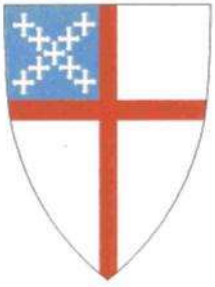


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## CALENDAR - SUMMER 2023

**Zoom** activities are by invitation and a link will be emailed.

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For **YouTube** services, search YouTube for "st bartholomew's episcopal church ho-ho-kus."

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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 coming months.

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

**Monday through Saturday**

9:15 - 9:45 AM      Morning Prayer via conference call (see pg. 9)

**Wednesdays**

7:00 - 8:00 PM      Bible Study via conference call (see pg. 9)

**Thursdays**

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

*Both Bible Study meetings will go through the end of July and resume in September.*

**2nd Saturday of each month**

10:00 - 11:30 AM      Food Pantry open in rear of building (see pg. 13)

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

11:30 AM      Vestry Meeting

**4th Saturday of each month (3rd Saturday in November & December)**

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM      Food Drive in the front parking lot (see pg. 19)

**Sunday, June 11**      Arts at St. Bart's: Free Chamber Music Concert (see pg. 22)

**Sunday, July 30**      Garden Salad Party

*Please see pg. 15 for Memorial Services.*



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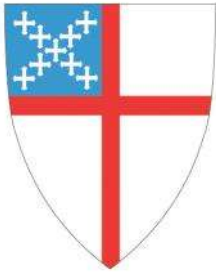
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### *Rev. Cathie's Reflections*

*God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. (2 Cor 10-11 The Message)*

How much faith do you need to plant a seed and to make it grow? At the dawn of time God planted human beings in his perfect garden. He created vegetation, seed-bearing plants, trees that have fruit with seeds, shrubs, and all kinds of trees. From the beginning, God intended this first garden to produce food for all kinds of creatures and humankind year after year.

Planting feels like a lot of work that also requires a lot of patience to see something come up from

the soil. Once you and I scatter seeds, there's a need for watering, watching, and waiting to see if any additional care is needed, and to pray for the shoots of new life to appear. We do our part and trust that God will make everything fruitful. He takes our efforts then works behind the scenes to bring the harvest. We are co-workers in God's service, and we might even say that gardening, working, and caring for growing things, is in our bones. Cultivating the gifts that God has given to us for the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth is one of our primary purposes in life.

Everything in life starts out as a seed. We are used to experiencing the seeds that we plant turn into beautiful flowers or delicious vegetables, but those are not the only seeds we are called to plant. Whether it be an idea, a design, a work of visual art, music, literature, a team that comes together to help and inspire each other to care for those in need. The cultivation and care for all living things is grounded deeply in the soul of who we are.

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man* (continued)

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*who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. – (1 Corinthians 3:6-8 NIV)*

These words from Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth remind us of the privilege we have to be able to plant seeds of faith in the lives of the people we meet as well as our neighbors and families. It is a privilege to join God in this mission and an honor to receive gifts, the tools that we need, to be ready to offer the invitation to be in relationship with our loving savior.

These gifts are the Fruits of the Spirit and fruits start as seed. In Paul's letter to the Galatians, 5:22-23, he names these foundational attributes, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."* When we live in such a way that people see these positive, life-affirming ways of living, giving people a glimpse into our lives, they will be able to see the love of God. As we live intentionally embracing the fruits of the spirit, we are boldly and lovingly praising God.

What are the seeds that we are planting as the family of St. Bartholomew's. The seeds of plants and flowers are being planted and cared for in our community and pollinator gardens. They will give us a bounty of beauty and nourishment. How can we share this bounty with our neighbors and in the process provide nourishment for their souls?

As we discern the answer to the question of how God is calling us to feed our community in body, mind and spirit drawing on the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives to guide us, we can look to the memories of those in our church family who came before us. The ministries of Marjorie and Harold Taylor, Virginia Smith, Isabelle Lamont, Jack and Eleanor Coleman, to name only a few, continue to this very day. Our strong outreach ministry has its roots in the work of these people, as well as others. We will be honoring their

ministries throughout the 2023-2024 program year as we take a fresh look at the seeds that they planted.

