

# St. Bartholomew's Church

## CALENDAR - FALL 2020

The COVID-19 restrictions have created major changes in our activities. The following schedule is subject to change at any time. Please see our website, Facebook page, or weekly email reminders for updates.

### **Sundays, 10:00 AM**

Sept. 6	On-Line via Zoom and Facebook with Coffee
Sept. 13	In-Person and On-Line via Zoom and Facebook
Sept. 20	On-Line via Zoom and Facebook with Coffee
Sept. 27	In-Person and On-Line via Zoom and Facebook
Oct. 4	In-Person and On-Line via Zoom and Facebook
Oct. 11	On-Line via Zoom and Facebook with Coffee
Oct. 18	In-Person and On-Line via Zoom and Facebook
Oct. 25	On-Line via Zoom and Facebook with Coffee
Nov. 1	In-Person and On-Line via Zoom and Facebook
Nov. 8	On-Line via Zoom and Facebook with Coffee
Nov. 15	In-Person and On-Line via Zoom and Facebook
Nov. 22	On-Line via Zoom and Facebook with Coffee
Nov. 29	In-Person and On-Line via Zoom and Facebook

### **Sundays, Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 22**

Adult Formation: The Fruit of the Spirit (see page 8)

### **3rd Sunday of each month (except July and August)**

11:30 AM Vestry Meeting (via Zoom)

**Sunday, Oct. 4** 11:00 AM Blessing of the Animals (see page 8)

**Saturday, Oct. 17** 10:00 AM Celebration of New Ministry (see page 4)

**Sunday, Nov. 1** 10:00 AM All Saints Day - Reading of the Necrology

**Saturdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 31, Nov. 28.** Future dates to be determined.

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Drive (see page 13)



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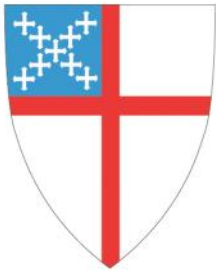
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## B-LINE

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### Rev. Cathie's Reflections

The ancient Hebrews knew the importance taking time to relax, time to refrain from all daily chores. To define this sacred time free from usual work the ancient Hebrews established a holy day and named it "the Sabbath".

The word "Sabbath" comes from the Hebrew meaning "cease" or "stop." God commanded people to cease from their labor, so they could rest, refresh, and rejuvenate. He had set people free from slavery in Egypt and as children of God, they were no longer bound to work like slaves. God gave people the gift of rest, a day to cease from working, to honor God and to care for their body, mind, and spirit.

Since God included the Sabbath in the 10 Commandments, we should honor the 4th commandment to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Inside this commandment itself we find two compelling reasons:

The first part of the command-

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ment found in Exodus 20:8 says "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy" which means, intentionally commit to dedicate time for God. The second part is found in verse 11, "The Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." When we set aside time to rest and to worship God, we are blessed because we are free from distractions, and can hear God speak to us. This time of rest honors the Lord.

What did Jesus say about the Sabbath? In the Gospel of Mark (2:27) we read "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." What I believe he meant was that we do not have to live by a set of rigid rules regarding the sabbath. It is a gift to us to use in a way that works best for us. Traditionally, Christian Sabbath is observed on Sundays beginning with worship and extending into the day. As wonderful as this is, it is not always available for everyone based upon work schedules. Sunday might not work for everyone, but that does not mean that the gift of sabbath is then to be put on a shelf in a closet while saying, I hope to unpack that gift someday.

With each passing generation the demands of life have

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increased and time for rest and reflection has gotten less and less. Perhaps today's trend of online working from home makes setting aside time to rest even more difficult, yet more important than ever. For physical health and spiritual well-being, we need rest. Rest refuels and re-energizes us to work more effectively later. When we are rested physically, we deal better with stress and busy schedules. When we take time to refuel spiritually, we are better equipped to deal with challenges and trials that will always be part of our lives.

