

# St. Bartholomew's Church

## **CALENDAR - WINTER 2018-2019**

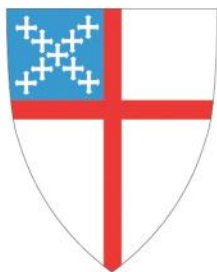
<b>Every Sunday</b>	9:45 AM	Healing Prayer at the Altar
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 AM	Children's Ministry Workshop (see page 15)
<b>Every Thursday</b>	9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
	10:30 AM	Bible Study in Parish Hall
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>3rd Sunday of each month (except July and August)</b>		
	11:45 AM	Vestry Meeting
<b>1st Sunday of each month</b>		Outreach: CUMAC & Goshen Migrant Workers
<b>2nd Wednesday of each month</b>		
	7:30 PM	Healing Service (see page 3)
<b>Sunday, Dec. 2</b>	11:15 AM	Coffee, Christianity & Conversation (see page 5)
<b>Saturday, Dec. 15</b>	9 AM-noon	Greening of the Church
<b>Sunday, Dec. 16</b>		Recognition of Altar Guild
	3-6 PM	Christmas Open House (see page 13)
<b>Monday, December 24</b>		Christmas Eve Services 4 and 11 PM
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b>		Christmas Day Service <u>10 AM</u>
<b>Sunday, January 6</b>		Epiphany Pageant & Special Coffee Hour
<b>Sunday, January 13</b>		Altar Guild Meeting after service
<b>Sunday, January 20</b>		Recognition of Counters
<b>Sunday, January 27</b>		Brunch and Annual Meeting (see page 13)
<b>Sunday, Feb. 3</b>	11:15 AM	Coffee, Christianity & Conversation (see page 5)
<b>Sunday, Feb. 17</b>	5:00 PM	Fellowship, Pasta and Memories (see page 20)
<b>Saturday, Feb. 23</b>		Day of Discernment - Spiritual Gifts in Ministry
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>		Anglican Prayer Bead Workshop during coffee hour
<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>		Ash Wednesday Services (details to follow)



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## B-LINE

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### COME AND SEE!

As the summer ended and I looked outside, I saw the wonderful palate of fall colors, bright oranges, deep reds, and warm golds. The trees were beginning their transition from the warmth of summer and all its activity to the coldness of winter and its call to rest.

Now as I look at the garden, I'm sad, as there are no more gorgeous flowers and no vegetables to pick for my salad. What I see is emptiness, so I draw on my memories of the joy that it brought to those who designed and cared for our garden and for our church family enjoying our garden coffee hour and our Farm to Table Community Dinner.

I am also encouraged because I know that the emptiness will not last forever. The ground will rest during the winter months and prepare for another year of growth and beauty for our grounds and in our community garden. Life calls us to periods of rest and reflection, so we can

spring forth refreshed, and restored.

In our continuing journey of discernment, we, like nature, are also in process of transition. There are times of activity, such as participating in our Day of Discernment where we began the process of reflecting on the past and dreaming of what our future could be. There are also times for rest in prayer, rest in our faith, being open to the call of the Holy Spirit and trusting that God will show us the way forward.

It may take what seems like a very long time for the work of God to evolve to a point where we can experience it. Often, it is only in hindsight that we can perceive what God has done. It is important to realize that there is an *in-between* time that we all experience in life.

Living patiently with joyful hope in the in-between time can be one of the most challenging and yet most rewarding things we can learn to do.

How do we live in 'in-between times' when we are unsettled and feeling a lack of security? There are numerous reminders in scripture that tell us how to be successful during these 'in-between' times.

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Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

The Message Bible translation says, "Trust God from the bottom of your heart, don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go. He's the one who will keep you on track."

Another scripture is Philippians 4:19, "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Sometimes we think this verse pertains to money, but it includes whatever we are concerned about, whatever we need.

The Message Bible translation of that passage reads, "You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus."

These in-between times can seem like a desert, barren without purpose or direction. These desert times are opportunities to draw on our faith and allow God to direct our path. We are being called to learn to become more comfortable living in the in-between period, giving God time to do God's part.