We will look at what inspires us to choose the seeds that we choose to plant. We will explore, music, art, and literature and God's precious word, with the intent of seeing God's work in these areas and how we can ask God to show us how to use these gifts to fertilize our own soil, the soil of our very being, to help us grow in our relationship with God and the ministries we have been called to individually and as a church family.

We will also look at the seeds of relationships in our church family and in our community. The past few years have been very difficult due to the pandemic and other life challenges. People had to isolate themselves, for good reasons, but now I believe that it is time to reconnect and celebrate the gift we have in each other. It's time to see the face of God in one another. As we do that, it is also time to reach out to our community boldly and lovingly. Part of inviting people to Come and See requires stepping out and sharing our story about our relationship with God as a family of Christ and the seed of the invitation, All are Welcome at St. Bartholomew's, Come and See.

I'm excited about planting in all its forms. I'm looking forward to watching things blossom and grow, plants, vegetables, and people! We are called to plant, in all the ways we can, and though our faith, we are called to trust God to bless our work. Let us together be ready to receive God's blessing as written in Paul's letter.

*God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done.*

*Blessings and Love,  
Rev. Cathie+*





## QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS

### *Highlights from the Vestry Meetings February-March-April 2023*

#### **Treasurer:**

In general, Dave Ackerman reported that as of April 2023 we are close to budget. Prepaid pledge payments and investment income are below budget, but so are several church properties expenses; notably snow-plowing / de-icing due to the mild winter. To date we have had to withdraw \$33,000 from our investments for cash flow purposes due to reduced contributions and the payment of real estate taxes to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus before our tax situation on the Rectory was resolved. As of April 2023, we have had a total of \$32,492 in income and \$59,196 in expenses.

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

As of February 2023, the church has hired a second sexton, Terrence Hughes (Bill's father) to help with items around the church and rectory. Terrence and Bill will share the monthly work hours. The church received a proposal from VCE Construction to remove the carpeting and refinish the flooring in front of the Eagle Pedestal in the sanctuary to place one of the pews removed from the area where the new AV system will be placed. The proposal of \$2,500 was considered high, so Kathy Gabrielle will be pursuing other proposals. First Choice Electric was hired to install "clear grounded" electrical outlets in the sanctuary to enable a clearer sound when we are using the audio mixing board for performances in the sanctuary. The installation of handrails in the sanctuary for the steps to the altar is being investigated. The Diocese has granted St. Bartholomew's \$38,000 from the Ward J. Herbert Foundation to replenish the monies the church used for the new church building's roof.

#### **Outreach:**

**St. Bartholomew's Food Pantry:** St. Bartholomew's is now registered with the State of NJ to operate a Food Pantry. Our pantry opened in January with scheduled second Saturdays of each month to be open for the disbursement of food from our stocked shelves for those in need.

**Oasis Monthly Food Drives** are still going strong the last Saturday of each month.

**St. Hubert's Animal Shelter** received donated pet food and toys, etc. in April from our church. This year's Confirmation Class's project was a focus on "the gift of animals" so they organized our pet collection and a field trip to the Shelter to learn more about this organization and to deliver the donated items on April 29th.

**The Outreach Committee** is hoping to meet the first week of May to resume their thoughts and planning for an ecumenical spiritual program with a labyrinth being possibly located at the far end of the Rectory property and other projects.

**House on the Hill – Goshen Diaper Drive** was conducted in March, and the items were delivered to Goshen by Peggy Kievit. The church received a beautiful thank you note from Sister Jean on the much-needed supply of diapers that the House received from St. Bartholomew's.

#### **Memorial Garden:**

With the recommendation by the Memorial Garden Trustees for Horizon Landscaping of Wyckoff to redo the plantings and grass area of the side memorial garden this Spring of 2023, the Vestry approved their choice. After additional consideration of two companies for the refurbished irrigation of the side Memorial Garden, the Trustees chose Horizon Landscaping of Wyckoff. The Vestry also approved Horizon for the irrigation of the side Memorial Garden. A start date should be the beginning of June.

**Adult Studies:** Rev. Cathie Studwell is conducting Thursday morning Bible Studies on Luke with a good attendance, and Wednesday night study of I & 2 Peter.

