

FALL 2019

Great Things
are happening at
St. Bartholomew's.
COME AND SEE!

FIRST CLASS MAIL

St. Bartholomew's Church

CALENDAR - FALL 2019

- Every Sunday**
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| 9:30 AM | Choir Rehearsal (resumes Sept 15) |
| 9:45 AM | Healing Prayer at the Altar |
| 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
- Every Thursday**
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| 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (resumes Sept. 19) |
| 11:15 AM | Bible Study in Parish Hall |
| 7:30 PM | Choir Rehearsal (resumes Sept. 5) |
- Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays**
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| 12:30-2:30 PM | Rector's Open Office Hours |
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- 1st Sunday beginning October** Outreach: CUMAC & Goshen Food Collection
- 2nd Wednesday of each month**
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| 3:15 PM | World Religions Book Club (see page 17) |
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- 3rd Sunday of each month (except July and August)**
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| 11:30 AM | Vestry Meeting |
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- 3rd Sunday beginning Oct.** Coffee, Christianity & Conversation (see page 9)
- Last Sunday of each month**
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| 11:15 AM | Prayer Circle |
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- Sunday, Sept. 8**
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| | Welcome Back Sunday |
| 11:30 AM | Children's Ministry Workshop begins (see page 4) |
- Wednesday, Sept. 11**
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| 7:30 PM | 9/11 Prayer Service |
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- Sunday, Sept. 15**
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| 11:15 AM | Ministry Fair (see page 7) |
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- Sunday, Sept. 22**
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| 11:15 AM | Dedication of New Sign (see page 9) |
| 5:00 PM | Farm to Table Community Dinner (see page 16-17) |
- Sunday, Oct. 6** Blessing of the Animals (see page 7)



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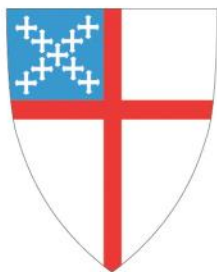
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COME AND SEE!

Welcome Back Everyone! I pray that each of you had a great summer enjoying family, friends and hopefully spending some time appreciating the glory and the gifts of God's creation. Wherever you were, in another country, another state, the mountains, the beach or your own back yard, God continuously invites us to be present, taking in all the sights and sounds, the pallet of wonderful colors, the beauty of nature and the gift we have in the sharing of our lives with each other.

By God's grace, we acknowledge that God is the source of all things, and we live with the awareness that all things are given to us by God. When we understand that what we have is on loan to us from God, we can live our lives with a different perspective, realizing how precious every moment of life is.

As we live each day as caregivers of God's gifts, we understand that stewardship is more than a

part-time activity. It consists of much more than just isolated acts of kindness. We are God's stewards every minute of every day. God invites us to make stewardship a part of the very fiber of our being. It is what we are called to be, a blessing to others. Through our Christian stewardship, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the study of the Word, and experiencing of the Sacraments, we can be transformed, becoming more like Jesus, expressing God's presence in us in both in word and action.

Even though God has created us and redeemed us, he gives us the freedom to choose to whom we will offer our loyalty and with whom we will be identified. God calls us to live each day as stewards. However, the world, points us in a different direction. If we choose to go in that direction, we reject God and become bound to the ways of this world.

We receive a new identity in Christ revealed at our Baptism empowering us to take on God's purpose and find our identity as his stewards. No matter what our age, as our faith matures, so does the realization that stewardship is a privilege rather than a task to be completed.

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In his ministry on earth, Jesus, became our model for stewardship. He is the initiator of our stewardship through the Spirit and faith. In Jesus, we are delivered from the Law to the Good News of the Gospel and the invitation to serve as stewards in his name. At great cost, Jesus has freed us from the power of the Law with his precious blood so that we may serve him and in doing so be a blessing to others.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are transformed into people who stop focusing completely on ourselves and more on the will of God. Our mind-set changes from what we want to do to what God wants us to do. As people who live each day as stewards of all that God has given to us, we give thanks to God that he has given us faith and wisdom to understand that he is both our source of life and our purpose for living.