We can gradually come to an understanding that in the in-between times we may perceive that time is barren, but we can also come to realize that in-between times can also be quite fertile. Things do develop and grow during these periods, although we may be unaware of them. It is in learning to discern which approach is appropriate for a particular time, whether taking direct action or waiting for God's presence to be made manifest, is where inner peace can be found.

We have been doing a lot of work during the past 5 months of our transition. We declared that part of our identity is the phrase

**Come and See.** We talked about our joy in welcoming others and the gift of hospitality. During our Stewardship intensive this year we added to **Come and See** by exploring about how we are **Blessed to be a Blessing**, starting to reflect on how we can share that in our community. Our Children's Ministry Workshop, Bible Study, Healing Services, and Journey of Discernment are bearing fruit as we behold God's presence guiding us. Our vestry and search discernment committee are working to keep the business of our church moving forward and helping to guide us in our time of reflection.

In this time of transition, we are still called to reflect and pray. We are called to take time and be open to the guiding of the Holy Spirit. The story we are writing, the witness we are called to make, in order to be authentic, needs to openly acknowledge our questions and concerns and address how we acknowledge and process our feelings while living a life of faith.

As we approach the season of Advent, we will be reflecting on Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the journey of her in-between time. Mary's world was turned upside down when the angel Gabriel came to her. Her life was forever changed as she agreed to carry the baby Jesus in her womb. With all the joy that being pregnant brought to her she also had to face the fear of what Joseph would think, if he would believe her story and stay with her. She feared what her community would think about her being pregnant without being married. She had to live in the tension of that in-between time, of those nine months, experiencing the joy of each kick of her baby and the fear of each rebuke that she faced. She needed to know when to speak and when to let the Spirit empower her through her rest.

For us to live in the uncertainty of transition, it would be helpful to develop a common

language. We have already started in our work on core values, dreams, engagement in the community. It is obvious to me that St. Bartholomew's family believes that God has a call and purpose for us. A ministry that will shine with the warmth of the summer sun and the beauty of the rich fall colors.

We also are called to be honest about our fears in transition. We are in this together and we all have hopes and fears. The more that we can openly speak about them, the more the path will be clear for the Holy Spirit to guide us to what God is calling all of us to do. We need to embrace a faith that is big enough for questions, searching, and doubt while we work toward new experiences that

inspire us to live out our call for our church and community.

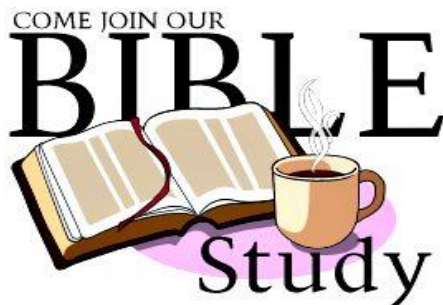
I'm excited about the months ahead and how God will call us to an awareness of how we will proclaim God's love for all we meet. I'm also excited about how God will minister to us in our in-between time, what new insights we will receive and what possibilities will come to our awareness.

It is my prayer for all of us that we will have the faith in the in-between time, faith in the transition process to help reveal to us the Glory of God and the call for St. Bartholomew's.

*May God Bless You All---Rev. Cathie*

Thursday morning healing service  
is offered weekly at 9:30am.

Wednesday evening healing service  
is offered at 7:30pm on the second  
Wednesday of each month.



Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10:30.  
We are studying the Gospel of Mark.  
You can come any time and get started.  
Bring your Bibles and join us for an exciting  
time in the word of God!

## It's Time To Update Our Directory

During the month of December there will be a clipboard with the current church directory available during coffee hour. Please review your contact information and make any changes needed. Please add cell numbers and email addresses so we can keep you informed on church happenings.



**“Where We’re At” – Securing our New Rector****Volume VI**

Dear Parishioners,

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

As of this writing there isn’t much “New” news to report on the search for a Rector.

The focus of our church since I last reported has primarily been for our parish to pave its way through these months of “Discernment” to distinguish our goals for the future.

*Reasoning:* “Part of the search is to **discern** what we are all about (our mission and vision). So, we can search for a pastor that would best fit our needs.”