Sabbath time also helps to put our lives in perspective and discern what we want to do with our time. "What are my priorities?" "Are my choices in line with my faith?" "What is my life's mission?"

Sabbath time is the Mary part of the Mary and Martha story found in Luke 10:38-42. *"As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'"* "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed – or indeed only one. **Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.**" Mary's choice of sabbath time was to spend it at the feet of Jesus being fed by his word and his love. In choosing to be in Jesus' presence Mary was showing what was profoundly important to her.

What Mary's story shows us is **If we want a day of rest, we have to create it.** We will have to value it enough to carve it out of our busy lives even though there will be many distractions from people and projects that will tempt us to store the gift in the closet.

Some of you might be wondering why I chose this topic to write about. I have just returned from a wonderful gift of two weeks rest, reflection, and lots of fun at the Jersey Shore, in Ocean Grove. We have been part of the Ocean Grove family for the past 15 years and each time we are there I find it a place where I can hear God speak to me even over the crashing of the waves. Most days we woke to a beautiful sunrise, spent at least half the day on the beach and enjoyed evening walks on the boardwalk listening to the music of the waves in what our family calls 'night beach.'

It took about four days until I was "in the zone", another family phrase meaning that I detached from the business of daily life and fully immersed in vacation time. One of the reasons it took a little longer than normal to have that wonderful vacation release was that I had ignored my own sabbath practices recently because of the overwhelming events of the past six months including the COVID-19 pandemic, the news of horrible violent acts and social unrest that we have all witnessed. Trying to manage life, work, family, emotions, and children in remote learning experiences, I felt that I had little time for my own sabbath. God spoke to me about this while on the beach, reminding me that even in all the confusion and chaos, **I still have a choice. God was and is right!** I re-dedicated myself to my sabbath practices.

My dear St. Bartholomew's family, here are two things that I know. First, we are in incredibly stressful times and these challenges will probably be with us for some time to come. Second, we are still called to worship, pray, minister and to live into our call as co-heirs and co-creators with Jesus. To do what God calls us to do we need to be ready and rested. Rest does not mean sitting in front of the television. Rest means dedicating specific intentional time to be with God, to let God heal and energize each one of us. *(continued)*

Rest means seeking spiritual direction or time with a mental health professional to help guide us through rocky waters. Rest means being quiet, enjoying the beauty of creation and letting the love of God surround you.

There are many things that we will be working on in the months and years ahead. I thank all the people who are accepting the call to join the teams and are praying and developing aspects of our identity that will boldly proclaim what people can **Come and See** at St. Bartholomew's. There are other teams that we will be forming in the fall, each with a specific purpose that will help us grow our church family in-person and virtually. I pray that each one of you can join a team because we all have gifts to offer for the work of the body of Christ. God needs YOU and to say YES, we need to be rested and ready.

It seems to me that no matter how we Christians work out the specifics of when we receive the gift of sabbath each week, the teaching of Jesus about the purpose of the Sabbath is especially important today. In a world so busy, where electronic communication invades every moment, where people are running ragged and trying to balance many things at one time, we need to receive the gift of rest. We need to set aside time on a regular basis to stop our normal activity so that we might enjoy God and his good gifts. Whether our Sabbath is Sunday or another day, we can trust God to bless our time of rest and make us effective when we return to work.

*May God Bless us on our journey together—Love, Rev. Cathie*



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



Beginning in September we will be studying the **Gospel of John**. Along with a deep dive into the text itself we will explore the differences between John and the synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Meetings will be held virtually and in-person when possible. A schedule will be released after Labor Day.

### **Confirmation Class Begins**

We will have a confirmation class studying for their 2021 confirmation. We met twice during the summer. During our second meeting we discussed Genesis 1:11-14 and 20-26. As we reflected on these selected parts of God's creation story, we also prepared gift bags that were given to our neighbors. The bags had vegetables and herbs from our garden.