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**QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS (continued)****Fundraising:****Arts at St. Bart's:**

**Cellophane Flowers Concert** with a small reception afterwards was held on Sunday, April 23rd. Everyone that attended enjoyed the lovely music of Cellophane Flowers, the opportunity to meet the members of the group at the reception and purchase signed CD's. Our church made a profit of \$888.93 from this event.

**Chamber Music Event** planned for Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. This is being billed as a "free concert" since a parishioner has graciously agreed to subsidize the musicians' fees. The church is hopeful for donations.

**New Business:**

**Bishop Carlye Hughes visits St. Bartholomew's.** We were pleased to have Bishop Hughes conduct our Sunday Service on March 5th. She also joined us for coffee hour, and she met with members of the Vestry for a small discussion.

**St. Bartholomew's is a Smoke Free campus** – due to an issue of a small fire in an outside smoker station in the front of the church under a cherry tree. AA, other groups, and individuals using our church grounds will have to adhere to our outside "nonsmoking" policy.

**2023 Diocese Parochial Report** was approved by the Vestry showing that our church has a total of 79 members.

**2023 Community Garden** – has been weeded, rototilled, restored, and planted for this 2023 season by our avid gardeners. The Garden team has asked to get a price from the firm redoing the memorial garden irrigation for a water spigot near the Community Garden.

**Confirmation Class** – This year's two candidates Keyanna Studwell and Austin Hintz received their confirmation from Bishop Hughes on April 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Michaels in Wayne. A reception for them sponsored by the Vestry was on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> following our Sunday service.

**Parish Hall and Sanctuary Usage Rates.** The Vestry approved an increase for the rental of our facilities beginning April 2023 as follows: \$300 to non-members and \$150 for members of the church for a 4-hr. rental period usage of the Parish Hall, and a \$250 fee for non-members of the church for the use of the Sanctuary.

**Parish Administrator Leaving:** Our Parish Administrator, Lori Van Caneghem has given notice that she is leaving her position on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to care for herself and family. Ann Woods has agreed to work for the church as a consultant on Saturdays this summer to help with the financial duties (including help with the upcoming Diocese Audit) until we have an Administrator replacement. A job notice for a bookkeeper will begin the first week of June, with the hopes that the church will have someone in this position by the beginning of September or sooner. The church will also be posting a job position for an office assistant to manage the phones and other church tasks.

**Old Business:**

**Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra** did sign another lease with the increased monthly contribution for the term of March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024.

**Rectory Tax Situation** has been settled with the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus. The Borough has agreed, without having to go to court, that the Rectory property has been taken off the Borough's tax book records. This is a welcome financial relief to the church.

**Technology** – The team is still awaiting a proposal for the updated security desk needed for the transformation of the AV system to the back of the sanctuary. Once this updated proposal is received and the Technology team approves, this proposal will be brought to the Vestry for approval.

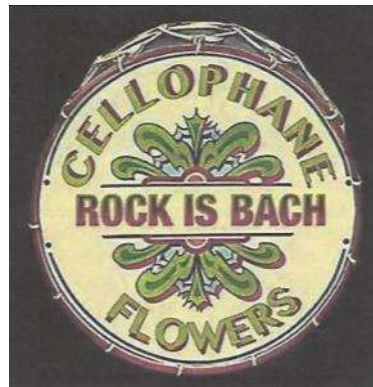
**Gaming License.** Rev. Cathie is hopeful for a group to meet soon to decide on the correct event for the usage of our gaming license for raffles, etc.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Gabrielle, Warden

On Sunday, April 23, "The Arts at St. Bart's" presented **"JEFF LAKE AND THE CELLOPHANE FLOWERS."** The band performed many Beatles favorites and other well-known songs. More than 40 persons enjoyed the arrangements by Jeff on guitar plus two violins, cello, and piano - no drums!

After the concert our audience enjoyed refreshments and a chance to meet the musicians. Our thanks go to Kathy and Dave Gabrielle (bottom right, with Jeff) who proposed this program.

("Cellophane Flowers" is a phrase in the Beatles hit song "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.")



### THE ARTS AT ST. BART'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Arts at St. Bart's program is to reach our community through appreciation of varied forms of art through the artists' presentations of their God given gifts and talents. We welcome All to attend and be inspired as we seek to make a positive difference in the lives of the people in our community.