September 29<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Cathie led our parish in a “Day of Discernment”. A day for those in attendance, to come together to express our thoughts, concerns and goals for St. Bartholomew’s. In speaking of these “thoughts, concerns and goals” for the Parish, it wasn’t surprising that those that attended September 29<sup>th</sup> all pretty much agreed on the same items. Much of what we spoke about during our Day of Discernment has become part of the *Prayer for St. Bartholomew’s Family* which we now as a parish recite at the end of our Sunday services. It’s reproduced on page 21.

The Vestry and Search Discernment Committee had a meeting with Canon Jacobs on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in our Parish Hall. He too spoke to us about these months being labeled as days of “Discernment”; a time for our parish to come together with a plan on how we want our parish to grow, to strengthen its core. Canon Jacobs stressed that once we find and follow through on our true discernment our parish will be more appealing to a new Rector. By finding our discernment, the new Rector’s transition into our church will be smoother.

As I’ve stated before, Rev. Cathie is doing an excellent job of guiding us as a parish through this Interim period. She has reinstated our Thursday Morning Healing Service and Bible Study, and she has begun a Wednesday night Healing Service for those that work during the day. She has restructured our Sunday School into a new Children’s Ministry Workshop; incorporating crafts, music and the children’s involvement in our Sunday Services. She has brought new and exciting thoughts and expanded celebrations to our Sunday Services; i.e. honoring our service volunteers on different given Sundays, our All Saints Day Sunday celebration with reading the names of the beloved departed of our parishioners, etc. I as a Warden, thank Rev. Cathie for all that she has done, and all she has planned for our parish as she continues her Interim ministry.

But I also feel that we as a parish haven’t altered from our goal to securing a full time Rector. Our church’s Search Discernment Committee has been continuing their work and mission each month to finalize their first major step as a committee: preparing our Parish Profile. They are working to prepare the best Profile possible; one that will help our parish find the right Rector for the parishioners of St. Bartholomew’s, and the right Rector that feels our parish is right for them. It is with hope, that I would like to believe our Parish Profile will be ready to be posted in the beginning of the New Year.

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**“Where We’re At” – Securing our New Rector, Volume V** *(continued)*

As we approach this Holiday Season and New Year, my hope and prayers are for all of us to continue our devotion to St. Bartholomew's Church. I hope we continue to assist each other, and Rev. Cathie, in both actions and thoughts, so we remain the beloved parish we all know St. Bartholomew's to be.

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 and Search Discernment Committee and Rev. Cathie Studwell, our Interim Minister. 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*

**SEARCH DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE**

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Fred Bergamo

Stephen Goulet

Allen De Niar

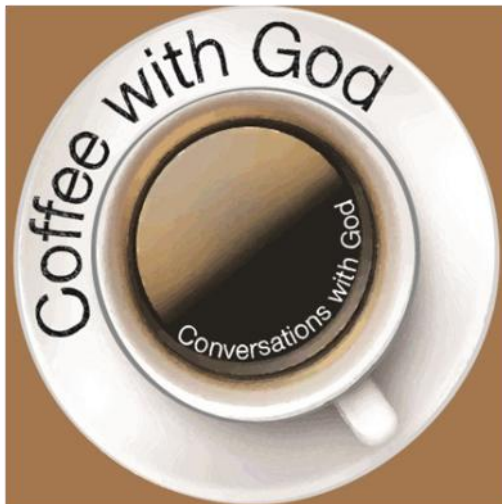
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A space for learning and open dialog on topics that educate, enlighten and shape our faith and prepare us to share the love of God in the world.

Join us on the first Sunday of the month  
during coffee hour.

The first topic:

The history and impact of the Nicene Creed.

## **QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS**

### ***Highlights from the Vestry Meetings June and September 2018 (no meetings July-Aug.)***

#### **June Highlights**

**Treasurer's Report:** In the advent of Cathie Studwell's hiring as Interim Minister, Dave recommended several revisions to the budget as there would be more certainty around expenses moving forward. Overall, YTD expenses are tracking below budget primarily due to lower than projected payroll expenses. Revisions in aggregate resulted in a projected 2018 budget loss of \$1,696.