King David wrote, *"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me"* (Psalm 138:8). God has a purpose for us, just as he had for David. Have you given much thought to what purpose God may have for your life, and for the life of the family of St. Bartholomew's?

When God's Word and love fill our hearts and minds, our stewardship is not limited to specific acts but, instead, becomes a lifestyle. With transformed hearts, we express our faith in the way we live our lives. Through faith, God provides us with motivation and power to live the Christian life in a growing awareness of redeeming grace. As we read in 1 Peter 4:10 *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

Beginning on September 1 we will take a deep dive into what it means to have stewardship be a lifelong practice and not just a season in the life of the church. We will examine different aspects of stewardship and reflect

on the gift that God has given to us to be the family of St. Bartholomew's. Together we will work towards refining our identity as the Body of Christ in the Ho-Ho-Kus community and determine what actions we can take and what resources, spiritual, financial, and physical, we will need to serve God and be effective stewards of the many gifts that God has given to us individually and as a church family.

I invite you to fully participate in all the activities that we will offer in our stewardship study. It has been a joy to work with Dave Ackerman, Kathy Gabrielle, and Michael Gnerre in planning our stewardship study. The meetings that we have had this summer have provided a time to share our feelings about the many possibilities in ministry that await our church family and what we need to realize those possibilities.

As we expand our dialogue to the entire congregation during our stewardship study, I look forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit is nudging each of you with inspiration and creativity for the future of St. Bartholomew's. Participate in the discussions and share your love for our church and what our community means to you.

In a lifestyle of stewardship, we commit our lives, gifts, and resources to serving the Lord and fulfilling his will for our lives. Being a Christian steward involves the way we view life, our whole human vocation, the ordering of our lives, and how we embrace of all God's blessings. Jesus said, *"Behold, I have come to do your will, O God"* (Hebrews 10:7) and the Apostle James reminds us that we, too, are to be *"doers of the Word, and not hearers only,"* (James 1:22).

Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we are invited to give from our bounty. We are transformed into people who use our lives,



gifts, and resources in service to the Lord as Christian stewards. When we become self-giving people, God is pleased because he wants us, to realize the power of a lifestyle of stewardship. I look forward to these next

weeks being inspired by God and the witness and love of the people of St. Bartholomew's

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Cathie

“Where We’re At” – Securing our New Rector, Volume X

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our Vestry and our Search Discernment Committee, I am sharing with you “*Where We’re At Part X*”, in securing a new Rector as of this Fall B-Line.

After months of diligent work, the Search Discernment Committee (SDC) had finished the Parish Profile, presented to the Vestry which in turn approved it, and our Profile was submitted to the Diocese. In a meeting Toby Winiarski, Michael Gnerre, and Fred Bergamo had with retiring Canon Jacobs and incoming Canon Margo Peckham Clark on June 8th at the Episcopal House in Newark, they were informed that our Profile wasn’t accepted by the Diocese. This rejection prompted the Vestry to meet with Canon Clark, the new Canon for our Diocese who oversees Congregational Life, on July 29th at our church. During this meeting with Canon Clark, the Vestry was informed that our Profile was rejected since in her opinion it lacked “what is St. Bartholomew’s ministry and what St. Bartholomew’s is seeking in a new Rector.” Since two members of the Vestry who are also on the SDC committee, Ghada Harb and Scott Wolff, were in attendance, they brought this information to the SDC during their August meeting. The SDC is planning to further enhance our Profile in these two areas, so as to present the Diocese with an updated Profile that is acceptable. As agreed with Canon Clark, the SDC will submit what is considered their completed sections of the Profile for review in stages. This thought process was derived by SDC member Ghada Harb, so that instead of submitting what is thought of as the completed Profile, only to have it possibly rejected again, individual sections will be reviewed and corrected by the SDC if needed before submitting the complete Profile.