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*

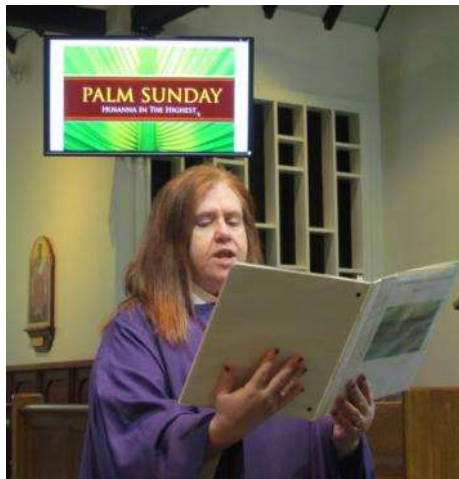
Arts Team members are Rev. Cathie Studwell, Dave Gabrielle, Kathy Gabrielle, Ghada Harb, Joan Lupardo, Michael Gnerre, Dave Ackerman, and Judy Malhotra who designed our logo.



# † HOLY WEEK AT ST. BART'S †



Blessing of the Palms took place on Palm Sunday.



A quiet, soothing Taize service was held on Tuesday evening.



**NEXT PAGE:**

Thursday's Agape meal was followed by foot washing.

Saturday's Great Vigil service began outside with the lighting of the Paschal Candle.



† *HOLY WEEK AT ST. BART'S* †



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Trumpeter Michael Ponella joined us for our glorious Easter Sunday service.



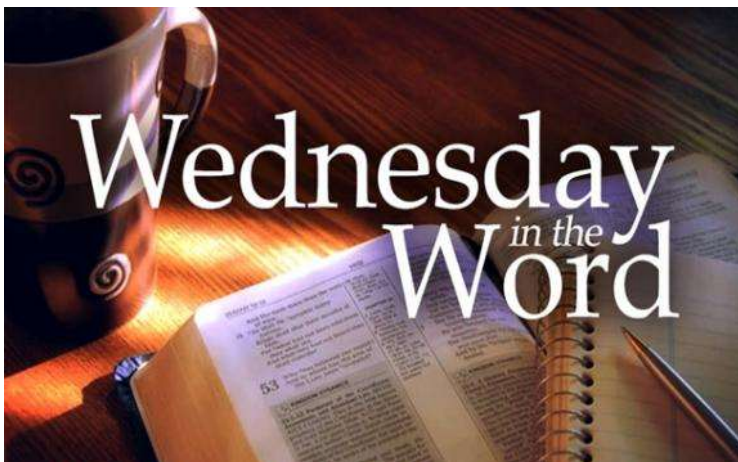
We were pleased to welcome guest organist Peter Calabro while Soon was visiting family in Korea. On Sunday, May 21, he accompanied the choir (Tony Fletcher, Michael Gnerre, Rev. Cathie, Jennifer Kenny and Pam Miller) as they sang the Choir Anthem.



## Our Spiritual Journey Together...



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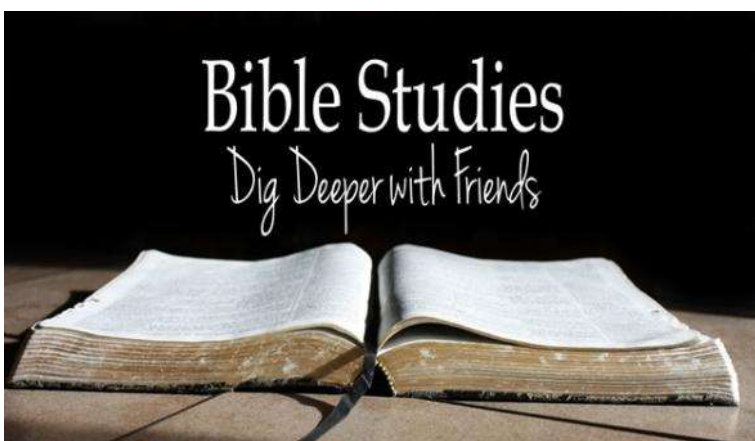
Wednesday Night 7:00

The Book of Daniel

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647 470 8829

Passcode: 567580

Conference Call  
929-205-6099



Thursday Morning

The Book of Daniel  
10:30-11:30

Conference Call  
339-209-6277

Please check the weekly email for what chapter each study group is working on

## Confirmation Class 2023



Serving God by bringing awareness to the needs of animals.