**Parish Discernment and Search:** The Discernment and Search committee had several meetings to continue the development of the parish profile and discernment process. Meetings will continue to take place on an ongoing basis with updates provided in the B-Line and at informal parish meetings.

**Hospitality:** After discussion and review of various options, a decision was made to host an outdoor Farm to Table event in October. Judy Malhotra will coordinate and work to get a team of volunteers to prepare.

**Community:** Several recommendations were made and followed up upon to improve the security of the church premises and prevent the possibility of trespassing. Outreach with the Ho-Ho-Kus Borough also occurred to ensure that they were aware that these measures underscored St. Bartholomew's interest in ensuring that the town and the church were aligned on issues concerning the safety and security of the church premises. Initial discussions took place regarding the need to update and replace church signage at the front of the church. Rev. Studwell agreed to develop plans for vestry review.

**Buildings and Grounds:** The church is considering the replacement of several windows in the church and reviewing estimates. Additional improvements will include the purchase of a new printer and Parish Hall alarm system.

Reverend Studwell's update:

Will follow up to get placement of St. Bart's advert in the Town Journal

Looking to revamp Sunday school and develop a 6 "Experiential" Sessions intended to connect scripture to action. She will be developing a specific proposal.

Cathie will begin ongoing recognition of volunteers on a periodic basis during pre-selected Sunday services to recognize the contributions of all volunteers, altar guild, layreaders, lectors, Sunday school teachers etc...

The Facebook site was up and running and Cathie will follow up with Janet Kreller on developing an updated St. Bartholomew's website.

Cathie took part in the town's Memorial Day prayer service and St. Bart's volunteers handed out water bottles to parade attendees.

#### **September Highlights**

**Treasurer's Report:** Pledges remained ahead of budget. Some softness due to lower in plate contributions and lower AA meeting attendance, offset by lower YTD maintenance and payroll expenses.

**Recording Secretary:** Completed training on software to develop updated St. Bartholomew's website

**Technology:** Peter Loder continues to research the possible incorporation of Search Engine Optimization (SEO) as a way to elicit increased traffic to, and interest in, our website and parish. His work continues and he will share his results with the vestry at future meetings.

**Buildings and Grounds:** John Alberti briefed the vestry on several drainage issues that needed to be addressed. He detailed each area and provided estimates for the work to be performed. The vestry approved the proposed work (estimated to be approximately \$4,000) and authorized him to move forward. A formal proposal to repair parish hall windows at an estimated cost of approximately \$6,750. The Vestry approved and

**QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS (continued)**

authorized the repairs to be undertaken. Landscaping proposals for the coming year were submitted by Alan Bellezza and will be further reviewed.

Reverend Studwell's update:

Discussions around some confusion between Priest in Charge and Interim Priest roles for Cathie. She suggested a meeting with Canon Jacobs and members of the Vestry and Search Discernment Committee to develop a better understanding on the differences and their implications for the search process.

Allen DeNiar will address structural / safety issues in the Memorial Garden. We may need to take further steps to ensure that we stay in touch with the relatives of the deceased and consider a replacement of the nameplate board at some future date. Also reminded the vestry of the All Saint's Necrology on November 4 which will be a prayer service in the Memorial Garden.

Cathie detailed a number of parish community events on the calendar:

Farm to Table invites were mailed

Blessing of the Animals on October 14<sup>th</sup>

Childrens Ministry Workshop on October 7<sup>th</sup> with presentation and song

Veterans Day and Stewardship Sunday service on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> with food, music and blessing of pledges

Ecumenical Thanksgiving service is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>

*Respectfully submitted, Jim Pierson, Vestry Clerk*



Our new website at [www.stbartshhk.com](http://www.stbartshhk.com)



**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ**

Check them out and then share with your friends.

Help us grow our social media presence and ability to share our ministry.



## THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP CARLYE J. HUGHES

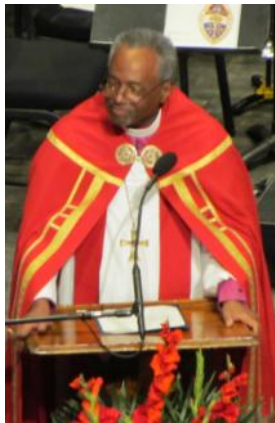
On September 22, Rev. Carlye J. Hughes was ordained the Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Newark. Bishop Carlye is the first woman and the first African-American to serve as Bishop in the Diocese.

*Right: Bishop Carlye with her husband David Smedley and their cocker spaniel "Abbey."*

*This photo provided by the Diocese.*



*Above right: More than 2,000 persons attended the impressive service in the N.J. Performing Arts Center in Newark.*

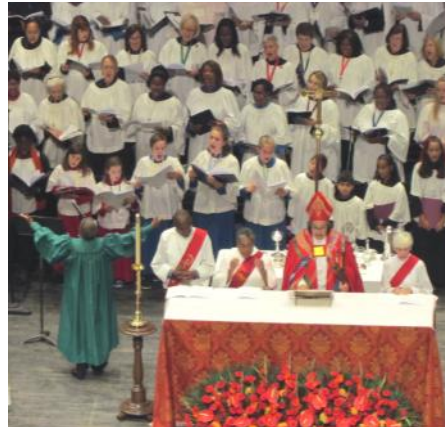


*Left: Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry (of "Royal Wedding" fame).*

*Right: Some of the 300-voice choir.*

*Far right: Bishop Carlye celebrates the Eucharist.*

*Below right: Carlye greets friends from churches she served in Texas and New York.*



*Right: Bishops from around the country pose with Bishop Carlye. To Carlye's left is the Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris, the first woman Bishop in the Episcopal Church; to her left is outgoing Bishop Mark Beckwith.*



**VESTRY UNIVERSITY:** On October 6 our diocese offered a training day for all wardens, vestry members, treasurers, clergy and **ALL** congregational lay leaders to learn, network and celebrate our ministry. Workshops included: Property • Church Finances • Youth Ministry • Communication • Episcopal Governance • Stewardship • Social Media • Conflict Resolution • Church Law • Identifying Leaders • Grant Writing • Retreats • Small Congregations • Vestry Meetings.

It was a great day to learn and share ideas. The next Vestry University will be offered in March 2019 and will focus on creative ministry ideas. If you want to know more, speak to Rev. Cathie who is on the Vestry University development team.



At the Vestry University lunch, Bishop Carlye encouraged us to take panoramic photos of the group, saying "You - the lay people - are the most valuable asset ... that God has given to the future of the church."



## Blessing of the Animals

After an absence of several years, the Blessing of the Animals service was reinstated at St. Bart's on Sunday, October 14. Every October, people all over the world celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, St. Francis of Assisi, by bringing their animals to their church for this special ceremony.



Above, the four-legged attendees included Wendy Tarvin's Yellow Labrador "Lynny," Joan Lupardo's English Cocker Spaniel "Roxie," and Bill Smethurst's mostly Siberian Husky "Missy," short for Mississippi where she was found after Hurricane Katrina. Below, some of the nine dogs - all well-behaved - who received blessings.



## St. Bartholomew's Happenings Update

Happenings will be in print on the **first Sunday** of the month and inserted into the bulletin.

On the **third Monday** of the month it will be sent out via email.

Please make sure that the office has your correct email address so you do not miss any important updates.



## Farm to Table Dinner

Trying something for the first time can be a little scary. We did just that, and with everyone's help and God's blessing, it was certainly worth the effort. Lots of rain the day before and lots of rain the day after but the day of the event was perfect! Can't tell me that wasn't Divine intervention.

The venue we used was out of New Milford and is a family run business called FRESH AND FANCY FARMS. They were wonderful to work with and the food was amazing...and what style they had! The music was wonderful, as always. We used the same group of musicians that we have been using for years at the Bistro. Russo was our wine contact and as always, it was just right. Candlelight, beautiful music, amazing food and the best setting possible...our own back yard. Our Community Garden was the backdrop and the impetus for having a farm to table event.