I know the rejection of our Parish Profile is disappointing to us all since it prolongs the process of us securing a full time Rector. I believe that the SDC will do their best to modify/update our Profile so that we will have a Profile that will be accepted for Clergy Openings on the Diocese website. On behalf of the Vestry I thank the SDC for not taking any breaks during the summer, but instead continuing their work to help us reach our goals. The number one goal right now is a completed Profile that the Diocese will accept, followed by the SDC to begin their work on searching/interviewing for the best candidates as our full time Rector. I trust that we as a parish will continue to give support to our SDC as they help us reach our goals.

The newly formed Stewardship Committee (Michael Gnerre, Dave Ackerman, Rev. Cathie Studwell and I) met with Cynthia McChesney, Diocese Advisor for Leadership Giving, on July 9th to discuss ways to help improve our church’s Stewardship program and giving. In using the material presented in this meeting and exploring other avenues, the Stewardship Committee will continue to meet in the hopes of assisting the church in a successful Stewardship Drive.

Meanwhile since my last writing we have enjoyed some special happenings in our parish even though we were in the “lazy days” of summer. In June, we had a wonderful

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combined service and end of year picnic with St. Alban's of Oakland. July, we met on the deck of the Rectory for an outside Healing Service, and we were treated to the harvest of our Community Garden during a Salad Party for a coffee hour. August, we had another outside healing service on the Rectory deck. As we approach the Fall, September 8th will be our “Welcome Back Sunday” followed by September 15th being our Ministry Fair, and September 22nd we will have our dedication of our new sign before coffee hour and our Farm to Table event in the evening.

I truly believe that as a church family we will stay focused to our commitment to St. Bartholomew's Church. Through Rev. Cathie's leadership as our Interim Minister, our church will continue to grow and nurture our faith.

And as we move forward in the mission of St. Bartholomew's Church, I hope you continue to pray for our future, to support the members of our Vestry, Search Discernment Committee and Rev. Cathie. As always, should you have any individual concerns, the Vestry, Search Discernment Committee and I encourage your questions.

Communication, knowledge, strength and prayer is how we move forward as a Parish.

Blessings to each of you,

Kathy Gabrielle, Warden



The Children's Ministry Workshop
At St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

The Children's Ministry Workshop offers opportunities to apply the study of scripture to make the world a better place starting in our own community. Students are encouraged to take scripture themes and explore the sacred texts, music, creativity, service and worship.

The next workshop will begin on September 8 and continue through October 27.



QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS

Highlights from the Vestry Meeting May 2019

Dave Ackerman reviewed the YTD Balance Sheet and Income Statement for 2019. We continue to show a modest net profit through April of \$5,927.

Reverend Cathie Studwell provided a number of updates:

- The sign is expected to arrive by the first week in June.
- The picnic is scheduled for June 23 and we will invite parishioners from St. Albans.
- Lucas Kowalczyk's first communion.
- St Bart's will again provide water to participants in the Memorial Day parade. Cathie has been invited to march with the VFW.

Michael Gnerre briefed the vestry on the status of organ repair and confirmed that this should begin with an examination of the organ by the repair professional.

Ghada Harb provided an update on the **Search Discernment Committee**. The profile is completed but we will wait until it is reviewed by the diocese before posting on the website..

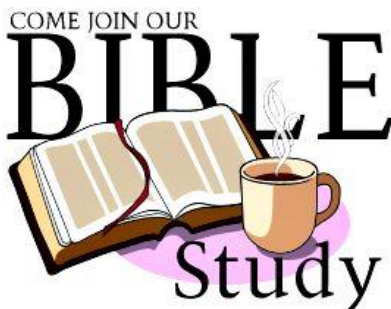
Status of **The Community Garden** was reviewed. There are 3 new raised beds. The Girl Scouts are sponsoring 1 bed. Ghada confirmed that the harvest will be donated to OASIS.

Buildings and Grounds: John Alberti reviewed cost proposals for installation of the church sign.

Compiled from Vestry meeting minutes submitted by Jim Pierson, Clerk of the Vestry.

The Thursday morning healing service
will be offered weekly at 10:30am
beginning September 19.

