St. Bartholomew's Church

CALENDAR - WINTER 2019-2020

Please see our weekly Friday Reminders email for updates.

Every Sunday	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Healing Prayer at the Altar
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Every Thursday	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
	11:30 AM	Bible Study in Parish Hall (see page 14)
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays		
	12:30-2:30 PM	Rector's Open Office Hours
1st Sunday of each month		Outreach: CUMAC & Goshen Food Collection
3rd Sunday of each month (except July and August)		
	11:30 AM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22		
	11:30 AM	Children's Ministry Workshop (see page 14)
Sunday, Dec. 8	11:45 AM	Coffee, Christianity & Conversation (see page 9)
Wednesday, Dec. 11 & 18		
	3:15 PM	World Religions Book Club (see page 16)
Wednesday, Dec. 11		
	7:30 PM	Evening Healing Service
Sunday, Dec. 15	3-6 PM	Christmas Open House (see page 11)
Sunday, Dec. 22	11:15 AM	Prayer Circle
Tues-Wed, Dec. 24-25		Christmas Services (see page 22)
Sunday, Jan. 5		Epiphany Pageant (details to follow)
Sunday, Jan. 26	11:30 AM	Brunch and Annual Parish Meeting (see page 11)
Sunday, Feb. 2		Soup Sunday (see page 9)
Wednesday, Feb. 26		Ash Wednesday Services (details to follow)

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Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing came into being without him! What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out. (John 1:3-5 The Message)

Welcome to Advent. We are in a time where we find ourselves in the darkness of shorter days and at the same time invited to dream about the coming of the Light of he World. The Light that is coming may come like the bold blinking Christmas lights now beginning to appear on trees and houses, or in the quiet beauty of a twinkling star in the sky. Both bring joy and inspiration for the future.

We cannot consider light without reflecting on its opposite. "*God made two big lights, the larger to take charge of day, the smaller to be in charge of night; and he made the stars. God placed them in the heavenly sky to light up earth and oversee day and night, to separate light and dark. God saw that it was good.*" (Genesis 1:16 -19 The Message) Since darkness existed before sin entered the world, darkness itself is not evil; but somehow, darkness became a common metaphor for evil and light was equated with goodness and life itself.

There is nothing which produces darkness; it simply exists when all sources of light are removed. Light cannot exist without a source. The light of a candle comes from the flame and it dispels darkness from the room. The light of a flashlight comes from the bulb and it chases away darkness from a basement or attic. **The Light of the World comes from Jesus and he drives out darkness from the world.**

Darkness disappears when light arrives. Light does not appear because darkness has been removed. Darkness is always at the mercy of light. We do not have to cast out our darkness to make room for the Light. It is the Light and Life of Jesus which releases us from all captivity.

In these days that grow ever darker before Christmas, I invite you to look for the Light that shines around you in gentle ways, a phone call from a friend, the wonder in the eyes of a child, the warmth of a loving embrace. Share that Light, talk about it and help others discover it in their life.

Our Advent hope is to wait with

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quiet expectation knowing that God will deliver us and that the Light of Jesus will indeed shine both on us and in our world. It is a wonderful time for us to examine the depth and strength of our faith in God. In the person of Jesus Christ, whose birth we will celebrate at Christmas, we will see the God we cannot see; the God who asks to be invited into our innermost lives in order to share his love with us and for us to share it with the world.

In order to accept God's invitation, our hearts need to be fully open. Jesus will not force his way in - he will wait with great longing and patience for us to invite him to come in. He longs to take away our fears and anxieties and convince us of his unconditional love for each one of us - a love which will journey with us forever and will never fail whatever challenges life brings.

As we grow in the love of God, we are also invited to grow in our love for our neighbor. Jesus fully identified himself and his mission with those in need: the poor, the hungry and thirsty, the oppressed, the outcasts. Whatever their circumstances, Jesus loved, valued and respected the outcasts of society as he knew they were created in the image and likeness of God.