**Save The Date**  
**Saturday- 10:00am**  
**October 17, 2020**



*St Bartholomew's  
Celebration  
of New Ministry*

**Bishop Carlye J. Hughes will come to  
St. Bartholomew's to give us her blessing  
as we launch our new ministry together.**

**More information to follow  
and the service will be on-line.**

## **QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS**

### ***Highlights from the Vestry Meeting May 2020***

***(No meetings in July and August; June will be reported after minutes are approved in September)***

#### **Treasurer:**

Dave Ackerman informed the Vestry that our Operating Income is down due to less revenue received this past month. Parishioners are continuing to make their pledge payments during this pandemic period. Our investments did recover about \$32,000 from last month. With the Search Discernment Committee only using \$520 from their budget, the savings will help our end of year balance.

#### **Community Garden:**

May 23<sup>rd</sup> is planting day; markers will be placed where plants should go. Rev. Cathie has purchased “gift bags” to be filled with our garden’s herbs and presented to our church neighbors.

#### **Outreach:**

Once a month “drive-up” food donation dates through August have been set for Oasis contributions.

#### **Rector’s Report:**

We have three young people for our Confirmation Class: Emma Hood, Eve Kamidoi and Matthew Studwell. All our Zoom meetings have been going well, including the daily morning prayer, Friday Happy Hours, Children’s Ministry Workshops, and our Sunday Services.

#### **Other Vestry News**

- Rev. Cathie is assisting the Vestry in investigating the on-line giving website of Vanco, so that we can offer this to our parishioners as an alternate for giving.
- Our Wardens, Kathy and Michael, will review the information needed to apply, and then proceed with the application for the Diocese Loan which is being offered; the max being \$10,000.
- Michael Gnerre is still researching the Government’s “Personal Protection Program” loan for our parish.
- Mari Kamidoi has begun to clean up the garden area of the Rectory for the Pollination Garden she is planning to do for her Girl Scout project.
- On behalf of the Memorial Garden Committee, Allen DeNiar is seeking a quote for the repair work needed to the side memorial garden from Allan Bellezza Contracting. This repair is needed for safety issues.
- The Vestry is looking to rent the Rectory to a “nonprofit person or business.” We will be seeking the help of the Diocese for possible renters.
- The Vestry will be reviewing the current Vestry Term Limits now that we have a Rector in place. Changes will have to be made at our January Annual Meeting since some members’ terms will expire.

**Respectfully submitted by Kathy Gabrielle, Warden and Recording Secretary**

**OFFICE NOTES**

By Ann Woods  
Parish Administrator



Hello Everyone,

I hope all is well with you and your loved ones! We are fine here.

Regular office hours have been restored to Monday & Friday mornings.

The transition of Rev. Cathie from Interim to Rector has been quite smooth for the office.  
We are grateful to have her with us.

We are looking into replacing the office computer since it is having technical difficulties and is over 10 years old.

Donations

As Rev. Cathie describes on the following page, we are now receiving electronic donations through VANCO. It is working quite well.

If you would like to join in, you can find the link on the church website, **www.stbartshhk.com**.

At the top of the home page, click on "Pledge-Donate." On the next page, click on "Pledge-Donation-Offering." On the next page, you can create your online profile, or if you've already done that, you can log in with your email address and password.

Then you can make a one-time regular contribution or a donation to the fund of your choice, or set up an automatic weekly or monthly donation. It's easier than it may sound!

Fundraising

The Community Thrift Shop is open to receive clothing donations only. They would like them in white trash bags or paper shopping bags. Thank you.

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.  
Thank you for your donations.

**Church Office Hours – Fall 2020**  
most Mondays & Fridays from 9 am–2 pm  
201-444-5025 or [stbartshhk@aol.com](mailto:stbartshhk@aol.com)

Please call before coming  
and don't forget a mask!