Our caterer, Fresh and Fancy, was so impressed that they asked if we would like to partner with them next growing season. Whatever produce we grow, they would match from their gardens and we would take it weekly to Oasis in Paterson to be used in their daily soup kitchen. We even made a very small profit by auctioning the chairs that people sat in. These were donated to us and then hand painted by Judy Malhotra.

We're purposely leaving the best till last... Everyone really seemed to love being with each other and spending a very special evening together.

*Love and Blessings, The Farm to Table Committee*



Some of the nearly 50 persons who attended.



Home grown in St. Bartholomew's Community Garden!

*Four photos above by Cathie Studwell*



Dinner is served - and it was delicious!



## Farm to Table Dinner



Above, the music was provided by the BBR Trio, veterans of our Bistros.



Above right, the Krellers - Dan with Fred Bergamo, Janet with Wendy Tarvin - enjoyed the evening.



Below, Cordelia Bergamo, Ghada Harb and Fred Bergamo prepare to bid on Judy Malhotra's hand-painted chairs (example at right).



Photo by Judy Malhotra



Right, Farm to Table committee members Jane Pierson, Judy Malhotra and Ghada Harb mimic the farmer and his daughter in Judy's rendition of *American Gothic*.

Photo by Kathy Gabrielle



*American Gothic* is a well-known painting by American artist Grant Wood. It depicts a farmer and his spinster daughter in front of their house. The models were Wood's sister, Nan, and Wood's dentist, Dr. Byron McKeeby.

Wood saw the house while travelling through Iowa in 1930. The unusual window is based on European Gothic architecture, as opposed to an American farmhouse. The contrast caught the artist's attention and led to the painting of *American Gothic*. The arrival of the Great Depression was upon the country, and the painting was seen as portraying the steadfast American pioneer spirit.

*American Gothic* has often been parodied. In one version a McDonalds is in place of the house and a Big Mac is on the pitchfork. In another one the couple are Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy. And Eddie Albert and Eva Gabor imitated it in the 1960s TV show "Green Acres" (left).

Photos and information from the Internet.



## OFFICE NOTES

By Ann Woods  
Parish Administrator

Hello Everyone,  
I hope all is well with you.



We are settling into our working relationship with Rev. Cathie. Monday mornings Cathie and Dave and I have a Team Meeting to plan the office staff's work week. With the expanded activities at St. Bart's, our work load is increasing, and so we are thankful for our "office angels" - Dave, Judy, Pam, Jayme, Jack, Kathy, Joan, Soon and Scott.

### Bulletin

We have added the St. Bartholomew's Prayer to the back of the bulletin. And we have replaced the Announcements section with a monthly "Happenings" insert (see page 9).

This Military Prayer list will be cleared by the end of the year. Please contact the church office to keep any of these names on the list. Thank you.

**Brian, USMC      Matt, USA      Eric, USA      Bobby, USA**  
**Francisco, USMC      Christopher, USMC      TIBS, USA**

### 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](mailto:kgabrie396@aol.com) with scheduling questions.

### Property Use

We can offer our Parish Hall to parishioners for parties, wedding receptions and other family activities.

For details, please contact Kathy Gabrielle [kgabrie396@aol.com](mailto:kgabrie396@aol.com).

### Fundraising

The Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park.

85 Godwin Ave, Suite 33, Midland Park, NJ 07432, (201-652-7661)

Donation Days: Mondays and the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 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.

*Last quarter we received our largest check to date of \$43.60. Thank you for your generosity.*

### **Office Hours – Winter 2018**

most Mondays & Fridays from 9:30 am–2:30 pm

Please call or e-mail before your visit. Thank you.

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**REMINDER - Please fill out your PLEDGE CARD and send it to the church office. Thank you!**



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## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Please use the enclosed Christmas Flower Memorial Envelope to memorialize or honor your loved ones at our Christmas services. (On-line copies, please use the form included in your covering e-mail, or see our website. Or you may pick up a flower memorial envelope in the Narthex or at the rear door.) Your contribution will go toward decorating the altar with the lovely flowers that add so much to the Christmas services.

