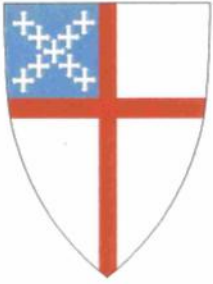


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## CALENDAR - SUMMER 2022

We have resumed many in-person activities, but others are still taking place electronically. Zoom activities are by invitation and a link will be emailed. Conference calls can be made to 339-209-6277. For YouTube services, search YouTube for "st bartholomew's episcopal church ho-ho-kus." For Facebook, [www.facebook.com/70Sheridan](http://www.facebook.com/70Sheridan) or "St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ". Here are our services and activities for the next three months.

**Sundays** 10:00 AM      Worship Service - in person or Live Stream via Zoom, Facebook and YouTube (see details above).  
Light refreshments with coffee after worship.

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

11:30 AM      Vestry Meeting

**Monday through Saturday**

9:15 - 9:45 AM      Morning Prayer via conference call, 339-209-6277

**Thursdays through July 28 - Resume on Sept. 8**

10:30 - 11:30 AM      Bible Study via conference call (see pg. 9)

**4th Saturday of each month**

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM      Food Drive in the front parking lot (see pg. 14)

**Saturday, June 11 and Sept. 10**

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM      Diaper & Toiletry Collection in the front parking lot

**Sunday, June 19**

Celebration of Life for Richard Wolff

**Sunday, June 26**

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM      Church Picnic (details to follow)



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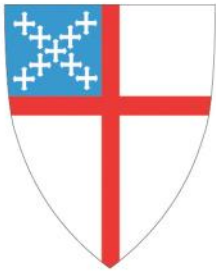
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## Rev. Cathie's Reflections

Thanks to everyone for your love and support these past months as I completed a three-year journey of discernment and study which culminated in the writing of my doctoral dissertation titled,

*"Come and See-How the Invitation to Abide in the Gospel of John and First John Can Impact a Congregation's Understanding of Its Ministry."*

I began the journey wanting to do a deep dive into the come and see theme that we have adopted as part of our identity at St. Bartholomew's. When I started my research, I realized that there was not a whole lot of material on the come and see theme. To say the least, I was nervous. I knew that God was calling me to this study, but I couldn't understand how I was supposed to do this if there was not a clear path. After talking about it with my faculty advisor he shared with me that there was something that had to come first before inviting anyone to come and see. The answer was to abide in the word of God, in Jesus' teaching, and the power and love of the

Holy Spirit.

The word abide is found in John's writing over thirty times. That number is a clue, a flashing light that says, **this is important!** So, I began the process of abiding for myself. That process included, prayer, meditation, lots of reading, listening to music, writing in my journal, and other things that helped me focus on the love of God and less on the chaos of the world. After two and a half years, I invited others to come and see, to join me in the journey. Thank you to my companions in The Come and See Study Group; they included Ghada, Mike, Lisa, Peggy, Judy, Fred and Toby. Over a period of three months, we studied the process of discernment, talked about how to reach out to God for guidance, and learned more about the gifts that God has given each of us to share in the world.

To help focus us on the process of abiding, we began our time together reflecting on John 15:6-7.

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:6-7)*

The image of the vine and its branches is a simple yet powerful one. The vine is the source of life for the branches, and while not drawing attention to itself, the purpose of the vine is extremely important. It is the

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source of life and growth for all that cling to it. Jesus, calling himself the vine, seeks to provide the nourishment of wisdom, knowledge, peace, and love to God's children. By accepting this intimate invitation, we can receive the nourishment we need to bear fruit, the ultimate call from God to humanity.

One might ask, what does it mean to bear fruit and how long does it take to happen? More likely than not, it happens gradually through the joys, sorrows, inspirations, and challenges of a life journey. One might also ask, during these times, how can people stay connected to the vine to receive nourishment and work to bear the fruit of the good news? Jesus' answer is found in John 15:7, "abide in me."

The group discussed whether people understand what it means to abide in Jesus and if they do understand, why don't more people accept the invitation? Is life so busy that they shy away from the invitation because the process could be overwhelming? Another possibility that we thought about is that people may feel that they need some special background in scripture or the life of the church to accept this invitation. The only thing needed to accept the invitation is an open mind and open heart.