Our 2023 Confirmation Class chose the care of animals as a way to carry the message of God's love into the world. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> Austin and Keyanna collected food, toys, and supplies for the animals at St. Hubert's Shelter in Madison. On the 29<sup>th</sup> they invited parishioners to join them as they delivered the donations and had a tour of the shelter. They learned how St. Hubert's is a ministry that cares for animals and their families. Through their ministry, St. Bartholomew's added the shelter to our outreach program.

Photos by Cathie Studwell and the St. Hubert's staff

## *Confirmation - May 6, 2023*



*Congratulations to Austin and Keyanna*



*The confirmands and their families with Bishop Carlye Hughes  
Photos provided by the Diocese of Newark*

On Sunday, May 7, the day after being confirmed, Austin and Keyanna prepared and led a worship service that was centered around their confirmation theme of the care of Animals. They chose contemporary readings that referenced animals, preached a sermon, wrote the Prayers of the People, served the Eucharist, and with their families hosted the coffee hour.



Above, Austin serves the Eucharist to his mother and father.



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## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Last month, Dave and Kathy Gabrielle visited **Dan and Janet Kreller**, who moved to Chicago last year to be with their son Devin and his family. They enjoyed dinner with the Krellers' grandson Johann at Wood Restaurant where Devin is Executive Chef.

*Photos provided by the Gabrielles*

After the May 21 Sunday service we celebrated the birthday of our **Rev. Cathie Studwell**. Peggy Kievit prepared a special coffee hour feast which everyone enjoyed, especially Cathie and her son Matt.



This was not a planned activity.

At the end of our Maundy Thursday service, I fell down the two steps alongside the organ. I didn't feel really hurt, but my St. Bart's friends jumped into action, making me comfortable and calling 911. The police were there within minutes, and the EMTs quickly followed. They convinced me to be checked out at the hospital, so they put me on a stretcher, loaded me into the ambulance, and off we went to Valley Hospital's emergency room. X-rays showed I had only bruises and no broken bones, so the doctor discharged me and I was home less than 3 hours after my fall.

I am so grateful to everyone who was involved: Ho-Ho-Kus Patrolman Kim and Sergeant Mosca, Ambulance Corps EMTs Gary Tyler and his daughter Julie, the professional and efficient staff of Valley Hospital, and of course my fellow church members. And especially Michael Gnerre, who kept me company in the hospital. After I was discharged, he and Rita drove me back to the church to get my car and followed me home to be sure I got home safely.

Judy Malhotra had the presence of mind to photograph me on the floor (but should have gotten one of me on the stretcher in the ambulance!)

The Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus provided the photo of the Ambulance Corps taken at the Memorial Day service.



Ho-Ho-Kus is very fortunate to have such a dedicated, hard-working group of volunteers, on call 24/7/365 for all kinds of emergency situations. Thanks Be To God for them!

**Dave A.**







### COMINGS AND GOINGS

On June 9 our Parish Administrator, LORI VAN CANEGHEM, will be leaving us to care for herself and her family. In the 11 months that I worked with her I was impressed with her neat, orderly, quiet, dependable work ethic. We will be seeking a replacement as well as an office assistant.

In February we welcomed TERRENCE HUGHES who is sharing the Sexton's duties with his son Bill who started here in 2019. Whether working together or separately, Terrence and Bill are keeping our church building and the grounds neat and clean.

*Dave Ackerman*

### Memorial Services



We will hold a memorial service on **Sunday, June 25** for **Beverley Wolff**.

On **Saturday, August 12**, we will inter the ashes of **Jim Mathews**.

## Please remember St. Bartholomew's in your giving.

You can put your offering envelope in the collection plate at our Sunday service.

You can drop it in the mailbox in front of the Parish Hall.

You can mail your check to St. Bartholomew's Church, 70 Sheridan Ave, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423 using the form on page 21.

But the easiest way is to donate on line. You can make a one-time payment, or better, set up a **weekly or monthly donation**. It's easy to do:

Just go to our website, [stbartshhk.com](http://stbartshhk.com), click on **On-Line Giving**, then **Pledge-Donation Offering**, select the category, and fill out the form. There's no service charge! And if you set up a recurring payment, you won't have to remember to write a check each week or month, because your donation will be automatically deducted from your bank account. Try it!