Today, these are also our brothers and sisters in Christ, these are our neighbors, these are the outcasts of society, those where we can see the suffering Christ with our own eyes. We are Jesus' disciples when we follow his teachings. "*When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me.'* (Matthew 25:37-40 The Message)

We cannot hope to live the ministry call that Jesus puts before us every day unless we are firmly rooted in our spiritual life and in our personal relationship with him. Only then will we be able to listen and respond to the word of God speaking in our hearts. Only then will we recognize the prompting of the Holy Spirit and be able to know what the Spirit is asking of us in our own lives and as members of St. Bartholomew's.

In the words of St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians: "*My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well-constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.*" (Colossians 2:6-7 The Message)

And let your living spill over into thanks-giving! We have many things to be thankful for during this time of Advent preparation. Our reflection on these things offers us the opportunity to deepen our appreciation for the gifts God has given to us. The most important gift being the birth of Jesus**.**

The Light of the World is not a distant, far away Light, but rather a Light which shines from everyone who follows Jesus, who lives the Light of his Life in the world today. The Light of the World comes from Jesus **through you and me; through our church family** to lift all those who, during this and every other season of the year, experience loneliness and sorrow.

Welcome to Advent! A time where we are invited through our prayer and preparation to tell all the world about the beauty of the Light of Christ. A time where we are invited to speak the words of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace, those words and our actions will open the eyes of those who yearn to experience the Light of the World for themselves.

Advent Blessings,

Rev. Cathie+

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Several dogs, a rabbit, and a turtle - and their human companions - took part in our annual Blessing of the Animals on October 6. This ceremony takes place worldwide on or near October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of pets and animals.

This year we were visited by a photographer from The Record, whose editor had seen our announcement on our Facebook page. Several photos were published in the regional Record and the local Town Journal, as well as The Record's website. Great publicity for St. Bart's!

"Lynny" dozes during the Eucharist.

The Kenny family; Mary Passaro with "Oliver."

Some pets were reserved about their blessing ……. and some were appreciative.

The Record photographer at work ……..…. and yes, that's a turtle in there.

"Where We're At" – Securing our New Rector, Volume XI

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our Vestry and our Search Discernment Committee, I am sharing with you "W***here We're*** *At Part XI"*, in securing a new Rector, and in the life of the church as of this Winter B-Line.

Good news to share… the Search Discernment Committee (SDC) has finished the Parish Profile, and it has been presented to Canon Margo Clark for posting to the Diocese Website. As of this writing, we have been informed that the posting should happen within the next week. If you go to the Diocese Website and google "Clergy Job Openings", you will see that the Diocese has changed our listing to state that we are seeking a Rector, and that we are receiving names. This is good progress.

The above being said, the Vestry and SDC were just recently notified by Canon Clark that besides the Profile, we must submit a completed "Ministry Portfolio" (OTM) for posting to the Diocese website. Our Portfolio will outline both the employment salary and benefits we are prepared to offer, and what expectations our church has of the Rector's weekly service duties. With just learning of this, the Vestry is now preparing our OTM and having it submitted to the Diocese within the next few weeks. Needless to say, it is the hope of the Vestry and the SDC that once the OTM is completed and submitted to the Diocese, there will be no further surprises on other issues/ items needed by our church in order to move us forward to receiving names of candidates.

This Fall with the help of Rev. Cathie we did have a wonderful Stewardship campaign. Our 2019 campaign brought dialogue and personal atonements each Sunday so that we as a parish could fully embrace the true meaning of Stewardship. From our Treasurer's recent report to the Vestry, it appears we are close to reaching this year's Stewardship campaign goal with pledge increases, which will surely help our budget and the future of our church.

