to their calling. They are a unique and inspiring community of spiritual leaders and advisors. I am also inspired and moved by how St. Bart’s has developed and is cultivating a future generation of younger faith leaders.”

A PARISHIONER

We are blessed with a gifted and compassionate clergy team deeply committed to nurturing faith, guiding spiritual growth, and serving the community. Three full-time priests—our Priest-in-Charge, and two Senior Associate Rectors—share in preaching, teaching, and pastoral leadership, each overseeing key areas of ministry, including formation, worship, outreach, and pastoral care. They are supported by four part-time and non-stipendiary clergy whose diverse gifts enrich our mission and our people.

Two highly accomplished organists and choirmasters lead our music program. A dedicated staff of 36 full-time employees, led by an experienced chief operating officer, ensures that every aspect of church life thrives —operations, facilities, communications, parish life, and worship. Visit our [Clergy and Staff page](#) to learn more about St. Bart’s clergy, musicians, and lay staff.

St. Bart’s works closely with Crossroads Community Services, St. Bartholomew’s Conservancy, and the Mid-Manhattan Performing Arts Foundation, three affiliated, independent nonprofit organizations originated by St. Bart’s. The relationship with each organization is structured to serve both its particular mission as well as St. Bart’s mission and values.



DOMES LIGHTING BY ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CONSERVANCY (PHOTO BY CHRIS LEE)

A Storied Place of Worship and Community

St. Bart's has long been a beacon of faith, artistry, and community in the heart of New York City. Steps from Grand Central Terminal, our campus is easily reached by major rail, subway, and bus lines. It sits among an extraordinary neighborhood of cultural landmarks, commercial centers, and fellow faith communities.

A Masterpiece of Sacred Architecture and Art

St. Bart's was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2016 and welcomes tens of thousands of visitors each year. Parishioners and visitors often praise the beauty of the sanctuary, the history of the building, and the spiritual essence of the space. As one visitor posted:

"I was stunned by the architectural beauty of St. Bartholomew's...The mosaic ceilings, artwork, and woodwork were so carefully mastered. It had a Byzantine feel, a wealth and elegance of days gone by...an absolute must-see for anyone who appreciates fine art."

A TOURIST

Architect Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue designed St. Bart's on a Latin-cross plan that reflects Byzantine traditions. The church's Romanesque porch and triple portal were relocated from our former home on Madison Avenue. Inside, visitors encounter the celebrated mosaics and clerestory windows of American artist Hildreth Meière. Our iconic dome, crowned with a golden cross, was completed in 1930 and restored in 2017.

A Campus Designed for Worship, Music, and Community

Our church and chapel are flexible venues for worship, music, and events. Replacing pews with chairs has allowed us to host a wide range of services, concerts, and gatherings. Recent upgrades—including advanced audio/visual systems and campus-wide level-6 Wi-Fi—support modern needs while preserving historic beauty.

The Community House

Completed in 1928, the Community House remains a lively center of ministry and activity. Its terrace and main floor are currently leased to a restaurant, while the lower level includes a pool and gym. The upper floors provide event space, church offices, a rooftop playground, and house a school. Crossroads' soup kitchen and pantry and the Sunday Forum take place in the Community House. [Our website's History & Architecture page](#) presents additional information on our buildings, restoration, and Transferable Development Rights.

Celebrating Our Past—and Our Future

In 2018, we celebrated the centennial of our Park Avenue church with "St. Bart's: Timeless and Timely at 100," a joyful year of festivities. With gratitude for our history and hope for the future, we look forward to the milestones ahead including a celebration of St. Bart's bicentennial as a parish in 2035.



2018 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (100 YEARS OF WORSHIP AT OUR PARK AVENUE CHURCH)

Financial Matters

Financial Assets

St. Bart’s has substantial financial assets on hand, a generous congregation, multifaceted operations, diverse revenue sources, and no debt.

Financial Assets at December 31, 2025 (Unaudited and Pro Forma)

Operating Cash	\$ 600,923
Building Funds	256,665
Endowment Funds	12,606,675
Unrestricted Reserve Funds	2,298,597
Total Financial Assets	<u>\$15,762,860</u>

In January 2026 St. Bart’s received an anticipated payment in connection with the pending TDR sale that will add approximately \$4 million to Building Funds. Endowment and other investment assets are currently managed for us by Goldman Sachs.

Stewardship

“I give to St. Bart’s to keep it alive for people I’ll never meet, to feed people I don’t know.”

A PARISHIONER

St. Bart’s congregation is generous. But historically, the practice of pledging annual stewardship gifts has not been widespread. We have been working to change that with more effective messaging and lay-chaired pledge campaigns playing a larger role. The pledge campaign for 2026 exceeded our goal in four weeks and was 20% above the prior year.