### DONATE TO THE COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP AND HELP ST. BART'S

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Google "Community Thrift Shop Midland Park" or phone 201-652-7661

to learn what hours they are open and what items they are accepting.

How your donation helps St. Bart's:

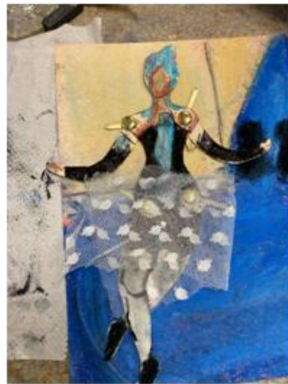
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St. Bart's receives a quarterly check for 30% of the sales of items marked with #43.

# SUMMER OUTREACH



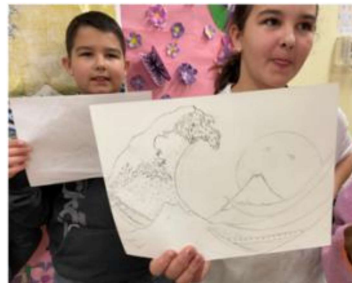
We had an action packed Spring at our “Rise and Shine” Saturday art program at Oasis. The highlight was a very special visit from our own St. Bart’s Ballerina, **Eve Kamidoi** (above center). She delighted the children with her expertise as well as teaching them a few ballet positions. Once again reinforcing that there are many ways of self-expression!



The art component was a study of the many dancers that Degas used in his paintings and the children created their own ballerinas. Look how beautiful!

The children learned about the how to build a landscape and by looking at the work of Hokusai, Hockney and Homer. The 3 H’s! You can’t be sad when you are creating!

I worked with the teen girls during the week to create an Adirondack chair (below) to be auctioned at their big fund-raising Gala they hold once a year. The final piece raised several hundred dollars for Oasis.



**OASIS**  
A HAVEN FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

(continued)

### SUMMER OUTREACH (continued)



Peggy continues to organize a very worthwhile diaper drive for all those adorable little ones in Goshen (see below). Keep those diapers coming!



Big event and a new event was our field trip to St. Huberts Animal rescue in Madison (see page 10). If you didn't make it this trip, there will be more visits and collections in the future.

Happy Summer to you all! Stop by and visit our community garden and our Pollinator garden where you can "Come and Sit" and reflect on all God's wonders.

Blessings from Outreach!

*Article and photos provided by Judy Malhotra*

### HOUSE ON THE HILL

For over 30 years St. Bartholomew's has been contributing to House on the Hill as part of our outreach program. Marjorie and Harold Taylor introduced the program with annual toiletries drive among other projects. Presently, we have quarterly Diaper and toiletry drives. The Director, Sister Jean Graffweg, is very grateful to receive the many generous gifts we donate to the children and their families. To better understand what House on the Hill is, I am sharing some information taken from their profile.



**Agri-Business Child Development**, founded in 1946, is committed to providing the highest quality early childhood education and social services to farm workers and other eligible families across New York State. Children, eight weeks old through school age, benefit from the culturally and linguistically diverse programming recognized nationally as a hallmark of Agri-Business Child Development.

On June 15, 1972, the Sisters of St. Dominic, in collaboration with Dominican College students, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, and many remarkable volunteers, opened the House on the Hill Migrant Child Care Center. After several years, House on the Hill joined the network of Agri-Business Child Development centers.

As a provider of Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, Agri-Business Child Development ensures that each child receives comprehensive educational, health and social services. ABCD at Goshen-House on the Hill is accredited by the National Association for the Education of young children.

Eligibility requirements for local agricultural workers, as well as the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start program include household income, employment status, and child(ren)s' age(s). The center utilizes a system of points, in accordance with the Head Start Program Performance Standards, to ensure that the neediest of eligible families receive services.

*Article and photo by Peggy Kievit*

## St. Bartholomew's Church Community Garden News

As I was reflecting on our community garden article, I was surprised that it has been 4 years now since we started this ministry. I remember clearly the whisper I got that we should start a community garden. It was a message delivered with a strong sense of “we can do this” in spite of the challenges ahead of us. Isn't that what hopes and dreams are made of after all? And when you have faith, hope and a few enthusiastic gardeners (none so experienced) the task at hand always seems easier and fun as we learn together.