Meanwhile, since my last writing, we have enjoyed some special happenings in our parish. September began in full force with our Ministry Fair, which brought new names to our volunteer service list, along with the dedication of our new St. Bartholomew's sign in honor of Sue Winiarski. October 6th, we had a great showing of creatures large and small for our "Blessing of the Animals" complete with a photographer from the Record Newspaper who captured some great photos for the papers and website. We also had a successful Stewardship program in October as I mentioned above, that highlighted a delightful Stewardship Brunch prepared for the congregation by our Vestry members. In preparation for Thanksgiving, our last Sunday in November featured our parishioners' favorite Thanksgiving desserts. And to finish up the 2019 year, St. Bartholomew will be hosting an "Angel Tree" for Christmas gifts to children in need of our area, and our Annual Christmas Open House at the Rectory on Sunday, December 15th. I am hopeful that each of you will find it in your hearts to take a child's name, and to join in the holiday spirit and tradition of our Annual Christmas Open House celebration.

As we get closer and closer to "ringing" in a new year I wish to thank Rev. Cathie for her leadership this past year, to our loyal Sunday Service volunteers, and to each of our parishioners who have remained faithful followers to St. Bartholomew's as we continue to grow and nurture our faith through our spiritual journey.

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

Blessings to each of you,

Kathy Gabrielle, ***Warden***

QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS

Highlights from the Vestry Meetings June-October 2019

Treasurer Dave Ackerman has reported that our Operating Income is below what was budgeted due to a decrease in Sunday plate offerings; this is affecting our projected deficit for 2019. We have received a total of 29 pledges for 2020, 9 lower than the total we had for 2019; however, we have an increase of $915 above what we had last year.

Our 2019 **Farm to Table Event** had a profit of $727; about $9 less than the previous year.

The **Search Discernment Committee** presented the Vestry with the completed Parish Profile in October, which was approved by the Vestry pending the necessary corrections, before being submitted to the Diocese.

Building and Grounds: As of June 14th, the Vestry approved the hire of Bill Hughes as the church Sexton to assist in the many chores around and in the church and Rectory. As of October 1st, Bill is now also responsible for the cleaning of the church and parish hall; giving him a weekly total of 4½ days of employment.

Since our last B-Line, besides the everyday items of maintaining the church and Rectory, we have:

- Painted the outside trim to the Church and Parish Hall buildings
- Removed overgrown shrubs/bushes in the front median area.
- Trimmed the overhanging trees on the side of the parish hall area
- Installed a new St. Bartholomew's sign with new perennial garden under it
- Removed the fence at the Rectory due to its deplorable condition
- Replaced the refrigerator in the Parish Hall Kitchen due to its continued issues and age
- Tested the Rectory for possible Mold; report shows negative activity
- Installed a self-draining dehumidifier in the basement of the Rectory due to the severe dampness in that area
- Ordered a new mailbox for placement on church property after approval by Postmaster of HHK so that mail is delivered to 70 Sheridan, not the Rectory's address.
  (NOTE: The mailbox was installed in late November.)

On June 11th, 2019 the Vestry approved the updated usage fees and insurance requirements for rentals of our property; i.e. sanctuary and parish hall, which affects both parishioners and non-parishioners.

Altar Guild: After review of the cost of flowers for Sunday services vs. memorial donation pricing, it was determined the current price per memorial request stands as is. Vestry will review this again by the Annual Meeting.

Parish Life: A successful year end picnic with St. Albans happened on June 22nd, a Lay Pastoral Care Group has been formed, Lay Readers and Lector Training has been conducted for recertification of its members, Children's Ministry has completed a session on "Praying in Color," and "Coffee Christianity and Conversation" held two events during coffee hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Gabrielle - Warden

DEDICATION OF NEW SIGN

On Sunday, September 22, we dedicated our new street sign. The sign was funded by a generous bequest from the estate of Susan Troast Winiarski, in whose memory the sign was dedicated. Sue's husband Toby, acolyte Courtney Smith Taylor, and Rev. Cathie Studwell took part in the dedication.

Rev. Cathie and Toby bless the sign and the new plantings beneath it.

The sign is double-sided so it can be read by passersby from either direction. Below it is a plaque with a quotation from a letter which Sue wrote to her children.