In the invitation to "come and see," offered by Jesus in the Gospel of John 1:39, two newly baptized disciples found the invitation enticing because in Jesus, the disciples saw the evidence of the intimacy between himself and God, an intimacy born at the beginning of time. We are called to enter that intimacy and develop the courage to accept the invitation for ourselves to "come and see" by abiding with Jesus.

In our discussion on discernment, we reflected on how discernment is different from focusing on a solution to a problem. Discernment's goal is not a solution to a problem. It is an invitation to live intentionally in the context of a question and be open to creative possibilities while exploring the facets of a question before the process of working toward a potential solution. Discernment invites the individual to try varied approaches based

upon research, thought, conversation, and creativity.

We realized that it may seem like a daunting task to some; they may feel that they do not have the understanding, tenacity, or resources needed for discernment and the process may seem overwhelming. If so, they are not alone. Moses turned away from God's call five times (Exodus 3:11, 13, 4:1, 10, 13). In Exodus 3:11, we read, "But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'" Those first words, "Who am I?" express Moses' lack of self-confidence. That is the way many feel when approaching this invitation, because they associate discernment to be something that only those who are exploring ordination engage in.

In John 15:16 Jesus says, "*You did not choose me, but I chose you.* And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." This statement is full of action and speaks about ministry. Bearing fruit that will last is the result of discerning God's call and our active response based upon the knowledge that we are co-heirs with Jesus, as Paul writes in Romans 8:17.

As we go forward as a church family with all the possibilities ahead for strengthening our faith and creatively living out our mission, let's join and accept God's invitation to us. There is no pre-requisite to enter discernment, just a willingness to intentionally explore. A group will start in the next few weeks to discern what other outreach ministries we are being called to. I look forward to sharing time with this team as we learn from each other and receive the wisdom and love of God in the process.

As your priest, it is not always my call to start a discernment journey. If you have something that God is calling you to reflect on, I hope that you would invite me to come and see, to join with you in abiding with God. The Holy Spirit speaks to all of us. Here's to the Joy in the Journey!

*In the peace and love of God*

*Rev. Cathier*



## **QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS**

### ***Highlights from the Vestry Meetings February through April 2022***

#### **Treasurer:**

Dave Ackerman advised the Vestry that our investments are down about \$40,000 from last year, reflecting the \$45,000 withdrawn in 2021 for cash flow issues, which is partially offset by the increase in value of the remaining investments. One-quarter of the way into the year, most line items are reasonably close to budget. Major item below budget under Income is Contributions from AA (due to less attendance), and under Expenses are Clergy and Church Properties. This year to date we have withdrawn a total of \$25,000 for our investments for cash flow purposes.

#### **Finance:**

Rev. Cathie and Dave Ackerman met with our financial advisor on March 18, 2022, and only minor changes were recommended to even out our income. As of March 31, 2022, we show a total in Operating Funds of \$442,985.36 and in Restricted Funds a total of \$80,662.87.

#### **Community Garden/ Pollinator Garden:**

As of the April meeting, the garden committee stated that all of the new planting beds for 2022 have sponsorship, mostly of parishioners. John Alberti is creating the new raised beds which will be placed in the garden, and then the fence will be installed. The work of the fencing project will be done by our building sexton, Bill Hughes. The new garden beds and fencing is being made possible by the approved funding of \$5,000 from Outreach's Restricted Funds.

#### **Building and Grounds:**

Due to the continued leaking of water into a ceiling light and other areas around the church and parish hall buildings, quotes from 3 roofing firms were received. The Vestry has approved Layne Roofing of New Milford. The cost of the project could be \$75,000+. Funding for this roof project will be combined from our Capital Improvement Fund, a possible grant from the Diocese and a "call" to all our parishioners for donations. The plan is to have this roof completed early October 2022.

There was an issue with the organ which was repaired by an organist specialist in March 2022.

The Ho-Ho-Kus Fire Marshall came as requested to visit to give us a true count of the capacity in the Sanctuary since a few pews were removed through the years. His accounting of 150 was considered off and when re-approached on this topic, he stated he would send a new capacity certificate. That has not yet been received.

The Kitchen Freezer's ice maker was discovered broken. After the discussion on the cost of the replacement part and labor, the Vestry decided not to fix it.

The head of AA graciously cleaned the parish floors for the church.

