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PARISH PROFILE

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Mission Statement

We, as a people of God, with a faith fully expressed in the Nicene Creed, bear witness to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ by preaching his Gospel, providing a dynamic place of worship and active pastoral counseling for as many people as possible in our greater community who desire a deeper relationship with God.



Vision Statement

At St. Bartholomew's, our vision seeks to give honor and glory to God in all that we do, guided by the words found in Philippians 4:13, "*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me*", as we move forward into our community and the world.

Our faith inspires us to open our doors to all God's children as we know that God's love is all inclusive.

As Episcopalians we are members of the Greater Anglican Community which emphasizes the power of the Holy Scriptures as our primary resource and guide for both individual and community faith practices.

We **focus** on the affirming presence of Jesus Christ in our worship and fellowship. We offer traditional Sunday Services while maintaining an open outlook to explore different approaches that support the spiritual needs of our community.

We **affirm** the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We seek to provide a ministry of hope and caring so that no member of our congregation feels isolated. Our covenant to our congregation includes:

- Visiting the ill at home or in the hospital
- Supporting those going through a life crisis
- Arranging for meals or transportation for those in need
- Maintain contact with those unable to attend church through visits, cards, and calls.

We **invite** all those seeking to know God to **Come and See** how our congregation, uses the gifts that we have been given to transform our lives, and our community, through our ministries of Outreach, Pastoral Care and Christian Education.



What We Seek in a Pastor

A person who is committed to lead a congregation of Christians to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A person who has passion and enthusiasm for the Parish and its families.

A purpose driven person whose desire is to see the Parish grow and thrive, realizing our Vision Statement.

A person with strong interpersonal skills, able to motivate parishioners to get active and take on projects. Is also active in the communities that serve our Parish.

A person with strong organizational skills, leading from a position of confidence, but always with Christian concern and humility.

A person who recognizes the general apathy in our culture to spiritual matters both inside and outside the Church and is willing to address these issues with love and understanding.

A person who sees the primary ministry of the Church to be the preaching of the gospel as expressed in John 3: 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but have eternal life".

A person who delivers intellectually challenging and thought-provoking sermons and Gospel teachings related to current events and church issues relevant to everyday life in the 21st century. We would prefer someone whose sermons leave us wanting more; truth telling life lessons that put the Gospel into the context of our daily lives.

A person motivated to create an environment where children develop a faith foundation to guide their lives.

A person who spearheads pastoral care for parishioners who are ill, shut-in, or in crisis situations, such as death, terminally ill, or with special needs.

A person who is a spiritual source of caring for seniors in our area.

A person who will be a contributing writer to St. Bartholomew's quarterly newsletter, The B-Line.

A person with a good sense of humor, energizing, warm, a good listener, and committed to stay with us a long time.

A person filled with the joy that comes from serving others.

A person who wants to be the Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church more than anything else in the world.

Our Ministries

A long-standing ministry of St. Bartholomew's is to open its doors to help serve the spiritual needs of our community. An example is that our church is open to AA groups who hold several meetings over the course of each week. We are the only local church that has welcomed the group to a large extent.

In providing a safe place for the AA to meet we have saved lives and have heard testimony to that effect.

As a parish we have learned during our discernment time that we needed to reach deep in our gifts to connect with our community's needs. As a result, St. Bartholomew's has created a community ministry utilizing the beautiful grounds we have at our rectory.

This ministry supports and welcomes the new generation in our communities that are focused on health and wellness by growing an organic, local community garden. In addition, it addresses food scarcity in our area especially when it comes to fresh and healthy vegetables since most food banks provide nonperishable food items for families in need.

We have already partnered with one of our outreach organizations Oasis (a Haven for Women and Children in Paterson, NJ) and provided them the bounty of our harvest this year.

Adding to this, we invited a Girl Scout troop from our community to take charge of a raised bed in our grounds so they can learn and enjoy harvesting what they planted and connect with God's creation in nature.

Expanding the community garden ministry further we have begun collaborating with local restaurants that are focused on providing healthy choice menu. This in turn should open awareness of St. Bartholomew's existence in the community at large which in turn will provide more outreach opportunities.

We are confident that with God's help our ministry will continue to grow further to include education and delivery of organic local vegetable options to our community and be a resource for all those that struggle with food scarcity especially healthy choice ones.

Programs

The programs that St. Bartholomew's offers provide opportunities for fellowship and education.