A monthly evening healing service
will be offered on the second
Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm
beginning on October 9.



Bible Study will be offered on Thursday mornings at 11:15am. You can come any time and get started.

Everyone is welcome! We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Bring your Bibles and join us in for an exciting time in the word of God!



Support Goshen Migrant Workers
Sunday, September 1st and 8th, 2019
as their children return to school.

Backpacks lunch boxes pencils
scissors highlighters colored pencils
crayons folders post-it notes
rulers erasers spiral notebooks
3-ring binders loose leaf paper



Parish Life

Come and visit St. Bartholomew's Ministry Fair Sunday, September 15 at 11:30.

Learn about the ministries of our church
and ask any questions you have.

Where is God calling you to serve?



The Blessing of our Animals

Sunday, October 6 at 10:00.

Animals are invited to worship and receive
their blessing (and treats) after the service.

New Ministry: Lay Pastoral Care

We are grateful for those who have answered the call to serve as lay pastoral ministers. The team includes, John Alberti, Fred Bergamo, Gail Fayerweather, Peggy Kievit, Joan Lupardo, and Judy Malhotra. Their ministry will be to help keep members of our church family that can't get to church connected to our congregation members. Through calls, cards, and visits, they will support Rev. Cathie in her pastoral ministry to our shut-ins.



Building And Grounds Summary

We would like to welcome **BILL HUGHES** as our new Sexton who started this past June. Among the many jobs Bill has taken on are refinishing the benches around the outside of the church, repairing and extending gutters, adjusting the spring on the Parish Hall door so it no longer slams shut (*right*), and general property maintenance inside and outside the church and rectory.

Other projects that have been worked on, mostly by outside contractors, include:

- Painting the exterior wood of the entire church

- Removing shrubs in front lawn

- Installing the new St. Bart's sign and lights (*see next page*)

- Refinishing/staining the Memorial Garden wall of names

- Moving the piano to the chancel and removing two pews

- New skylight, roof repair, and painting of kitchen at the Rectory

I would like to thank Allen De Nier and his crew for their work and efforts on the Rectory project.

John Alberti



The Memorial Garden wall on the side of the church



Soon at the piano at its new location



DC Painting at work on the woodwork

Our Sign Is Here!

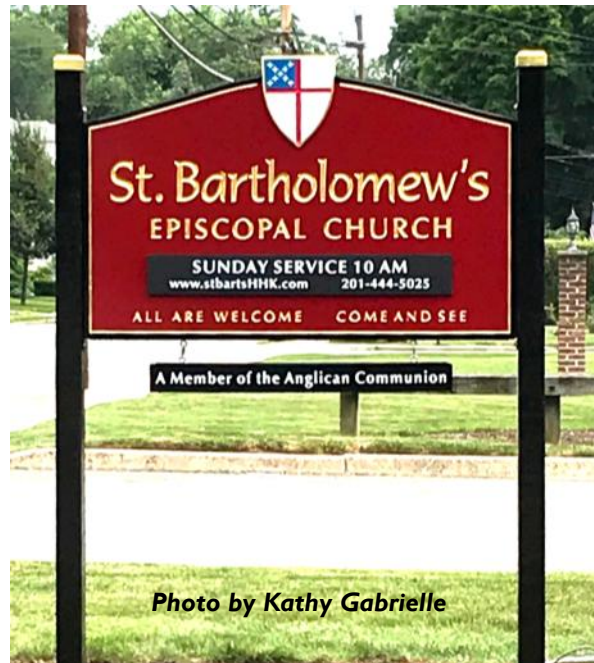
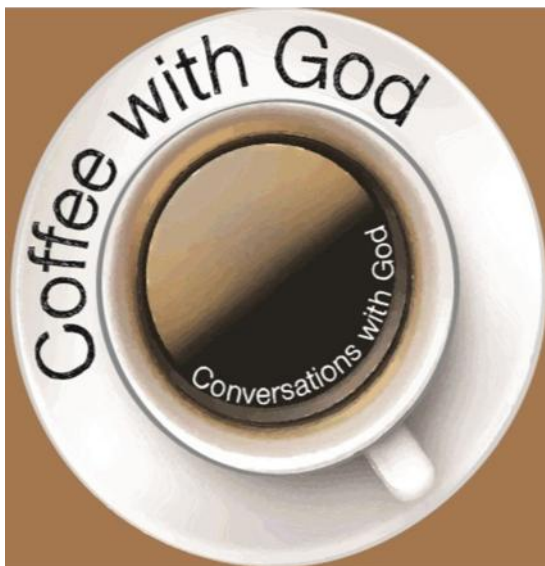