#### **Rev. Cathie:**

**Confirmation Classes** have begun for a 2023 confirmation with 2 children attending.

**Children/ Youth Ministry** have begun with in person meetings again, and two upcoming activities are planned for July and August. Rev Cathie is working with Amy Konzelman Garcia on a younger children's program

**Adult Bible Study** is going well with the beginning April 28 of Philippians and the plan is to have a 3-week study on the Book of Common Prayer during our May Coffee Hours. NOTE: These coffee hour discussions did not begin as planned.

**Hospitality** has the following events planned:

Mother's Day Breakfast on May 8 at 8:30am in the parish hall. Michael Gnerre will head the kitchen.

End of Year Picnic and to honor our Fathers in June.

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**QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS** *(continued)***New Business:**

**The Arts of St. Bart's** - approved its first 2022 event on a comedian night featuring Bill Ervolino on May 14 from 7-9:30pm. The cost is \$45 which includes the show, food, and beverages; with a goal of 75 attendees.

**Tech Team** – Andrew and Catherine Sommerfeld are working with Mike Egbert to have a video instruction on what Jay Studwell does for our service videoing, and to be able to have those that attend our services via Zoom be shown on one of the TV monitors in the sanctuary during the Sunday Service.

**2022 David Hegg Award** - as approved by the Vestry Virginia Smith, Bill Smethurst and Toby Winiarski were nominated to receive this award for senior members of the Congregation through the Diocese.

**St. Paul's Men Shelter** – Rev. Cathie is looking into nights during the next months that members of St. Bartholomew's could possibly help serve meals to those coming to this shelter.

**Old Business:**

**Memorial Garden Committee-** Peggy Kievit met with a landscape architect, Greg Latora, recommended by Michael Gnerre for a design of the new garden plants, drainage, and watering to go out to bid to different landscaping firms. A Fall planting is scheduled. NOTE: As of the May Vestry meeting, the committee has not received the design.

**Gaming License** - Rev. Cathie is working on the State application. Five members of the Vestry have stepped up to sponsor this license. Once all information on these members is gathered, Kathy Gabrielle (Senior Warden) will have her signature notarized, and the application will be filed with the State of New Jersey. It is hopeful to be submitted by the end of May 2022.

**New Office Computer** - a HP Envy IPro has been received and with Mike Egbert's assistance, it is being set up for our parish administrator's use. It is anticipated to be fully functional by May. This unit will become our primary computer and the old desktop will be moved to the Treasurer's desk as a backup.

**Diocese Convention** is May 7, 2022, at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit, NJ. An alternate to replace Ghada Harb is needed.

**AA** – Vestry approved the resuming of their normal weekly schedule days/times of noon and 6pm meetings of Monday through Friday.

**Our Praise Band** has resumed rehearsals and will be sharing its ministry on May 15, 2022, before the regular Sunday Service.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Gabrielle, Warden

**BERYL BELTRAMINI**

Beryl Beltramini died on December 13, 2021, just two months after her 90th birthday.

She was predeceased by her husband Warren, and survived by her sons Kim, Bruce and Terry and daughter Pam Conklin.

A memorial service of celebration of life and interment of ashes in our Memorial Garden was offered on April 9, 2022.

**OUR APOLOGIES**

We apologize for the late delivery of this B-Line. The main reason for the delay is that we are installing a new state-of-the-art computer system. You'll read all about it in the Fall issue.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE



*Join one of our  
Ministry Teams  
and share the  
Gifts that God  
has given to you.*



**Come and See - Join one of the next meetings**

**The Arts at St. Bart's**

**Tuesday-July 19<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm via Zoom**

**Planning Tuesday-August 2nd-7:15pm via Zoom**  
(Includes outreach, parish life, and worship)

**Marketing Tuesday-August 9<sup>th</sup>-7:15pm via Zoom**

**Technology Tuesday-August 30<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm via Zoom**

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

*Ecclesiastes 4:9*

# † HOLY WEEK AT ST. BART'S †

Holy Week began on Palm Sunday, April 10, with acolyte Wendy Tarvin leading the procession. Candles are lit for the quiet Taizé service on Wednesday.



Maundy Thursday's Agape meal was followed by foot washing and, *below left*, stripping of the altar.