Gift Revenues	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	’26 vs. ’25
Pledged Annual Gifts	\$1,250,000	\$1,500,000	20%
Unpledged Annual Gifts	1,265,000	1,298,200	3%
Other Gifts	117,000	135,000	15%
Plate Donations	75,000	80,000	7%
Total Gifts and Plate	<u>\$2,707,000</u>	<u>\$3,013,200</u>	11%

Annual Pledge Campaign	2025	2026	Increase
Campaign Pledges Received	254	309	22%
Average Pledge Amount	\$4,924	\$5,097	4%

We had some 1,100 givers of record in 2025. Bequests are not budgeted because they are too unpredictable.



THE SWIMMING POOL AT ST. BART'S

Multifaceted Operations and Diverse Revenue Sources

St. Bart's broadly categorizes operations and the revenues they generate as Church Mission Activities and Mission Support Activities. Revenues from Church Mission Activities include contributions, fees for weddings, funerals, columbarium, and events, and ordinary draws from endowment and reserve investment accounts. Contributions are 42% of budgeted revenues for 2026. Mission Support Activities are 58%, primarily rentals of Church, Chapel, Community House, gym and pool spaces, and partner leases with a restaurant operator and a school (together 35% of total revenues).

Personnel is our largest operating expense (56%) and includes employee salaries, benefits, pension contributions and certain contract labor. Non-personnel expenses include all direct and indirect operating expenses associated with St. Bart's activities.

TDR sale transactions have provided St. Bart's with significant funding. Since 2018, TDR transactions provided most of the funds for the \$18.7 million St. Bart's has invested in repairing and restoring our buildings, and \$2.3 million for operations. By agreement with the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, St. Bart's is obligated to spend or reserve 75% of TDR sale proceeds and associated investment income for repair, restoration and preservation of our buildings, and permitted to pay 10% to the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The remaining 15% and associated investment income may be used at the Vestry's discretion for transaction-related costs like transfer taxes, legal and other fees, operations, or any other purpose. TDR transactions are complex, and each includes unique provisions. More information about these transactions may be found at our website's [History & Architecture page](#).



THE GYMNASIUM AT ST. BART'S



ST. BART'S CONNECTS SMALL GROUP LAUNCH

The table below presents a financial summary of our operations:

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Revenues		
Church Mission Activities	\$ 3,357,267	\$3,833,900
Mission-Support Activities	3,335,846	3,302,700
Total Revenues	\$ 6,693,113	\$7,136,600
Expenses		
Personnel	\$ (4,731,582)	\$(4,724,700)
Non-Personnel	(4,151,244)	(4,130,900)
Total Expenses	\$ (8,882,826)	\$(8,855,600)
Operating Deficit	\$ (2,189,713)	\$(1,719,000)
Extraordinary Offsets	776,489	542,000
Portfolio Draws	1,500,000	1,200,000
Net Results	\$ 86,776	\$23,000

The Path Toward Financial Sustainability

Although St. Bart's financial resources are substantial, our endowment and unrestricted reserve investment funds are not currently large enough that ordinary draws from them provide enough support for our broad range of services and programs, and maintaining our buildings. We believe it would be imprudent to rely on bequests to bridge gaps or to spend down our reserve. Therefore, ongoing strategic initiatives are underway that will continue to strengthen our financial foundation and better balance operating revenues and expenses. Progress is good, but it will take time.

Future Steps:

- Increasing revenues and operating margins from Mission Support Activities.
- Increasing stewardship contributions through continued membership growth and paradigm shift toward giving as a spiritual practice, and pledged gifts, and ramping up Mosaic Society legacy commitments.
- Closing the current pending TDR sale, which would leave St. Bart's with almost 300,000 square feet of TDRs left to sell.
- Fundraising, specifically launching a major gifts campaign to support operations.



NEWLY CONFIRMED, RECEIVED AND REAFFIRMED MEMBERS WITH BISHOP HEYD AT OUR ANNUAL BISHOP'S VISITATION

OUR DIOCESE

The Diocese of New York is made up of 174 congregations and an additional 16 chaplaincies and other worshipping communities across 10 counties in southern New York. It includes Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island, but not Brooklyn and Queens, even though many of our members live in those boroughs. The Right Reverend Matthew Foster Heyd was instituted as Bishop Diocesan in 2024. The Very Reverend Winnie Varghese was instituted as Dean at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in 2025.

Several of our clergy and parishioners serve in diocesan committees and initiatives. For more information about the Diocese of New York, visit diocesenyc.org.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: CAROLING ON THE STEPS, THE READING OF THE PASSION ON PALM SUNDAY, ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHOIR, EASTER DAY, WONDER CHURCH FOR KIDS, THE EASTER VIGIL.