**How can I donate to St. Bartholomew's? There are several ways:**

- In person at a Sunday service (see the schedule on the inside front cover)
- Drop in the mailbox in front of the Parish Hall.....
- Mail to St. Bartholomew's Church, 70 Sheridan Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423
- Donate on line (see next page)







## Keeping your pledge/giving payments up to date is EASY!

Thank you to everyone for their pledge and gift donations to our church. It is these contributions

that keep the ministry of St. Bartholomew's alive. We now offer electronic giving as an additional way to contribute financially to the life of our church. Electronic giving offers convenience for members and friends and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

This additional way to give does not replace traditional methods such as writing a check and mailing it to the church or giving your check when you come to in-person worship. If you want to use electronic giving, the option is now available. If not, continue to donate in the way that works best for you.

### Some of the benefits of electronic giving include:

**Direct Debit Giving** is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

**Credit & Debit Card Giving** allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

**Online Giving** allows you to go to our website, [www.stbartshhk.com](http://www.stbartshhk.com) and click on the link at the top, **pledge donate**, at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

- As you contemplate future contributions, and if you do choose electronic giving, please know, just as it takes the cost of a stamp to mail your contribution, there is a cost for the electronic giving service. If you can include the cost in your contribution that will ensure we receive the entire amount you want to donate.
- 30¢ per transaction plus 2.5% for credit cards
- 30¢ per transaction plus 0.5% for ACH charges (from your checking account)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Cathie



# Adult Formation at St. Bartholomew's



Join us for discussions on the Fruit of the Spirit

Sunday-September 6-**Peace**

Sunday-October 11-**Patience**

Sunday-November 22-**Kindness**

Weekly study guides are sent out between discussion weeks. If you are not receiving them please email Rev. Cathie ([cms962@gmail.com](mailto:cms962@gmail.com))



**Save the Date-  
October 4, 11am**

**Drive By Blessing-**

**Bring your animal babies to the drive way in the front of church. Stay in the car; blessings will come to you!**



The front of each bag has a famous artwork along with the name of the artist, medium used, and date it was created. A little Art History! Inside are three easy to follow lesson plans and all the materials needed to successfully complete them.

We had a fun day putting them all together. Gail Fayerweather, Joan Lupardo, Peggy Kievit and Judy got to have a much needed "safe distance" socialization day.

Thanks to your generous contributions of art supplies for the children at Oasis, we were able to put together 32 Art Bags.



The children at Oasis will not be receiving their bags until September when they will once again be coming to an after school program that the center provides. Joan and I, along with two other teachers we work with at

Oasis, will be giving the students Virtual Art Lessons as part of their academic program. Oasis provides, now more than ever before, a necessary supplement to the childrens' learning. Along with their academic studies, we will be giving them an enrichment program that they would otherwise not have. If you think it's difficult to Virtual learn where we all live, just imagine what it must be like for the children of Paterson. In most of the families that Oasis services, English is a second language and many of the parents don't speak any English, so how are they able to help their children with Math, Science, English, etc. when they can't even read the work packets that are sent home?

So a very big thank-you to our St. Bartholomew's Family for caring and providing, along with the monthly food drive, these wonderful supplies that will help these children go as far as their imaginations will take them!

Lots of Blessings,  
**Judy & Joan**

*Photos by Judy Malhotra*



Judy and I have designed and painted Adirondack chairs for Oasis with the afternoon girls' program for the past 4 years to be auctioned at the Oasis Gala. This year due to COVID-19 we were asked to think of a theme and paint it on our own.

Thinking back on a remark Judy made about a Country song she had heard titled "You can't be a Beacon if your Light Don't Shine," I used a photo of the Barnegat Lighthouse and a theme based on the song title. I sketched it out on the chair image and Judy made the templates, transferred the image onto the chair and painted the entire chair!