Our choir - Rita Gnerre, Jennifer Kenny, Rev. Cathie, Pam Miller, Michael Gnerre and Dave Gabrielle - sang at our Good Friday service.



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# † HOLY WEEK AT ST. BART'S †

Rev. Cathie leads the procession with the Paschal candle at the Holy Saturday vigil.

Soon and our choir are joined by trumpeter Michael Ponella at our Easter Sunday service, where Rev. Cathie celebrates the Eucharist.



## THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND!

*Welcome Michael Ponella  
Thank you for helping us praise God  
through music!*



In this year's Easter Sunday service bulletin there was an insert welcoming Michael Ponella, who has played the trumpet at many of our Christmas and Easter services, as well as last year's Celebration of New Ministry.

The day after Easter, Michael posted the following on his Facebook page:

I'd like to extend my gratitude to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ after I was presented with the attached wonderful photo and text!! This is the Ultimate! It really made my day. It was also great to finally work with a great organist AND choir again. A bonus for me as well during the performance was being able to play several arrangements that were also edited by my Trumpet teacher, Robert Nagel, who "was with me in spirit!" "The Trumpet Shall Sound!"

Now the truth: After we had printed the bulletins, we realized we'd left Michael off the list of participants. We quickly dug out a photo of him from an earlier service and prepared the insert. And Michael didn't choose those arrangements – they were chosen by our Music Director, Soon Yeon Chung.

God does work in unexpected ways!

### HO-HO-KUS MEMORIAL DAY 2022



The traditional Memorial Day parade marched down Sheridan Avenue on a beautiful sunny day. Rev. Cathie was honored to be invited to march with the Veterans near the front of the parade and to offer a prayer at the memorial service which followed.

As the parade passed by our church, Peggy Kievit, Kathy Kamidoi, Judy Malhotra, Mike Egbert, Wayne Kamidoi, and Ghada Harb (not pictured) offered bottled water to the marchers. Each bottle had a label reading "Remembering Their Sacrifice" and our church name.



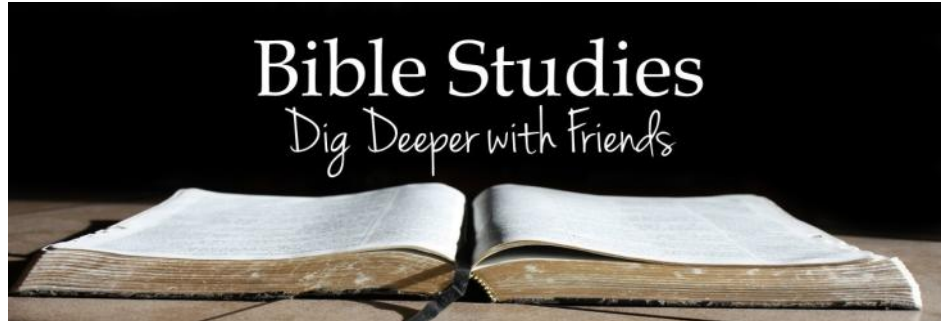
After the parade and service, Rev. Cathie posed with two of St. Bart's younger members, Austin Hintz and Maddie Garcia.

*Photos by Pastor Richard Bierwas, Ghada Harb, and Amy Konzelmann Garcia.*

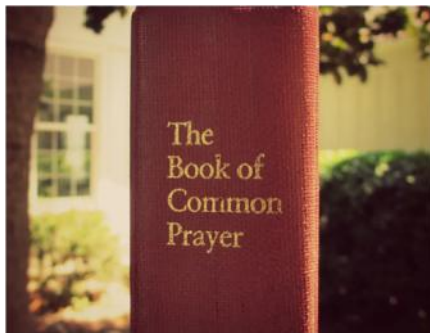
# Adult Formation at St. Bartholomew's

Beginning on June 2, 2022

The Book of Hebrews



Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 Call 339-209-6277.



Journey in the Book of  
Common Prayer

Let's explore the rich history  
of our prayer book.

**Study Series July 24, 31 & August 7**  
11:30-12:00 (in-person during coffee hour)

MOTHERS DAY  
BREAKFAST  
Sunday, May 8  
Thank you,  
Hospitality Team!





The **David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Awards** are given annually by the Diocese of Newark to church members who are:

Age 60+.

Long-standing, active members of their congregation.

Make contributions to the congregation.