Photo by Kathy Gabrielle

Our new sign was made by Montauk Sign Carving Co. and installed by our landscaper, Allan Bellezza Contracting. It is visible from either direction on Sheridan Ave. and will be lighted at night. Shrubbyery will be planted after the dedication.

Please join with Toby Winiarski and his family as we dedicate our new sign to the memory of his wife, Susan Troast Winiarski. **The dedication will take place after worship on September 22, 2019.**



Coffee, Christianity, & Conversation

A space for learning and open dialog on topics that educate, enlighten and shape our faith and prepare us to share the love of God in the world.

Join us on the third Sunday of the month, beginning in October during coffee hour.

The October topic - Women of the Bible
Join us again in November and December.
Topics to be announced.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

On June 15, **RACHEL KRELLER**, daughter of Rev. Dan and Janet Kreller, married John Matthew Helm. Dan presided at the wedding at the Old Sea Pines Inn in Brewster on Cape Cod, Mass. Rachel's brother Devin (*below right*) walked her down the aisle; actually, garden path since it was an outdoor ceremony. Matt and Rachel are living in Denver, Colo.

Photos and text provided by Dan Kreller.



MARI KAMIDOI, a junior at Northern Highlands, is an oboist in the Honors Wind Ensemble. She will also perform with the Bergen Youth Symphony Orchestra this academic year. This summer, Mari played with the Teaneck Community Band in its outdoor concert series. Mari and her sister Eve, a flutist, attended the two-week Stokes Forest Music Camp, coordinated by the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University. Mari and Eve are also tutored in piano by Soon Yeon Chung, our Music Director.

Wayne Kamidoi



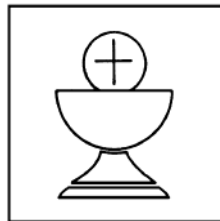
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SCOTT WOLFF and his family, long-time parishioners of St. Bart's, have purchased the Allstate Insurance agency on Sheridan Ave. in Ho-Ho-Kus and renamed it Wolff Family Agency, LLC. Scott's wife Jayme will manage the agency while Scott continues his position as Managing Partner of Premier Risk Management, literally around the corner on Warren Ave. Scott has been in the insurance industry for over 30 years. His parents, Richard and Beverly Wolff, were also long-time parishioners here, and although retired in Florida, they pay frequent visits to St. Bart's.

Photo provided by Wolff Family Agency



On June 2, **LUCAS KOWALCZYK**, son of Marek and Terri Kowalczyk, received his first communion. Lucas was the Sheep in our Epiphany pageant last January.



PLEASE SEND FAMILY NEWS AND PHOTOS TO stbartshhk@aol.com. THANK YOU!

OUTREACH

Our Food Drive - The first Sunday of every month is going strong. I delivered 148 pounds of food to Cumac in Paterson one day recently- they are always extremely grateful.

It is also back to school time - We are going to have a school supplies drive on Sundays September 1st and 8th for the migrant workers in Goshen, NY. You may also drop items down in front of the school rooms

We will also gladly accept diapers and toiletries as they are always needed. Peggy Kievit will deliver collected items to Sister Jean of The House on the Hill.

A reminder that we have our library on the balcony of the Parish Hall - you are welcome to donate your summer reads and borrow another book or two!

Thank you again for all of your unceasing generosity.

'Think globally act locally!'