We have offered Sunday evening education series along with a light meal during Advent and Lent for both parishioners and residents. Some of the past programs were: "The Alpha Series, Christian Healing Ministries Levels 1,2,3, and The Cloud Townsend series, "Boundaries – How People Grow and Hiding from Love".

We have a weekly Bible Study program that this year will be focusing on the gospels. We also have a monthly conversation group that looks at different aspects of church history, scripture, and contemporary topics called Coffee, Christianity and Conversation.

We have a book exchange program for parish members to donate books or take a book.

Our "B-Line" quarterly newsletter keeps everyone informed of all that is happening at St. Bartholomew's and is distributed via e-mail and posted on our website. Copies are mailed to those who do not use electronic technology and are available at the church.

Our ministries offer parishioners the opportunity to serve in different ways. We have a dedicated Altar Guild that works to prepare for our worship service each week. Our flowers are shared each Sunday with parishioners celebrating special occasions such as birthdays and wedding anniversaries. They are also given to our parish shut ins.

The hospitality teams share their gifts of coffee and wonderful foods that nourish both body and spirit each Sunday and at other services during the year.



Ice cream social

We have a rotating monthly schedule of lay readers, acolytes, ushers, and counters, Our Children's Ministry Workshop offers children the opportunity to not only study scripture but to put it into action. Adults participate in working with our children. We share our church with a Korean congregation. The Global Community Church uses our facilities every Sunday beginning at noon. They have a worship morning service Tuesday - Friday at 5:30 am. They also have on Friday night a service and classroom teachings at 7:30 pm. We are working to have combined worship and fellowship between our two congregations, so we can learn more from each other.



Flowers from St. Bart's garden

Worship at St. Bartholomew's

St. Bartholomew's offers a service of Holy Eucharist on Sunday and healing services on the third Wednesday evening of each month as well as Thursday mornings.

- **9:45 am Sunday Healing Prayer**
Prior to the beginning of the 10:00am service, healing prayers, blessings are offered at the Altar.
- **10:00 am Sunday Service. Holy Eucharist Rite II**
The service includes communal readings from the Book of Common Prayer and Scripture. A full sermon, exchange of the peace, recognition of congregation milestones, community announcements, celebration of the eucharist followed by time for fellowship.

The service has a full choir with our organist, Soon Yeon Chung. Our choir ministers during the months of September to June. During the summer months music is provided by the organist.



Worship and ministry continue during the week.

- **10:30 am Thursday Healing Prayer Service.**
Holy Eucharist Rite II begins at 10:30am on Thursday mornings. The service includes opportunity for Healing Prayer. It is followed by a Bible Study.
- **7:30 pm Wednesday Evening Healing Prayer**
Holy Eucharist Rite II with meditation and healing prayer during the service.

- **Visiting the Sick and Shut-in**

Our Minister makes visits to parishioners who are hospitalized as well as to those who are confined to their homes and nursing homes. A CD of minister's sermon of each week service is available upon request as well as the ability for people to listen to the sermon on our website.

Special Services



Christmas Season

St. Bartholomew's has two services on Christmas Eve, one at 4:00 pm and one at 11:00 pm. The 4:00 pm service includes special performances by our Children's choir, as well as guest musicians.

We offer a Christmas Day service at 10:00 am

Ash Wednesday is observed with service in morning and evening. Both services include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. This year Rev. Cathie Studwell started a new St. Bartholomew's outreach ministry, ASHES TO GO at the Ho-Ho-Kus train station, an effort that was well received by the commuters.



Holy Week Services include:

6:30 pm Seder Supper

2:00 pm Good Friday Service.

7:30 pm Saturday Night Vigil beginning at memorial garden and proceeds to the sanctuary by candlelight.

10:00 am Easter Sunday Service.



Foot Washing on Maundy Thursday



Seder Supper

Other Special Services

September 11 Prayer Service

Blessing of the Animals

Children's Sundays

All Saints Sunday-Reading of the Necrology

Memorial Garden Prayer Service

Pentecost Sunday



Rev. Cathie blesses the animals

Outreach

The parishioners of St. Bartholomew's are committed to helping those in need.

CUMAC/ECHO (Center of United Methodist Aid to the Community/Ecumenically Concerned Helping Others). CUMAC was incorporated in 1985 as an urban mission of the United Methodist Church to serve all people in need without discrimination. Located in downtown Paterson, NJ CUMAC serves over 40,000 New Jersey residents in need. St. Bartholomew's collects food monthly and distributes it to the food pantry. On Harvest Sunday and Easter two larger food drives are donated to CUMAC.