The awards service will be pre-recorded and broadcast at 3 PM on Sunday, June 12 on the diocesan YouTube channel, [youtube.com/c/dionewark](https://www.youtube.com/c/dionewark), with the honorees presented in a photo slideshow.

This year's honorees from St. Bartholomew's are:

**Bill Smethurst.** Bill's keen analytical mind and gracious hospitality have been gifts to our congregation for decades. He served as a member of the Vestry offering his vast knowledge of finances to help in making decisions for our church. His passion for music has been a blessing to all of us. He served on our last search committee, and he was always the one that pulled the group back together with a profound statement of what was important, and with that the group was able to refocus on their task.

He always works to making people feel welcome with his huge smile and engaging stories. He shows the true love of God to all who come to our church.



**Virginia Smith.** Virginia has been a member of St. Bartholomew's for over fifty years. When someone new came to our church she was always there to welcome them and help them feel at home. She served on many ministry teams that helped build our church family. She helped to lead the Antiques Show, Mother's Advent Tea, Rummage and Cake sales, and Martin Luther King lunch program. Virginia was the ultimate hostess, singing, dancing and joke telling at their annual Christmas parties for the church. She is the go-to person to learn about our church history.

As the director of the Altar Guild, she taught many of the current members about the ministry. She also took on the flower memorial program. She kept the process organized and efficient, always encouraging people to remember their loved ones by donating altar flowers. Virginia was a dedicated member of our weekly Bible Study having a passion and love of learning about the Lord.

**Toby Winiarski.** Toby's passion for our congregation is evidenced by the many ways he has served the Lord at St. Bartholomew's. He is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. He served on the Vestry, he is the leader of the Acolytes, and served as co-leader of our last search committee. Toby is now a member of the new Arts at St. Bart's Team helping to build community through the arts.

Toby always checks in with people when they have not been in church for a while and has a quip or joke to help make them smile. Toby is a gentleman amongst gentlemen, one of the most dignified, kind, sweet and smart men that has blessed our congregation. Whenever we close a meeting that Toby is in, he always says, "be very kind to yourselves and each other." That's one of the many ways he shows God's love to all.

Thank you, Bill and Virginia and Toby, for your many ministries and your friendship to us all.



*Text by Rev. Cathie Studwell, photos by Dave Ackerman and Courtney Smith Taylor.*

### HOW TOBY BECAME AN EPISCOPALIAN

This past spring, on a sunny Sunday afternoon in April, Toby Winiarski took me on a ride to his old neighborhood in Rutherford. We drove down his street, stopping at the house he grew up in, and then traveled the roads he biked daily as a boy. Each street had a story, a friend, an incident to reminisce about. When we passed two churches within a few blocks of each other, Toby recalled how he had become an Episcopalian.

The house Toby grew up in originally belonged to his grandparents. His mother, Harriet Lee, also grew up in it. When Toby's mother was about seven years old her parents signed her up for Sunday school at the Methodist Church a few blocks away. Young Harriet dutifully walked Sunday morning to the Methodist Church a few minutes early as her mother advised. She walked up the steps, straightened her hat, smoothed her coat, put her gloved hand on the door and pulled. It didn't open. She gripped it with both hands and pulled as hard as she could. It would not open! She gave it a brave third try but it would not budge. Harriet thought a minute, pulled her gloves up and walked down the steps. She turned left, proceeded two blocks down the road and walked up the steps of the Episcopal Church. That door opened without much effort and as she entered she was immediately welcomed into the Sunday school without question.

When Harriet returned home she told her parents how much she liked her Sunday school teacher and classmates. It was a few weeks before the Lees discovered their daughter was enjoying being an Episcopalian rather than a Methodist churchgoer. She was, like the door, not budging.

*Joan Lupardo*

### HOW DAVE BECAME AN EPISCOPALIAN

Like Toby's mother, my story begins at about age seven, but that's the only similarity.

My parents were not churchgoers, but they decided I should go to Sunday school and they selected St. Bartholomew's. Each Sunday morning they sent me the four blocks from our Lloyd Road home to the 9:30 Sunday school class. I didn't care for it. But they made me stick it out.