*Text and photos by Joan Lupardo*



## Our brand new pollinator garden is planted and ready for visitors.

The St. Bartholomew's pollinators garden is planted and in bloom. Mari Kamidoi's Gold Award Project Planting for Pollinators addresses the issue of pollinator depletion and aims to involve the community in preserving pollinators whose numbers are declining worldwide. Project supervisors at the New Jersey Audubon Society helped Mari identify plants that would be sustainable in a garden for pollinators.

Members of the congregation and Rev. Cathie Studwell planned with Mari for the garden. On planting day, a small team of Ho-Ho-Kus Girl Scouts planted the garden while social distancing.

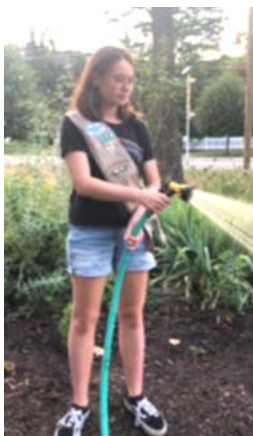
In addition to the garden, Mari created the [preservepollinators.com](https://preservepollinators.com) website to help educate community members by introducing the garden virtually and by encouraging others to come and visit the garden site at St. Bartholomew's. The website included outreach to community children by fostering connections with nature through drawing pictures of pollinators. Members of our Children's Ministry Workshop are among the website's contributors.

The garden was recently certified as an **official wildlife habitat** by the National Wildlife Federation and presented with an official sign.

Mari welcomes everyone to visit the garden. ***"I love being able to share this garden with my community and foster care for the environment. See goldenrod, coneflowers, and milkweed plants in bloom with different pollinators buzzing and flying around."*** -Mariko

If you are in the area, stop by and take a look. It is next to the rectory, on the left side when looking at the front. If you would like a virtual tour please go to the garden web-site <https://preservepollinators.com/>.

*Mari Kamidoi*



*Photos provided  
by Mari Kamidoi*

### Our Community Garden

We managed to create a community garden with social distancing and weeding teams. However, we have had some additional challenges - aphids, lace beetles, tomato blight and a groundhog!

Our crop of peppers and eggplants are still thriving as well as the herbs. We have lots and lots of basil! Please feel free to come and pick - the more you cut the better they grow.



We were also visited by some other creatures - four baby bunnies were found in a mulch pile in the backyard. After several phone calls we were directed to the local bunny expert. She gave us instructions and a bunny lecture! Judy was vigilant - checking their eyes and bellies daily, and by the third week in August the mother had moved them. No doubt they'll soon be eating our veggies!

*“Speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee.” Job 12:8*

**Lisa Wyession,  
Garden Team**

*Photos by Judy Malhotra*



Several times a month Judy issues “Greetings from the Garden,” an illustrated report on the latest garden activities. If you are not already receiving this by email, please contact Rev. Cathie to be put on the mailing list. [cms962@gmail.com](mailto:cms962@gmail.com).

### OUR ETCHED SANCTUARY WINDOWS

Have you ever sat in our Chancel, Sanctuary and Nave areas, looked up at our beautiful etched windows and wondered about their meaning? You do not have to wonder any more. By the gracious donation of Kathy and Dave Gabrielle, and Evie and Tony Gabrielle, each of the windows now has a beautifully depicted framed description.

In 1959 when these windows were installed and donated to the church, the church had a booklet produced and distributed to the parishioners on the meaning of each window. Going by this booklet, the descriptions for each were easy to describe for all to know. We invite you to come and see, and to learn of the history of these beautiful windows.