Outreach - Lisa Wyssession

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, my oldest son, Erik, was involved in a serious motorcycle accident in June 2018, on his way to work. Erik was on back roads and was cut off by a school bus. In an effort to avoid the bus, he braked hard, went over the top of the bike, landed on his back with the motorcycle coming to rest on his right hand. His back and leg were badly bruised. His hand was broken and his ring finger was shattered. I asked that Erik be put on the St. Bart's prayer list.

In September 2018 my 47 year old nephew, Frankie, was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, which had spread to his brain. He quickly underwent brain surgery to remove that tumor and started several rounds of chemotherapy. I asked that Frankie be placed on St. Bart's prayer list.

After 4 surgeries and countless hours of physical therapy, Erik has received clearance from his surgeon to resume most of the activities he loves, including rock-climbing and power lifting. The ring finger may never be "normal", but his hand is functional and I attribute this to the power of healing prayer.

My nephew completed his last round of chemotherapy in May and his latest scan shows NO TUMOR in his lung! I feel this is truly a miracle of healing prayer.

I wanted to share my good news, thank you for praying with me on Sundays, and remind everyone that God is listening . . . and sometimes the answer is "Yes!"

Warm regards,

Allison Carey

OFFICE NOTES

By Ann Woods
Parish Administrator



Hello Everyone,
I hope all is well with you.

Each week as I put together the bulletin I need to pick a bible quote from that Sunday's readings. It is a special time for me. I pray before I start, asking God to guide me to notice the quote that He wants in the bulletin.

I usually learn more about God and feel closer to Him as I do this.

I'm grateful for this time spent with God while at work.

Maybe you'll be inspired by one of the quotes I choose. I would love to hear about it.

Decluttering

Rev. Cathie, Dave and I have an ongoing program of decluttering the office. During our work, we uncovered some interesting historical documents that we may share with you. One is below.

Service Schedule

Please speak with Rev. Cathie to learn about which service team will be the best fit for you. Please contact Kathy Gabrielle kgabrie396@aol.com with scheduling questions. AND... - come to our **Ministry Fair** on September 15 and learn about our volunteer opportunities.

Fundraising

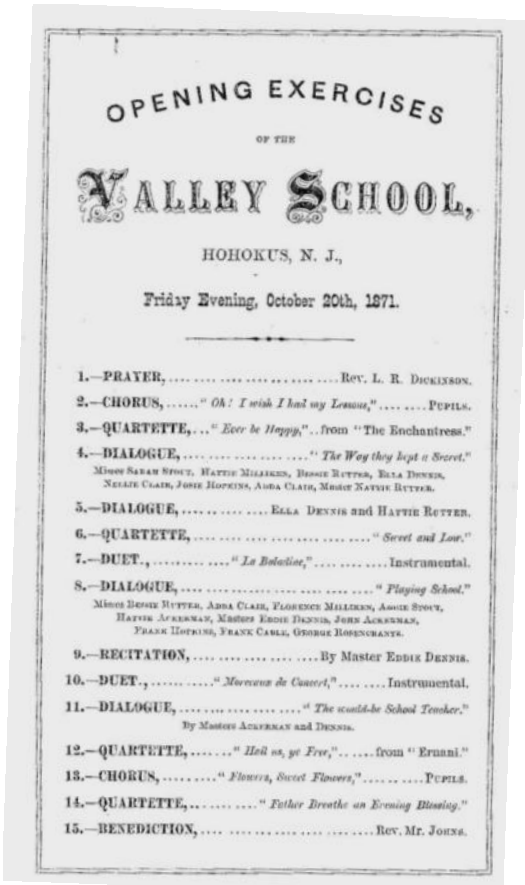
The Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park.
85 Godwin Ave, Suite 33, Midland Park, NJ 07432,
(201-652-7661)

Donation Days: Mondays and 1st Saturday, 10am-2pm.
How your donation helps. You drop off **items marked with #43**. St. Bart's receives a quarterly check for 30% of the sales of items marked with #43.