Farm to Table

On the same day as the sign dedication, we held our second annual Farm to Table dinner. More than 40 parishioners and guests enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Fresh and Fancy, listened to music by the BBR Trio, and bid on auction items including 17 chairs hand-painted by Judy Malhotra. And the weather was perfect!

Ghada Harb welcomes the group.

Auction photos of some of Judy's beautiful chairs.

Everyone enjoyed dinner under the canopy both by day and by night.

OFFICE NOTES

By Ann Woods
Parish Administrator

Hello Everyone,
I hope all is well with you.

In the last few months Dave Ackerman and I have been decluttering the office closet. We have purged many old files to make room for new ones. Many file boxes were reorganized. Thanks to Kathy Gabrielle for shredding many no-longer-needed confidential documents. Thank you to Lisa Wysession and Judy Malhotra for sorting through the boxes of books. Many books were added to the church library. Yay!

For my 50th birthday, Judy made me one of her beautiful artwork chairs. Thank you to Judy and everyone for the many Happy Birthday wishes. Please stop by the office to see the chair.

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 1st 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.

Office Hours – Winter 2019-2020
most Mondays & Fridays from 9 am–2:30 pm
201-444-5025 or stbartshhk@aol.com

THE ANGEL CHAIR STORY

With a milestone in Ann's life coming up, we wanted to do something special for her in appreciation for all she does for St. Bart's. She is fond of angels and admired a video of the Met Opera's "Hansel and Gretel" where fourteen angels watched over the sleeping children. So our renowned chair painter, Judy Malhotra, agreed to paint a chair. But she had painted so many chairs recently that she had none left.

We were about to scrap the project, when Judy and Kathy Kamidoi took the Oasis children on a trip to the Montclair Museum of Art. As their bus rolled along, Kathy spotted two chairs on the sidewalk. After dropping everyone off at the museum, the bus driver went back and picked up the chairs!

And so, on Ann's birthday, we were pleased to present her with Judy's latest creation. She loved it!

Angel photos from 1982 "Hansel and Gretel" © The Metropolitan Opera.
Chair photos by Judy Malhotra.

Parish Life

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 26th

Join us as we review our congregational life in 2019 and work to plan for an exciting future.

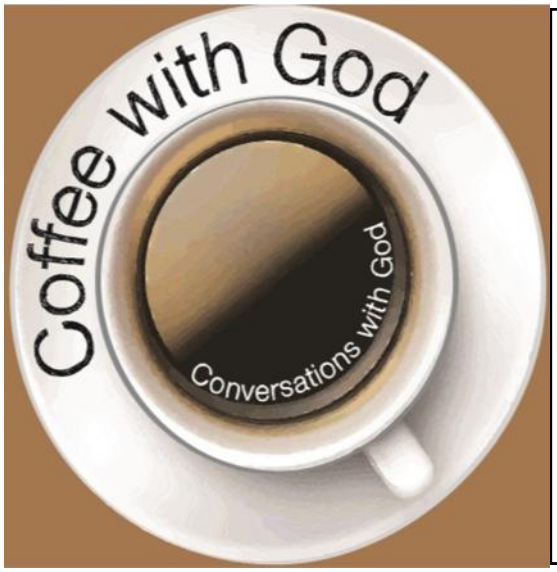
Meeting will take place after worship and brunch will be provided.

Soup Sunday

Help beat the cold winter days with warm delicious soup.

Bring your favorite soup to share and to sell to help St. Bartholomew's Ministries.

Sunday, February 2



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 second Sunday of the month, during coffee hour.

The December topic~Elizabeth & Mary in preparation. Advent Study.

Topics for future months will be announced.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

What's this? Our Parish Administrator is a rock singer? Yes, that's Ann Woods performing with *Johnny James and the East Coast Rockers*. And that's her husband Gerald on bass guitar. The venue was Waldwick's 100th anniversary picnic in September. One day the band rehearsed in Ann and Gerald's basement and she started singing along with them - and the rest is history. The band's next performance is Saturday, December 21 at the Village Grille in Waldwick.