About that time I got interested in trains and discovered the Erie Railroad. So I deviated from my route. After riding my bike down Lloyd Road and Warren Avenue, instead of turning right onto Sheridan Avenue I would continue across Sheridan and Franklin Turnpike and arrive at the Ho-Ho-Kus train station. In the next hour I'd usually see three local passenger trains, but shortly after 10 AM I would hear the throbbing of diesel locomotives coming up the grade from Ridgewood. The crossing bells would start ringing, and around the bend would come Erie train No. 1, the **Erie Limited**. Two beautiful green, gray and yellow locomotives pulling more than a dozen passenger cars including coaches, a diner and a Pullman sleeping car, would roar through town bound for Chicago. In Sunday school they talked about heaven, but for me THIS was heaven!

So after an hour of train-watching I would ride my bike home and make up some story about what I did in Sunday school. This went on for several weeks until one day a friend of my father saw me at the train station and told him. That ended my weekly visits to train heaven, and it was back to Sunday school.

But I began to get something out of it. My parents were now attending the 11 AM service, and after being confirmed at age 13 I joined them. Gradually I became active at St. Bart's, and at 80 I'm still active.

And that's how I became an Episcopalian - with a little help from a train.

*Dave Ackerman*

The Erie Limited  
in the 1950s.  
Photo from  
trainweb.org



## *The Arts at St. Bart's*

On Saturday, May 14, a sold-out crowd of 75 enjoyed “A Night with Bill Ervolino,” humorist and columnist for The Record. Bill talked about his growing up in New Jersey, writing a weekly column, and much more. He was scheduled to speak for only 45 minutes, but after an hour he was still going strong, and no one complained - they were too busy laughing!



Our thanks go to Toby Winiarski who conceived the idea of a Comedy Night and invited Bill Ervolino. Our guests - many of whom were from outside our church - enjoyed a night of “Pasta, Wine and Fun” thanks to our Hospitality Team.



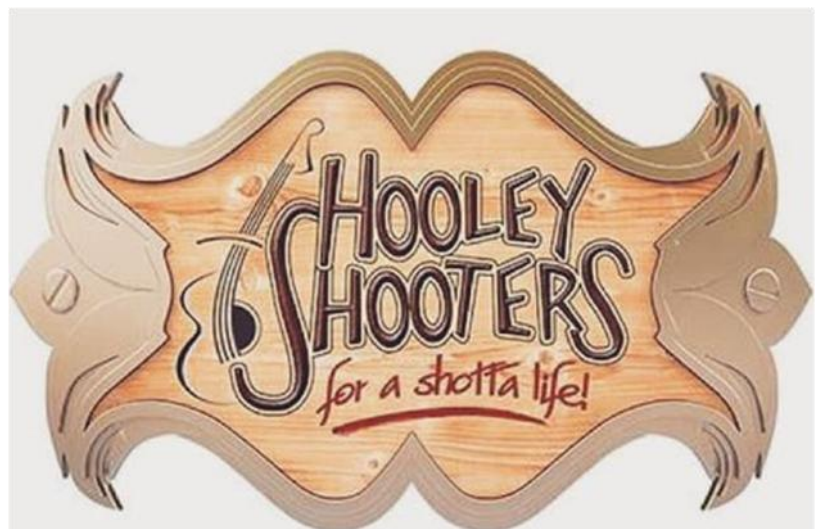
**SAVE THE DATE**  
for our next event.

“The Arts at St. Bart's”  
Presents

“½ Way to  
St. Patrick's Day”  
September 18th 6-9pm

Music, Dancing,  
Food & Beverages

More information will be  
sent out in the weeks ahead



**OUTREACH NEWS**



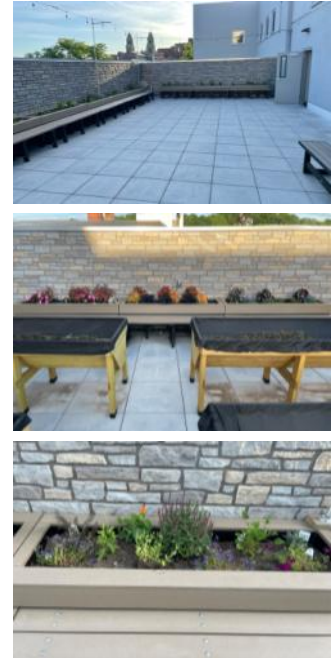
St. Bart's Oasis food drive has been wonderful. Not only are our parishioners continuing to bring generous donations but we have some steady repeat customers from Ho-Ho-Kus and neighboring towns. The director of Oasis, Jen Brady, wanted me

to relay to all of you that they are dependent on our continuing food donations to help stock their pantry. Your donations are making a difference. Thank you.