Goshen Migrant Workers (Agri-Business Child Development). In 1972 the Sister's of St. Dominic opened The House on the Hill, a Migrant Head Start facility accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The facility educates approximately 75 children, newborn to 5 years old. We donate toiletries, dental supplies, clothing, diapers, school supplies and other essentials.

OASIS-A Haven for Women and Children. OASIS, located in Paterson, NJ is a safe place where women and children in need are educated, clothed, and fed. Several of our members volunteer in a Saturday morning art program with the children.

Ramapo Lenape Indians Christmas Gift Program. Each year, members of St. Bartholomew's donate Christmas gifts to approximately 45 children in need. The children range in age from newborn to teens.



Working with children at Oasis



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Angel Tree Christmas Gifts

Annual Activities and Fundraising

We have had an annual tradition of hosting a Bistro on a Sunday evening in October. Each year people look forward to walking into the featured country to experience themed food, music, local traditions from the country of the year and a silent auction. Countries we have featured include, Japan, France, and Italy . The proceeds help us to fund our outreach programs.



With the success of our community garden providing beautiful vegetables and flowers, we decided to host a Farm to Table Community Dinner. We partnered with a local farm that also caters organic meals as well as being committed to educating the community about local growing and planting. It was a great success. We look forward to increasing our presence in our community as a resource for stewardship of our environment and promoter of the benefits locally grown food.



Farm to Table Dinner

St. Bartholomew's and Ho-Ho-Kus-Our History

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church has a deep and long history dating back over 100 years in Ho-Ho-Kus.

Originally settled by the Leni Lenape Indians and the Dutch, Ho-Ho-Kus is rich in Revolutionary War history. Our community is home to the Hermitage, a gothic revival mansion listed as a National Historic Site. Washington, Hamilton, Lafayette, and British officers of the time were entertained at the Hermitage by its mistress, Theodosia Prevost. Aaron Burr courted her, and they were married there in 1782.

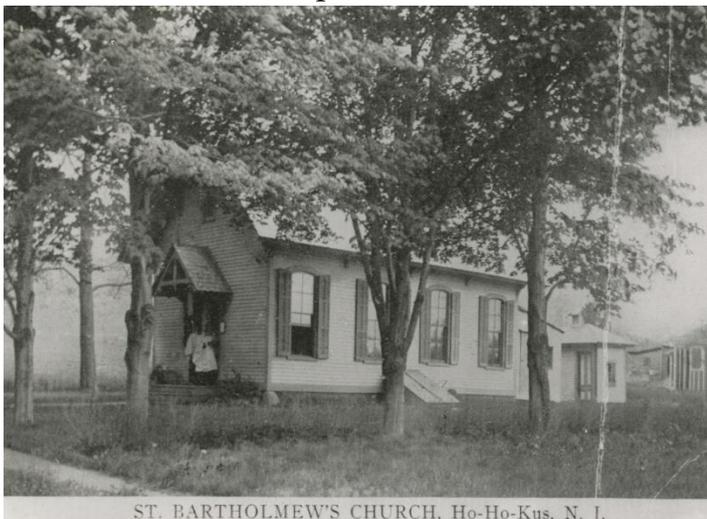
Residents today are also reminded of the town's historical past by the Ho-Ho-Kus Inn. Situated in the center of the business district, it also dates to the Revolutionary period.

People often ask, "What is the meaning of Ho-Ho-Kus?". From our town website, "As is the case with many names of Indian origin, there can be many interpretations."

- It is an Indian word for running water.
- It means cleft in the rock or under hollow rock.
- It comes from the Hohokes signifying the whistle of the wind against the bark of trees.
- It is named from the Chihohokies Indians whose Chief lived here.

Over the years, many changes have taken place at St. Bartholomew's Church.

In 1904 the "little schoolhouse", unused since 1880, on Hollywood Avenue became St. Bartholomew's Chapel, a mission of Christ Church, Ridgewood. In 1914 Bishop Edwin



ST. BARTHOLMEW'S CHURCH, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.

Lines gave his consent to the establishment of St. Bartholomew's Church, an exciting venture for 53 supportive families.