Thank you for your donations. Because of them, our last quarterly check was for \$102.25. That is the most we have ever received. Thank you so much!

Office Hours – Summer 2019

most Mondays & Fridays from 7:30am-12:30pm
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At left is a program for the 1871 opening of the Valley School in a one-room schoolhouse on Hollywood Ave. in Ho-Ho-Kus. This building later became St. Bartholomew's Church and in 1948 was moved to Sheridan Ave. where it is the core of our present church.

NEWS FROM THE ST. BART'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.



How true. Where would we be in our garden without volunteer gardeners. I know where we would be... without a garden!

Our beautiful community garden is doing wonderfully. We were able to share our bounty with our neighbors in Paterson at Oasis, the shelter for women and children (see next page), providing their soup kitchen with fresh, organic vegetables. Kathy Mathews delivered the first produce of the year to Oasis the last week of July, and more has been delivered since by Joan Lupardo and Judy.

Ghada has made a connection with ALT EATS, a new organic cafe here in Ho-Ho-Kus, and she and Judy visited with them to start a collaborative discussion. We gifted them a basket of locally grown organic herbs from our garden. We hope our little garden will expand well beyond our parishioners to include much more of the HHK community. Already the local Girl Scouts have planted and are maintaining a raised bed in the garden.

We love to meet in our garden for fellowship and to connect with each other as we care for it. We don't have to look any further than right here in our own church for enthusiastic volunteers. We even have our own Master Gardener, Lisa Wyssession, to advise us on the care of our plants! Dave Gabrielle has got our automatic watering system up and running. So never think anything is impossible. With God's blessing and guiding hand, the St. Bart's Garden is getting it done. Thanks to all the Volunteer Gardeners!

Judy Malhotra & Ghada Harb

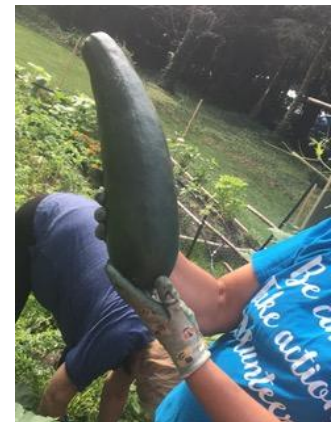
Garden photos by Judy Malhotra, Ghada Harb, and Kathy Kamidoi.



Girl Scouts at work.



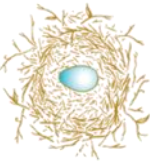
That's one tough zucchini!!



We grow them big!



OASIS
A HAVEN FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN



Just wanted to share some pictures with you from our “Rise and Shine” Saturday morning program at Oasis in Paterson.

Joan Lupardo and I have been teaching 5 to 13 year olds during the Fall and Winter at this wonderful facility for helping women and children. We give them an opportunity to experience a

variety of materials always reflecting the work of a known Artist. We hope that we are able to provide an extension to what they are learning, or not, in their public schools. We also take them to an art museum, which is an experience most of them have never had.

This Fall will be our 4th year teaching this enrichment program and each year the children are eager and enthusiastic. They are a pure joy to be with.

We would love some help. The class begins Sept. 14 and lasts until the end of Nov. We begin again in Jan. and run through March/early April. Knowledge of art is not a requirement, nor is ability. If you are interested you can learn right along with the children. It is a very Creative Atmosphere! *please note the photo of the children at the Montclair Museum. They are all taking the pose of Rodin's “The Thinker.”*



*Children's photos
by Judy Malhotra*



If you are interested in volunteering, the program is from 10-12 on Saturday mornings. Please see Joan or me in Church or let Ann in the Office know you are interested and one of us will contact you.

Warm Regards, **Judy Malhotra**



Judy with Jen Brady,
Director of Oasis,
who came to our
picnic on June 23.