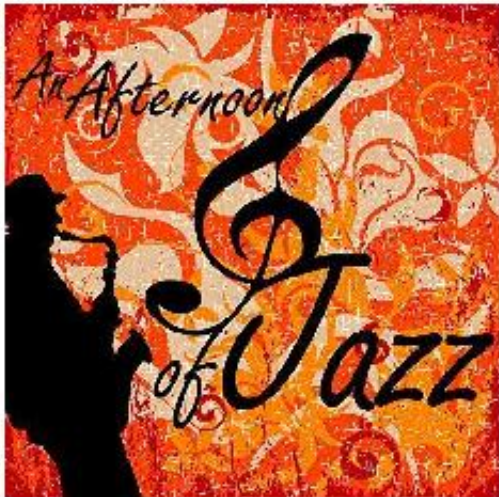
*Text and photos by Kathy Gabrielle*





## Join us in 2021 and we will have some FUN!

As we journey through these uncertain times, it is hard to set dates for fundraising events. Our planning team is working to do all the preparation that we can in the months ahead so when the time is right, we will be able to host these two events. Please hold us in prayer as we plan for these two future events. As it becomes safe to gather in large crowds, we will announce dates. Remember to check our website and Facebook page for details.



Afternoon of Jazz  
Concert  
and  
Backyard Bistro



## OUTREACH

We have continued our supervised monthly food drives for Oasis. We thank all the volunteers who directed traffic!

Michael and Rita Gnerre and Allen De Niar were among the volunteers on July 25; Allen again brought his truck; Keyanna donated art supplies; we added to the day's contributions at Abma's.



Photos by (left to right) Cathie Studwell, Dave Ackerman, Judy Malhotra and Allen De Niar - a team effort!  
"Teamwork makes the dream work!"



After the collection, Linda and Allen delivered a full truckload of food as well as art supplies (see page 9) and toiletries via the drop off site at Abma's Farm in Wyckoff. We thank everyone who graciously donated.

Our collections for Sister Jean in Goshen are on hold hopefully to restart as soon as safely possible. We are planning to distribute herbs to the community but unfortunately no tomatoes to accompany them.

*"We can but press on, guided by the best light He gives us, trusting that in His own good time, and wise way, all will yet be well."* Abraham Lincoln - Message to Congress, 1862

**Lisa Wysession**

### **St. Bartholomew's Church-Whether In-Person or On-Line, You are Welcome Here...Come and See**

After twenty weeks of conducting Sunday morning worship services via Zoom and Facebook Live, Rev. Cathie offered the opportunity to worship at in-person services in our church building.

Following State and Diocesan rules, our in-person attendance is limited to 25% of capacity (about 45 persons). For now, there are no printed bulletins (we have a screen to project the bulletin on) seating is only in every third pew with one family unit per pew, and of course face masks are required.

The Sunday in-person services are held twice a month, alternating between Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, and are conducted by the Celebrant, Organist, Lector and Usher. They are also available via Zoom and Facebook, as are the services on the other Sundays. Please see the schedule on the inside front cover.

*Jay Studwell projects the worship text on the screen.*

*Rev. Cathie prepares the Eucharist and serves Amy Konzelmann.*





*Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. Ecclesiastes 4:9*

*Pray About How God Is Calling You To Serve*



**Community Garden    Social Media**

**Worship    Fundraising**

**Planning    Marketing**

**Parish Life    Pastoral Care**

*Share the gifts that God has given to you  
by helping us plan for our future*

*Contact Rev. Cathie for more information*

## JUNE MONTGOMERY

On the 13th of June, 2020 Doreen June Montgomery (nee Barr) passed away peacefully at Mill Gardens, Midland Park, NJ from natural causes.

Born on the 20th of March, 1929 to Henry William Barr and Maisie Hamilton-Barr (nee Littlewood) in Nasik near Bombay, India, June left India as a young girl, moving to Australia and then England where she and her family survived the bombings of the London blitz before moving back to India, eventually returning to Britain in the early 1950s. She completed training to become a radiographer at the Middlesex Hospital in London, where one of her career highlights was treating the former King Edward, the Duke of Windsor.