Please submit your envelopes to the church office by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16** for the names to be listed in the Christmas service bulletins. Thank you!

But you don't have to wait for Christmas or Easter to remember your loved ones. Fresh flowers are placed on our altar every Sunday. You can contribute toward their cost, and your loved ones will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. Please contact Virginia Smith at 201-327-9316 to select a date and provide the names.



*St. Bartholomew's  
Christmas Open House  
Sunday, December 16, 3-6pm  
At the Rectory  
Please bring an appetizer or dessert.*

## NOTICE OF OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

St. Bartholomew's **104th Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, January 27, 2019** after the 10 AM service. Complimentary brunch will be served before we begin.

The Vestry and other staff members will report on their activities for 2018, and the Treasurer will present his financial report and propose a budget for 2019. We will elect delegates to the 2020 Diocesan Convention and representatives to our Convocation. The Vestry welcomes volunteers to fill these positions. If you would like to serve in any of these functions, please speak to one of the Wardens, Kathy Gabrielle or Michael Gnerre; their contact information is on page 1.

This is your opportunity to learn about how our Vestry keeps St. Bart's running smoothly, hear about our progress in securing a new Rector, and ask questions and offer suggestions. Please join us on January 27 for brunch, fellowship, and our annual meeting!

*For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 12:12.*



## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DISCERNMENT JOURNEY

Thank you to everyone who attended the September 29 Day of Discernment.

In November and December, we will continue to work on the Core Values of St. Bartholomew's and how the Holy Spirit is leading us to a deeper knowledge of the ministries that we are being called to.



Join us on February 23 for another Day of Discernment focusing on Spiritual Gifts that we have and how we use them in ministry.

*Photos by Cathie Studwell and Dave Ackerman*



## ST. BART'S FAMILY ACTIVITIES

On September 30, JACKSON WILLIAM KENNY was baptized. Jackson is the son of Matthew and Julie Kenny and grandson of choir member Jennifer Kenny.

Jackson was fascinated by the service, especially the baptismal candle!



**PLEASE SEND FAMILY NEWS AND PHOTOS TO [stbartshhk@aol.com](mailto:stbartshhk@aol.com). THANK YOU!**



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

Our first unit focused on the book of James and the second unit was on stewardship.

Our third unit will focus on preparation as it relates to Advent and waiting for the birth of Jesus.

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, creative expression, service and worship.



## OUTREACH

We had an exceptional Food Drive for the first Sunday in October thanks to the revival of the ushers giving out reminder bags! We received 26 bags of food for Cumac in Paterson.

Ghada Harb and I decorated the altar for Harvest Sunday with pumpkins of many colors. We received \$765.00 in cash contributions and gift cards.

Peggy Kievit delivered toiletries and purchased baby clothing etc. and delivered them to the migrant workers in Goshen, NY.

On December 2nd the Angel board will go up and I will be giving out children's names for Christmas gifts for the Ramapough Indians. We would like to have the gifts back by Sunday December 16th. Please call the church office if you would like a name or two and will not be able to attend church that Sunday.

As we continue our programs we also continue to ask for more ways we can reach out.

As always we thank you for your unceasing generosity.

*'The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give.'* - Walt Whitman

**Outreach - Lisa Wyssession**



Thank You

**Norma Hensler**

For the gift of a new American Flag  
We truly appreciate your generosity

## Advent 2018

*Join us in worship and fellowship*

*December 2, 9, 16, 23*

*Prepare yourself for the birth of Jesus*





## RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

At Sunday services during the year we are recognizing the volunteers who serve St. Bartholomew's.

*Below left*, on September 16, Rev. Cathie offers a prayer for our Lectors and Lay Readers: Dave Ackerman, Jim Pierson, Peggy Kievit, Ghada Harb, Toby Winiarski and Fred Karl.

*Below right*, on October 21, she praises our ushers: Michael Gnerre, Kathy Gabrielle, Judy Malhotra, Dave Ackerman and Joan Lupardo.