Rev. Cathie blesses warden Kathy Gabrielle and her husband, choir member Dave, on their 35th wedding anniversary.

Peter Loder (far left foreground) was one of 21 residents of The Bristal in Woodcliff Lake who were honored on Veterans Day. Peter served from 1953 to 1961 in the Army National Guard.

Photo courtesy of The Bristal, as it appeared in Community Life.

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

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 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 or requests to the church office no later than **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15** 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 15, 3-6pm

At the Rectory, 56 Sheridan Ave.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert.

NOTICE OF OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

St. Bartholomew's **105th Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, January 26, 2020** 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 2019, and the Treasurer will present his financial report and propose a budget for 2020. We will elect delegates to the 2021 Diocesan Convention and representatives to our Convocation. We'll also accept nominations for a vacant Vestry seat. 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 26 for brunch, fellowship, and our annual meeting!

OUTREACH

Our weekly Food Drives on the first Sunday of every month are averaging about 25 bags.

Harvest Sunday brought in $725.00 and oodles of bags!

The Christmas Angel names for the children of the Ramapough Indians will be up on Sunday December 1st. If you wish to take a name you are also welcome to call the church office.

Please visit our library on the balcony of the Parish Hall. Judy Malhotra and I sorted the books to facilitate easier perusing! Categories include - Christianity, Bibles, self-help, gardening, cooking, fiction, non-fiction, art, music and the essential miscellaneous. The books are displayed in the beautiful cabinets given to the church in memory of Allison Gnerre. Donations welcome!

We continue accepting toiletries and diapers for House on the Hill, Goshen, NY. Peggy Kievit will deliver items.

All of you make all of this possible.

'Those who give cheerfully give twice - once to others, once to themselves.' - Anonymous

Outreach - Lisa Wysession

Lay Pastoral Care

The Lay Pastoral Care Ministry Team helps 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.

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.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Rev. Cathie.

St. Bartholomew's 2019 Ministry Fair

Thank you to all the ministry leaders

Welcome to all the people who chose to be a part of a ministry team.

That's putting the word into action! Thank you!

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.

Beginning Nov. 24, we will explore what Advent means to each of us.

On January 5tthe children will present their Epiphany Pageant.

From January 12~February 23 we will study Psalms and Proverbs.

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 which will continue through January.

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

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

OASIS
A HAVEN FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

A great Fall Art Program is about to finish. We see the students for 10 weeks and again for 10 weeks in the Winter.

This Fall our 6-12 year olds learned about Landscape, the Figure, Art in Haiti, and took an imaginary visit to Monet's Garden in Giverny.

They also made their annual trip to the Montclair Museum of Art where they enjoyed a docent tour of the artwork as well as a hands-on studio experience where they created masks based on the work of the currently exhibiting Native American artist, Virgil Ortiz. A second exhibit by the artist Larry Kagan was not to be believed! Impossible Shadows was the title of the exhibit and that is exactly what it was. Really worth a trip to Montclair. This show is on until Jan. 5 and the Virgil Ortiz exhibit is at the museum until June.

The Oasis students are so lovely and loving to work with. They love working with new materials to create their artwork and learning about all the amazing artists who have blessed us with beauty. We love our Saturday Mornings at Oasis!

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

Text and photos by ***Judy Malhotra***

NECROLOGY: On All Saints Sunday, November 3, the names of parishioners' loved ones were read during the service by Dave Ackerman, Rev. Cathie, and Toby Winiarski. Following the service, Rev. Cathie offered a prayer in the Memorial Garden.

Photos by Jay Studwell and Dave Ackerman

St Bartholomew's Stewardship

A Way of Giving, A Way of Living

Sharing Our Stories.