*Photo from Fiona McNamara*

As part of her recuperation after recovering from tuberculosis contracted from a patient, she travelled by ship to New Zealand, where she met and married her first husband, Robert Aubrey Stuart Miller. Together they emigrated to the United States where they had two children, Jeremy David Stuart Miller and Fiona Louise McNamara and bought a home in Ho-Ho-Kus where she lived for almost 50 years. An avid gardener with an especially green thumb, June's flower gardens were her pride and joy and were much admired by the neighborhood.

Before her retirement, she worked initially as a radiographer in Ridgewood and later as a Real Estate agent throughout Bergen County. June was an active member of the Ho-Ho-Kus Women's Club for many years as well as a long time parishioner at St. Bartholomew's Church.

In 1998 she married Dr. Charles Montgomery, a long-term educator of Ridgewood, NJ, with whom she spent many happy years traveling, attending operas and operating a successful SAT Prep and Study Skills program until his passing in 2009.

June is survived by the children of her first marriage and by grandchildren Emma, Eliza, and Hannah McNamara of Mahwah, NJ, Philip and Jason Miller of California, Ngaio Miller of Australia, along with five great-grandchildren as well as nephews, nieces and cousins in the USA, the UK and Australia.

A service of remembrance will be held at St Bartholomew's at a date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [act.alz.org/donate](http://act.alz.org/donate).

*Fiona McNamara*

## THE SIDE MEMORIAL GARDEN REPAIR

Our lovely Memorial Garden, which holds the remains of many loyal parishioners and their families, is now over twenty years old and has been in need of maintenance. The church was able to hire Allan Bellezza Contracting to repair the needed issues, which included pavers and retaining wall repairs. One major issue was the re-setting of the paver steps down into the memorial garden itself, which was considered a safety issue.



We invite you to come and see and to sit in the beauty of this garden.

**Kathy Gabrielle**

*Photos by Kathy Gabrielle  
and Allen De Niar*



## ISABELLE LaMONT

Isabelle Jerahian Pabian LaMont passed away peacefully at her Ho-Ho-Kus home on May 27, 2020 at age 93. Born in Paterson, NJ, Isabelle was a graduate of NYU and also attended Montclair University. A music educator, she taught in Haledon, Hawthorne, and at Seton Hall University, William Paterson University, and her home in Ho-Ho-Kus. She was an organist and choir director at St. Leon's Armenian Church and Cedar Cliff Methodist Church in Haledon, NJ.

Isabelle was a long-time parishioner at St. Bartholomew's Church where she sang in the choir and played the piano at Thursday morning healing services. She was a member of the Paterson Lyric Opera Theatre where she sang many leading mezzo-soprano roles.

Isabelle was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She lived and enjoyed Jesus like a Best Friend and trusted him and spoke of him that way too. She lived with the joy of Jesus in her heart every day.



*A 1999 reunion of three Paterson Lyric Opera Theatre veterans: Armen Boyajian, founder and musical director; Isabelle Pabian, mezzo-soprano; and Paul Plishka, who went on to be one of the world's leading operatic basses.*

She is survived by her husband Peter Loder, her beloved sister, Dorothy Simister, daughter Janet Saunders and husband Bill, son Jim Pabian and wife Linda, daughter Jennifer Laterra and husband Dean, and daughter Nancy and husband Michael O'Brien, as well as five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews and precious friends.

Due to the health crisis, a memorial service to celebrate Isabelle's life will be held at a later date. The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Community Bible Study, 790 Stout Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80921. <https://www.communitybiblestudy.org/giving/>

## DONATIONS TO OUR MEMORIAL GARDEN

On the previous page you read about the repairs to our Memorial Garden. The garden now will be set for many more years, and Kathy Gabrielle invites you to come and see. Sit and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

To insure the continued beauty and maintenance of our Memorial Garden, we are asking for donations to the Memorial Garden Fund. On page 6 you can learn how to donate. Please be sure to mark your check, or specify your on-line donation, for "Memorial Garden."

The Memorial Garden Committee of St. Bartholomew's Church thanks you for your continued support.