Two photos by  
Jay Studwell



Volunteers are always welcome at St. Bart's. You can serve God as a Lector, Lay Reader, Usher, Acolyte, Choir Member, Collection Counter, Altar Guild Member, Coffee Hour Host - there's something for everyone. The duties are not difficult, your co-workers will be friendly and helpful - and the retirement benefits are out of this world! Please speak to Rev. Cathie or Kathy Gabrielle; their contact information is on page 1.

## NECROLOGY

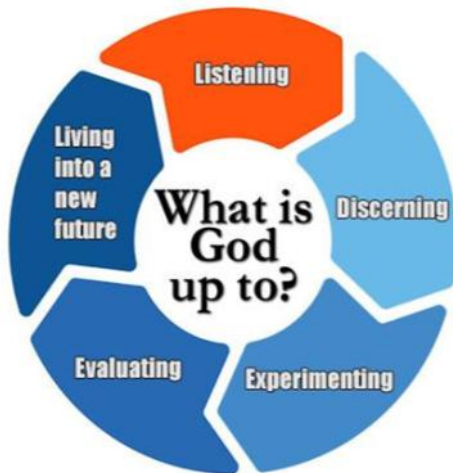
In October, parishioners were asked to submit the names of their loved ones who have passed on, to be recognized on All Saints Sunday, November 4. The names were written on cards, and during the service they were read by Wendy Tarvin, Rev. Cathie, and Jackie Fisher. Following the service, Rev. Cathie offered a prayer in the Memorial Garden.





## Luke 10 Ministry

### Going Local....Engaging our Community



How do we go on a journey together to discern what God is up to in our neighborhoods and join God in that work?

On this journey we have the opportunity to discern what God is up to in our neighborhoods in all the places where we work, play, live and worship and then join God and our community.

Along the way, we can deepen our relationship with God, each other, and our neighbors while we learn new practices, values and approaches to community ministry.

We will offer a workshop on Luke 10 Ministry in January.  
If you are interested, please talk to Rev. Cathie.

### St. Bart's at Oasis

Let me begin by sharing with you the mission statement of Oasis.

*The mission of Oasis is to change the lives of women and children by breaking the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate and empower women and children in need.*

Oasis is a charitable organization located on Mill St. in nearby Paterson. Joan Lupardo and I have been volunteering there for the past several years. We have worked with the teen girls program as well as an ongoing art program for children on Saturday mornings. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> we took our students on a field trip to the Montclair Art Museum. As you can see from the photo, they loved it. Not only did they get to see firsthand beautiful art but they also were treated to a hands-on studio session where they created their own artwork reflective of the exhibit they had just seen. For all these children, this was their first visit to an art museum.

Oasis offers many opportunities for volunteering. If you'd like to know how you can help, just send an email to St. Bartholomew's and I will help you get started. Whatever skill or whatever your background, there is a place there for you.



Text and photos by Judy Malhotra



On **VETERAN'S DAY**, November 11, several events took place at our 11 AM service. The children in our Children's Ministry Workshop opened the service by performing the "Star Spangled Banner," and later they sang "Shine, Jesus, Shine" as the choir anthem.



We welcomed our candidates for confirmation, Katie and Lilly.



We received and blessed our parishioners' pledges for the coming year.



And we finished with a delicious pancake brunch, prepared under the direction of Jay Studwell.







## Prayer Requests

*Kindly keep the following parishioners and friends in your prayers:*

Sue, Terry, Sherri, Vivian, Susie, Isabelle, Jeana, Michelle, Virginia, Joan, Allan, Lesli, Tony, Jean, Debbie, Jim, Audrey, Mike, Bob, Margaret, Jennifer, Mikela, Mary, Valerie, Ella, Gerald, Raquel, Allen, Ann, Karen, Judy, Erik, Frankie, Kathy, Harry, Carlos, MaryAnne

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:*

Matt, USA; Brian, USMC; Eric, USA; Francisco, USMC; TIBS, USA; Christopher, USMC; Bobby, USA

***This Military Prayer list will be cleared by the end of the year.***

***Please contact the church office to keep any of these names on the list. Thank you.***

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.



*Please Join Us at St. Bartholomew's Church  
to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
See schedule of services on first page.*