A donation of land, in 1927, on Sheridan Avenue, the present site, motivated the building of a Parish House in 1930. Even though the parish suffered financial losses during the depression, the congregation was able to add to the physical presence of the Parish by purchasing a rectory on Hollywood Place in 1942.

In 1948 the old "schoolhouse" was moved to the Sheridan Avenue site and became the nave and narthex, seating 80, in a unified single unit structure. A sanctuary and chapel were added to the church and a parish house unit at the same time.

The 1950s brought new congregants and expansion. The nave was enlarged to seat 187, the old church and sanctuary were rebuilt, a sacristy was added, and eight church school classrooms were added to the parish house. In 1959 the church office was redesigned, and eight more classrooms were constructed. In 1967 the parish house and kitchen were modernized, and new church windows were added. The facilities were further enhanced with the acquisition of a new pipe organ. In 1980 and 2018 the parish hall underwent a full window replacement.

St. Bartholomew's has owned four different rectories over the course of time. The current rectory, located next door to the church, was purchased in 1997. Recently, it has undergone renovation and updated work including refinishing the wood floors to prepare it for our next Rector. The grounds of the rectory have a vegetable and floral garden with areas that offer time for private reflection. The large back yard provides opportunities for play and gatherings of family, friends and parishioners.

St. Bartholomew's had had nine rectors over its 103-year history. Our most recent rector was with us for 33 years. Many members of our congregation were children when Rev. Dan Kreller began his ministry at St. Bartholomew's.

One of our rectors, The Rev. Judson Child, Jr. became the Suffragan Bishop then Diocesan Bishop in the Diocese of Atlanta. He also served as the Chancellor of the University of the South, his Alma Matter.

For a more extensive history of St. Bartholomew's please go to our web-site history page.

Our Neighborhood

Youngsters in Ho-Ho-Kus can either attend the local K-8 grammar school, parochial or private schools. Parents wishing to have their children attend public high school, would go to neighboring Northern Highlands Regional High School located in Allendale, NJ. Northern Highlands is a top-rated high school. Both school systems are commended for their programs by the New Jersey State Department of Education.

Health care facilities in the area include Valley Hospital in neighboring Ridgewood, New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus, Hackensack Meridian Healthcare in Hackensack, Pascack Valley Medical Center located in Westwood as well as local nursing homes.

Ho-Ho-Kus is home to several worshipping communities.

They include St. Bartholomew's Episcopal, St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church and the Community Church (Reformed Church in America), and the Global Korean Church.

Ho-Ho-Kus has several civic and community organizations. They include, the garden club, chamber of commerce, women's club, VFW post, boy and girl scout troops, and senior citizens club.



Who We Are

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is a parish that is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, located in the historic town of Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey. Ho-Ho-Kus is a small suburban town, approximately one square mile, with a population of nearly 5,000. Our town was named the number one town to live in the State of New Jersey, by New Jersey Monthly Magazine, in 2011 and then again in 2017.



Ho-Ho-Kus is in the northwest part of Bergen County, approximately 25 miles northwest of New York City. Bergen County is one of the most densely populated counties in the State of New Jersey because of its proximity and easy access to New York City. A segment of the population is continuously in transit as large companies transfer their employees to and from the area. Bus and train service provide easy access to New York City. The area served by the

Parish is suburban and mostly residential. Median income and education levels are well above average. A substantial portion of the working population commutes to New York City, while the remainder is engaged in local businesses.

St. Bartholomew's attracts a considerable number of parishioners from eight to ten towns in the surrounding area. We have 110 families in our congregation and approximately 45 percent are active. As with many other churches both in our community and nationwide, one of the goals that St. Bartholomew's has is to expand our active congregation.

We have a strong commitment to outreach. Our outreach includes food and clothing for the Ramapough Indians, monthly food donations to CUMAC, Community United Methodist Aid to Communities in the Paterson, New Jersey area, as well as clothing donations and toiletries to migrant worker families in Goshen NY. We support the twelve-step community of Alcoholics Anonymous, offering ten meetings in our parish hall each week. We are also a resource center for those in our town in need of food or shelter.

Although we are a modest-sized congregation, our members have collaborated on many events. For over 10 years we hosted an annual Bistro Night, our largest fund-raiser. This year we changed our focus and hosted a Farm to Table Community Dinner. We rely on teamwork to make it happen, tapping our strengths such as artistic creativity, hustle, organization ... and a love for good food and drink.