Allen De Niar, Chairman  
Mike Egbert Pam Miller  
Peggy Kievit Scott Wolff



### MY FRIEND ISABELLE

Isabelle LaMont lived and breathed music, especially opera. In the 1950s and 1960s, as Isabelle Pabian, she sang leading mezzo-soprano roles including Carmen (every mezzo's dream) at Paterson Lyric Opera Theatre. After her husband, Jim LaMont, passed away in 1998, and knowing of my love of opera, she suggested that we go to the Metropolitan Opera together.

Now when Isabelle was singing at Paterson Lyric, a young fellow joined the company right out of high school. He had a wonderful voice, and it wasn't long before he was singing at the Met. His name was Paul Plishka, and he sang major bass roles at the Met and all over the world for more than 50 years, retiring just two years ago. Isabelle once showed me a program from Paterson Lyric where she sang Amneris and Plishka sang Ramfis, the two principal mezzo and bass roles in Verdi's famous opera *Aida*.



Paul Plishka  
(1977 publicity photo)

So we got some tickets to the Met, and our first opera was Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*, with, yes, Paul Plishka. I suggested to Isabelle that we try to visit him backstage after the performance, since she hadn't seen him in over 30 years, but she didn't want to bother him. "He'll just want to take off his costume and go home."

Plishka has a beard, but when he made his entrance he was clean-shaven. Isabelle was so surprised that she blurted out "Is that Paul?" The gentleman alongside her said quietly "Yes, that's Paul." When the act ended and the house lights came up, Isabelle turned to see who spoke – and she stared at him.

"Are you related to Paul Plishka?"

"Yes. I'm his son."

Four thousand people in that opera house and Isabelle is sitting next to her former colleague's son!

"You look just like Paul when we sang at Paterson Lyric!"

So after Nicolai Plishka recovered from that revelation, he asked Isabelle "You're going backstage to see Dad, aren't you?" When she said no, he said "Oh please, I wish you would. He'd be so glad to see you. I'll go backstage right now and tell him you're here and get your name on the stage door list."



ISABELLE  
PABIAN



PAUL  
PLISHKA

And so these two singers who hadn't seen each other in many years had a wonderful reunion and spent some time reminiscing about their days at Paterson Lyric. Plishka, then in his late 50s, bragged to another visitor in his dressing room, "I sang with this lady when I was nineteen years old!"

God certainly has unusual ways of bringing people together!

From a 1959 Paterson Lyric Opera Theatre program.

Dave Ackerman



# Prayer Requests

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

Sherri, Susie, Jeana, Michelle, Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Margaret, Allen, Peter, Karen, Peggy, Choi, Mason, Jody, Dean, Fred, Ron, Jim, Evelyn, Jimmy, Sherry, Meaghan, Larry, Donna, Dic, Rich, Lisa, Ted, Lesli, Richard, Jonathon, Diane, Sheila



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

For those who have recently died.

For Wounded Warriors. All Medical Professionals, First Responders, Grocery Store Workers, Delivery People, and Everyone working to help our country. Our Wardens, Vestry, Journey Forward Team 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                      Jennifer, 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

(Said during each Sunday service)

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.

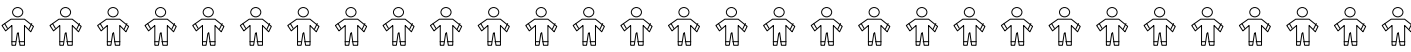
We believe that because of God's love for us he sent Jesus to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins so that we may have eternal life. We know that we are called to be the light of Christ to those in need.

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.





## Let's Get Cooking

St. Bartholomew's is producing a cookbook. We need Your help.

This is our 2020 Fundraiser.

Please send us your favorite recipes especially vegetable ones as we will also be promoting our community garden.

Email recipes to Rev. Cathie [cms962@gmail.com](mailto:cms962@gmail.com)



“Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink wine with a joyful heart.” *Ecclesiastes 9:7*