September 11 Prayer Service

Wednesday, 9/11 7:30pm



You are invited

FARM & TABLE

Community Dinner

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70 Sheridan Avenue • Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423
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September 22, 2019 • 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Catered Dinner, Wine and Live Music



FARM *to* TABLE

Menu

Charcuterie Table

Beet & Goat Cheese Towers with Maple Roasted Peacans
Mushrooms Stuffed with Sausage, Apples & Thyme

Salad

Carrot, Apple & Spinach Salad with Walnuts & Gorgonzola
drizzled with a Shallot Champagne Vinaigrette

Main Dish

Butternut Squash Thyme Tartlets (v)
Roasted Rosemary Chicken with Cranberry Chutney

Sides

Sweet Pumpkin & Sage Mash
Honey Roasted Cauliflower with Pepitas

Dessert

Homemade by St. Bartholomew's Family

We are all set to have our second annual Farm to Table dinner on Sept. 22 with our amazing caterer Fresh and Fancy who gave us such a wonderful evening last year.

We have 17 farm chairs hand-painted and ready to grace our 50 foot dinner table in our beautiful acre behind the rectory.

Invitations and RSVP cards are in the mail. Please join us!



BOOK CLUB

Our **World Religions** summer study group has been focusing on The Gospel of Thomas, Christianity and Hinduism. We are reading The Bhagavad Gita and will also read The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

We will meet on the **second Wednesday** of the month, beginning September 11 at 3:15pm in the sanctuary. Please join us for interesting discussion and wonderful fellowship.



Social Media Advisor Needed

Do you know someone who has a gift for video and livestreaming? As we increase our social media presence we need help in this area. A great opportunity for community service credits. Please talk to Rev. Cathie.

Summer at St. Bart's

For our annual picnic on June 23, we were joined by more than a dozen members of St. Alban's Church in Oakland. Wayne Kamidoi and Michael Gnerre grilled the burgers, parishioners brought salads and desserts, and everyone enjoyed the fine weather and fellowship - even Missy, Bill Smethurst's dog.



Summer at St. Bart's



We held our first “Wednesday on the Deck” on July 24 on the Rectory deck overlooking our garden. We enjoyed refreshments, received communion, and discussed “Who is Saint Bartholomew?” Rev. Cathie had researched the subject and found that little is known of him, except that he is the Patron Saint of... Gardeners!

Four days later was our first Community Garden Salad Party, held indoors because of the weather. Parishioners enjoyed delicious salads and desserts they had brought.





Prayer Requests

Kindly keep the following parishioners and friends in your prayers:

Terry, Sherri, Susie, Isabelle, Jeana, Michelle, Virginia, Joan, Allan, Lesli, Tony, Audrey, Mike, Bob, Margaret, Jennifer, Mikela, Mary, Valerie, Allen, Judy, Maryanne, Allen, Madeline, Peter, Leo, Karen, Judy, Tiffani, Mae, Eileen, Peggy, Frank, Amy, Donna, Candace, Joe, Mason

For all families suffering from the loss of a loved one.

Our Wardens, Vestry and Search Discernment Committee,
and all Parish members needing prayer.

*Please remember in your prayers the friends and families of
our parishioners and neighbors who are serving in the military:*

Bobby, USA

Please contact the Church office at 201-444-5025 or StBartsHHK@aol.com
if you would like a name added to or deleted from the prayer list.



Prayer for St. Bartholomew's Family

Dear Triune God, our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We thank you for the love that you give to your children and your constant presence in our lives. We thank you for the gifts and talents that you have given to each of us.

We believe that because of God's love for us he sent Jesus to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins so that we may have eternal life. We know that we are called to be the light of Christ to those in need.

We ask for wisdom as we move forward seeking to know your will for our church family. We ask for courage so that we can boldly share the good news, loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Keep us united as a family. Please guide, protect, and equip us to do your will each and every day. And in the name of your son Jesus Christ, we promise to use our gifts and talents to bring honor and glory to you all the days of our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES (previous page)

If your birthday or anniversary, or your children's birthdays, are not listed in the B-Line, please contact us at 201-444-5025, or StBartsHHK@aol.com, or 70 Sheridan Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423.

For security purposes, the birthday and anniversary page has been excluded from the version on our website.

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