I want to share with you some amazing new additions at Oasis. They have new construction in the form of an expanded nursery and daycare center, a wonderful boutique that is open to the public and staffed by women who have gone through the program. It's a great place to find one-of-a-kind outfits. Many of the items still have their tags on them and they only showcase the highest quality.

My favorite addition is the 4th floor roof garden. I have included some photos and please note the newly planted flowers that the children are tending to. They also hold yoga classes and dance classes in this area. A new playground has been added and a generous grant was given to the ARTS for the rise and shine Saturday Morning program that Joan Lupardo and I run. We are blessed and the children are blessed. It is heartwarming to know that the arts are considered an important part of a Child's education.

*Judy Malhotra*



**“TO PLANT A GARDEN IS TO BELIEVE IN TOMORROW” ..... Audrey Hepburn**

Our beautiful St. Bart's Community Garden is a reality! Thanks to the hard work of our sexton Bill and his father Terrance, and of course John Alberti (thanks John), we now have a perfect working garden. Still some last minute mulching to do (mulching is a never ending project), some weed pulling, and hands-on loving care from our gardeners. There are 15 raised beds surrounded by insect repelling marigolds. All our our beds have a corresponding letter printed on them so that they can be identified by our gardeners. Critterfence is the company that makes the fencing and we hope it lives up to its name! Sorry all you woodland critters, but no more free lunches!!!!

As in the past, a portion of all the vegetables grown will be shared with our friends at Oasis as a continuation of our outreach program. **WE ARE BLESSED.**

Let's not forget our other two gardens...the Pollinator Garden, where one can sit and enjoy the wildflowers that will soon be blooming, and our backdoor flower and herb garden which is still in the works.

Enjoy the pictures and remember “There is always room for more gardeners.”

God bless the garden.

*Judy Malhotra*



**FAREWELL, ANN**

Ann Woods, our dedicated, enthusiastic and beloved Parish Administrator, left us at the end of May to accept a bookkeeping position with a property management firm in Hackensack. Ann enjoyed her job at St. Bart's and made many friends here, but with her children grown it was time to move on to a full-time career.

When I retired as Parish Administrator and Treasurer at the end of 2010, Ann was hired as Parish Administrator and a Treasurer was appointed. The Treasurer left after 3 years and I came back as Interim Treasurer for a year or two - and I'm now in my 9th year as Interim!

But it has been a joy to work with Ann these 9 years. The P.A. responsibilities have increased tremendously since she started, but she's risen to the occasion and made many improvements to our procedures. She has been a far better Parish Administrator than I ever was. We were a great team and it will be hard to replace her.

Farewell, Ann, and best wishes in your new career.

*Dave Ackerman*



Above: Ann cuts the cake at our June 5 coffee hour held in her honor.

Far left: Ann's first day, January 4, 2011

Near left: Ann's last day, May 31, 2022

"The Smile at the Top of the Stairs" hasn't changed in 11 years!

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION to benefit OASIS - A Haven for Women & Children**

10:45-12:15 on the Fourth Saturday of Each Month

Front Driveway, St. Bart's, 70 Sheridan Ave., Ho-Ho-Kus

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Individually Wrapped Snacks, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cans of Soup, Tuna, Chili, Pasta, Rice, Boxes of Mac and Cheese, Cereal, Oatmeal, Tomato Sauce, Diapers, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Pencils, Sharpeners, Sketchbooks





## Prayer Requests

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

Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Jim, Evelyn, Sherry, Dic, Rich, Becky, Jeffrey, Vern, John, Kathy, Rakesh, Brigida, Betty, Wayne, Heather, Beth, Jennifer, Barbara, Carolyn, Beverley, Mehgan, Diane, Chris, Paul, Jill, Peggy, Tom, Tony, Marie, Dennis, Mike, Ghada, Pam, Jack, Cole, Joseph, Christian, Denis

For our nation that we may heal and join together.

For our President, Vice President, and all Elected Officials.

