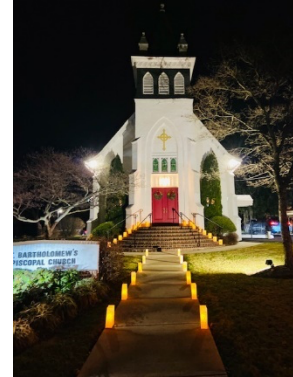


St. Bartholomew's is an historic 222-year-old Episcopal parish nestled in the bucolic town of Laytonsville, MD. Located on 3.5 acres in Northern Montgomery County, MD our campus includes an iconic church, a cottage rectory, an additional multi-use house, and a memorial labyrinth garden. Our parish is committed to love and serve the Lord by enhancing our ministries, expanding our fellowship opportunities and invigorating our outreach efforts.

St. Bartholomew's partners with the town of Laytonsville's government to support activities at the town's annual picnic; which takes place at the town hall next to our church. In 2019 we provided face-painters, balloon artists, and hosted a variety of children's activities and facilitated parking on our church premises.



During the Christmas season we provide cookies at the annual town tree lighting, sing Christmas Carols on the church steps, and showcase our church with luminaries and candles. Many people appreciate our "hallmark Card" contribution and generosity.

Our parish participates in the annual Laytonsville town parade each May by walking and handing out bubble wands to children along the parade route as a gift from our church. In 2019, St. Bart's was voted "Best in Parade" by the Lions Club.



Contingent on vestry approval, our parish offers our church grounds and facilities free-of-charge to any community organization committed to promoting family/community fellowship. Currently, we are the venue for a children's music program on the labyrinth. This open space may also be the site of a future God's Blessings Arts Festival.

Prayer Beads Ministry St. Bartholomew's Church sponsors the Prayer Beads Ministry of

Washington for the Episcopal Diocese. We are a group of faithful people from our church members and from others within the surrounding community. Our volunteers attend monthly workshops (one in the evening and one at noon) where there is lots of faith, fellowship and fun while eating pizza and making prayer beads. Our workshops have provided the gift of prayer and meditation by freely giving over 8000 sets of prayer beads over the past seven years to people of all faiths.



Worship Services in the Memorial Labyrinth Garden: Our new state of the art media system allows us to offer high-quality outdoor services within the memorial labyrinth garden. With this system we are able to provide a beautiful in-person and on-line service, which allows one to participate from any remote location. We reach out to the community through a variety of social media, including Facebook and neighborhood forums, to announce church events and special

services. St. Bartholomew's is committed to opening our church's digital front door to our expanded community well beyond our physical church campus.

Historic Temperance Hall: This building is located adjacent to the labyrinth; which previously held our thrift store. Future uses for this space may include: an art gallery, conference center, or as a retreat center. This building is equipped to use the same portable technology that is available for our memorial labyrinth garden events.

As new opportunities arise with the ever-changing needs of our local community, the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's are committed to serving our community. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the coming years. Laytonsville is our home.