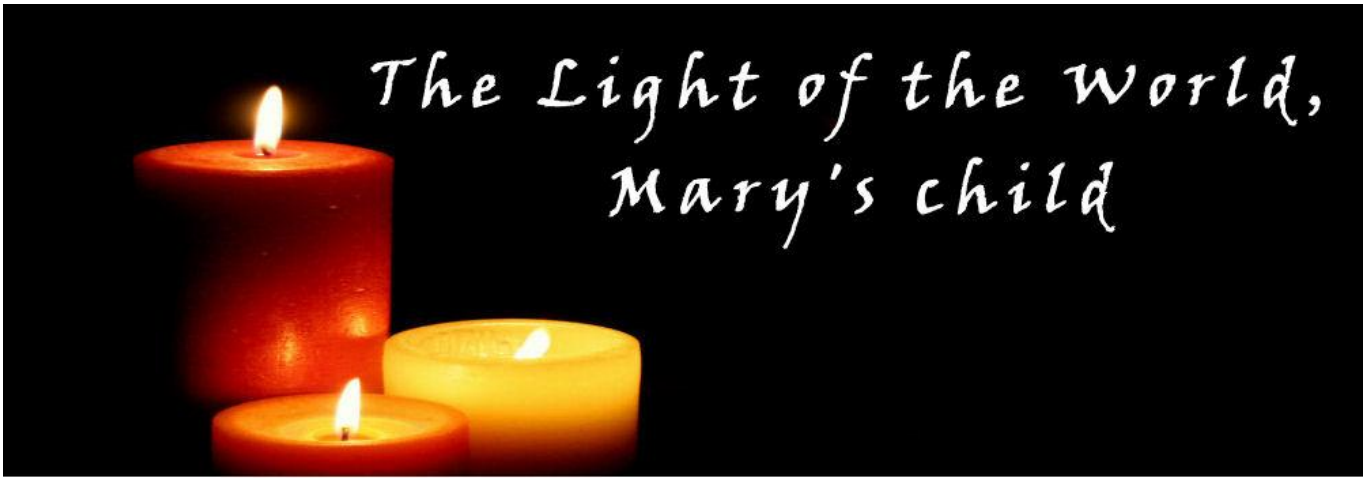
Thank you to everyone who shared their stories during our stewardship study. Whether you shared during worship, during coffee hour, or in a private conversation, you helped spread the Good News by sharing your story. When we share our joys and struggles and how God is present in them, we know we are not alone and we strengthen the Body of Christ.

Thank you to everyone who pledged and also to those who increased their pledge. Every offering of personal resources helps the vestry to plan the yearly budget and to have the necessary resources for ministry.

Stewardship doesn't end here. It is a lifelong journey. Continue to share your stories, your hopes and your dreams and together, in prayer and confidence in God, we will realize our goal of serving God in our community.

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.



Come and Share In The Advent Journey

Worship at 10 am.

Fellowship and Activities during fellowship time.

December 1-Advent Memories - Hope

December 8-Advent Potential - Love

December 15-Advent Journey - Joy

December 22-The Gift of Advent - Peace

BOOK CLUB

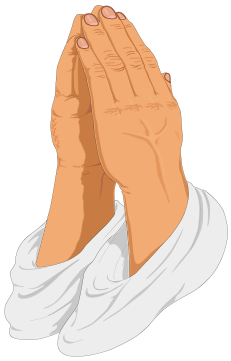
The World Religions Book Club continues to focus on The Gospel of Thomas, Christianity and Hinduism. We are reading The Bhagavad Gita and finding many connections between the sacred Hindu text and the Christian Gospels.

In December we will meet on Wednesday the 11th and the 18th at 3:15pm in the sanctuary. In January we'll meet on the 8th, 15th and 22nd. Please join us for interesting discussion and wonderful fellowship.

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, Valerie, Allen, Maryanne, Allen, Madeline, Peter, Leo, Karen, Tiffani, Mae, Peggy, Choi, Kathy, Mason, Sarah, Krishan, Toby, Donna, Rich, Rick, Helen, Pyong, John, Lydia, Judy



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.

Day of Discernment - September 29, 2018

<<<< **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.

Come Let Us Adore Him

Christmas Worship at St. Bartholomew's

December 24, Christmas Eve

4pm and 11pm

December 25, Christmas Day

10am

ALL ARE WELCOME!