The property, church, rectory and grounds of St. Bart's is beautiful and in an outstanding location. Our members take pride in this, tending to our Memorial Garden and having a community vegetable garden that members donate plants and their time to each week.



St. Bartholomew's is committed to the importance of communicating with our members in different ways. With its quarterly newsletter, "The B-Line", Parish Facebook page, website, monthly St. Bartholomew's "Happenings" bulletin inserts, and weekly e-mail updates, we seek to use traditional and more modern methods to keep people informed of events and activities.

Buildings and Grounds

St. Bartholomew's Church is located in the center of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, considered one of the most desirable communities in New Jersey, by *NJ MAGAZINE* in 2017. The Church and the Rectory are situated on approximately 8 acres between Sheridan and Sycamore Avenues. There are ample parking spaces in both the front and rear of the church. The church interior includes the Sanctuary and a Parish Hall. The Parish Hall (*right*) contains a stage, two upper balconies, two upper storage rooms and two meeting rooms, three lower classrooms and two lower storage rooms, full size kitchen and men's and women's bathrooms.



The historic Rectory (*right*) is separate and situated to the south of the church. The Rectory includes 4 bedrooms, (3 upstairs and 1 on the main floor), dining room, kitchen, laundry room and living room. Recent upgrades include a new rear outside deck, refinished wood floors, new window treatments and new carpeting in bedrooms and stairs. There is a detached garage with a small work room. The Rectory has a lovely large "park like" backyard.



Finances

The chart below provides a summary of St. Bartholomew's Income and Expenses for the fiscal year ended 2018 as well as budgeted projections for the current year (2019).

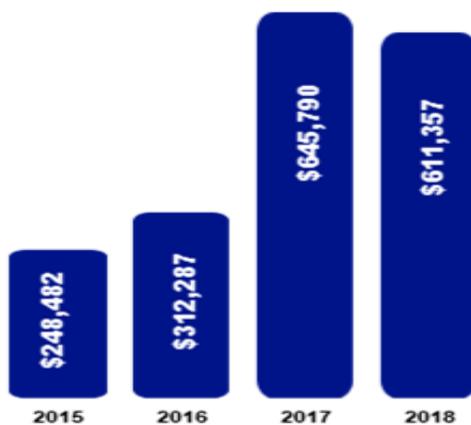
2018 Finances (actual)		2019 Budget
Total Income:		
Pledge payments	157,177	140,000
Plate offerings	6,905	7,500
Investments	25,482	21,000
Fundraising	367	5,275
Other	651	1,200
Outside group's use of facilitie	35,155	36,050
Total Income:	225,737	211,025
Operating Expenses		
Clergy related	28,641	36,550
Music programs	1,479	1,400
Miscellaneous Parish Office	5,287	4,900
Church Building & Grounds	72,570	49,700
Parish programs	23,325	19,938
Payroll (Rector, Admin, Choir)	83,964	116,000
	215,266	228,488
NET OPERATING INCOME	10,471	-17,463

During this past year, parish income and expenses began to crystallize as we welcomed Reverend Cathie Studwell in her full-time interim role. In the chart at left, we project a modest operating deficit of \$17,463 for 2019, with several offsetting "adds and takeaways". For example, we expect our spending on building and grounds to moderate as we come off the prior year's significant spending on capital improvements (notably the replacement of windows in our Parish Hall), offset by our

anticipated increase in expenses for Payroll costs as we moved from "Supply Clergy" to a full time rector. On the income side, while we have projected a decline in pledge payments over last year, this was offset to some degree by the larger than projected income derived from our investments (4-year investment chart below). We remain committed to initiatives which we believe will attract new members and new sources of income as we work hard to offer a full and rewarding parish life to both existing parish members as well as our community. The vestry is committed to prudent financial management within our parish and we are optimistic that our new leadership will succeed in our efforts to return to a positive annual income.

St. Bartholomew's invested assets

Chart shows the year end value of invested assets
In St. Bartholomew's Fund and Capital Fund



Regarding the balance sheet, we continue to benefit from the generous financial bequest of a former parishioner which has considerably strengthened St. Bartholomew's financial foundations.

We are confident of our financial stability and the prudent management of such finances of both fixed (land & building) and current (cash and invested) assets to support our ongoing congregational and financial commitments.

In the current environment where so many parishes of modest size and means find themselves challenged with strained financial circumstances, St. Bartholomew's has been singularly blessed to be on such a relatively firm financial footing.

Come and See



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