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

Prayers for those who are grieving the loss of over five million people globally, and over one million people in the United States who have fled from COVID-19.

We pray for those suffering in our country and around the world. We pray for those whose lives are forever changed because of senseless gun violence, especially those in the Buffalo shooting and the 19 children and 2 teachers killed in Texas.

We pray for peace between all nations; we pray for the people of Ukraine.

For Wounded Warriors. All Medical Professionals, First Responders, Educators, Grocery Store Workers, Delivery People, and Everyone working to help our country.

Our Wardens, Vestry, Journey Forward Team, All Ministry Teams 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    Nicholas, USMC    Miles, USA

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



### PEGGY McCALEB

Peggy Smith McCaleb died at age 95 on March 25, 2022 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was born in 1927 in Mississippi where she met her future husband Edward whom she married in 1949. They moved to New Jersey in 1958, joined St. Bartholomew's Church and raised three children.

Peggy had a successful real estate career in Ridgewood. She loved selling homes. After nearly 50 years in New Jersey she moved to Wilmington, North Carolina where she was active in a number of organizations. Her interests included gardening, sewing, cooking, and attending St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilmington.

Peggy is survived by her sons Edward, David and John, several grandchildren and a great-grandchild, and many other relatives and friends. Her husband Edward died in 1998.

A memorial service was held on May 29 at St. Bartholomew's.

## JIM MATHEWS

James Bruce Mathews, age 74, passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 18, 2022 after a battle with Alzheimer's and cancer.

Described by his friends as fiery and fun, Jim lived a life of service to his family, company, community and friends. He was born in 1947 and grew up in the Philadelphia suburb of Malvern, Pennsylvania. He was the first person in his family to graduate from college, receiving a bachelor's degree from Grove City College in Pennsylvania where he was captain of his soccer team and held leadership positions in his college fraternity, Pan Sophic.

Jim spent the majority of his career at Hunter Douglas where he rose to Vice President of Marketing. While there, he created a sales incentive program, traveling around the world with his wife Kathy and his customers and their spouses. Jim loved golf, music, sweets and dancing. Together with his family they built a life full of travel, adventure, rich friendships, and so much fun.

Jim was beloved by the employees he managed at Hunter Douglas, by his many friends, and by the members of St. Bartholomew's Church where he served as lay reader, lector, collection counter and, with Kathy, coffee hour host.

Jim is survived by his wife Kathy, son Ben, daughter Katie, son-in-law Matt, sister Nancy, sister-in-law Elaine, brother-in-law Bobby, puppy Jesse, and a large community of loving friends. A memorial service was held at St. Bartholomew's on March 26.



Jim and Kathy hosting a coffee hour at St. Bart's in 2019.

### <<<<<<< 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@gmail.com, or 70 Sheridan Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423.

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

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### *My Contribution to St. Bartholomew's Church*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

For:  Regular Contribution  Outreach  Christian Education \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support. Please send this form and your check to the church office.

## COVER STORY

For many years our church has been blessed with two beautiful cherry trees. Lovingly cared for by our landscaper, Allan Bellezza, each spring they burst forth with a glorious display of dark pink blossoms. In my opinion, they outdo the famous cherry trees of Washington, DC and Branch Brook Park in Newark.

In May 2010 I set out to photograph our trees. Conditions had to be just right: the trees in full bloom, midafternoon sun, clouds in the background, and a breeze to unfurl the flags. It took three days before everything was perfect. The resulting photo (*right*) made its debut on the cover of our Fall 2011 B-Line.

But after ten years, the cover was outdated. The landscaping in front of the church and the trees behind it had changed. In the summer of 2011 we decided to replace the cover. But I didn't want to take a new photo till the trees bloomed again in May.

Then one day last August, Kathy Kamidoi was taking her dog Bailey for a walk after a rainstorm. She came by St. Bart's at the right moment to see a beautiful rainbow behind the church. Kathy snapped a photo with her phone, and the result (*right*) graced the covers of our Fall, Winter and Spring B-Lines.

When the trees bloomed again this past May, I set out again to photograph them, expecting to have to come back day after day waiting for the right conditions. But God really was with me on that first day of taking pictures. It took only ten minutes to get the new photo! So it's making its debut on the cover of this issue.

The small photos alongside the cover photo represent various aspects of our ministry. They will be changed periodically.



Dave Ackerman