The garden couldn't have come at a better time as with the impending pandemic it was a place we can escape, easily social distance, have fellowship out in the open and all feel purposeful that we can continue to grow our garden and donate some of the harvest to Oasis which we have done consistently.

***“God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures.”  
Francis Bacon***

Our garden ministry continues to grow and provide fellowship and bountiful harvest. Through this ministry we also now have prayer ribbons that get hung around the garden by our parishioners and visitors as often as they would like. Do you see the picture of the beautiful bird house on the right? Well, it is full of ribbons and a pen or two so anyone can write a prayer and hang it around our garden fence. Our Pastor Cathie blesses those prayers monthly. Come and visit and be sure to leave your prayer as well. During the winter months we continue to write prayers on ribbons and hang them in our Sanctuary.



So far this spring season we have received 2 donations from Home Depot for garden soil and have been blessed with Dave Gabrielle as the beds were roto tilled by him. Our gardeners met in early May and weeded and then met again and planted. We are blessed with wonderful gardeners as all our beds have been sponsored and we created a rotating watering schedule to keep those plants growing all the way through the harvest season.

Futuristically we are looking at a better watering source that will serve our community garden better. Judy M., Rita G. and I will be happy to share more information with you as we proceed.

Please stop by and visit our garden and leave a prayer by the fence. We are always looking to add more gardeners to our group and would be happy to have you join us.

Love to All, & God Bless our Garden.

**Article and photos by Ghada Harb**





## Prayer Requests

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

Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Evelyn, Rich, Becky, Jeffrey, Vern, John, Rakesh, Brigida, Scott, Beth, Jennifer, Grace, Paula, Judy, Bill, Dick, Pasquale, Gordon, Cathy, Rick, Andrew, Chris, Mike, Andrew, Morgan, Veronica, Sherri, Don, Kathleen, Lisa, Ryan, Lori, Jen, Milè



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 people globally, and in the United States who have died 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.

We pray for the people that have suffered damage and loss from wars and natural disasters.

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, 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](mailto:StBartsHHK@gmail.com) if you would like a name added to or deleted from the prayer list.

## 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

***Let us serve God by serving those in need.***



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

**BIRTHDAYS**

JUNE

Jennifer Dittermer ..... 6/1  
 Kimbro Hintz ..... 6/4  
 Nancy Konzelmann..... 6/6  
 Kimberly Klaus .....6/18  
 Thomas Wicks .....6/19  
 Jay Fayerweather.....6/21

JULY

Ghada Harb..... 7/1  
 John Klaus ..... 7/4  
 Robert Millett..... 7/8  
 Kathy Mathews .....7/11  
 Amelia Fogg .....7/13  
 Scott Wolff .....7/13  
 Mike Egbert.....7/17  
 Milë Ristich.....7/19  
 Kristina Markel .....7/22  
 Ramzi Gunselman .....7/24  
 Lauren Smith.....7/27  
 Joanne Klaus.....7/28  
 Elizabeth Bergamo .....7/29

AUGUST

Shamus Schofield ..... 8/4  
 Allen De Niar ..... 8/5  
 Adam Gabrielle..... 8/7  
 Thomas Bergamo.....8/10  
 Rita Gnerre .....8/10  
 Alexa Markel .....8/11  
 Linda De Niar.....8/13  
 Fred Bergamo.....8/16  
 James Markel .....8/16  
 Mary Vandevander .....8/19

**ANNIVERSARIES**

JUNE

Michael and Rita Gnerre ..... 6/4  
 Thomas and Sally Thurston.....6/22  
 Allen and Linda De Niar .....6/23  
 Reto and Bonnie Metzler.....6/26  
 Bill and Bix Smethurst.....6/30

JULY

John Jr. and Lauren Klaus..... 7/9

AUGUST

John and Joanne Klaus .....8/12  
 Jack and Nancy Konzelmann .....8/22



ENJOY

YOUR...



And when you return, please join us on  
 September 10 for **Welcome Home Sunday**  
 and our **Annual Picnic**.

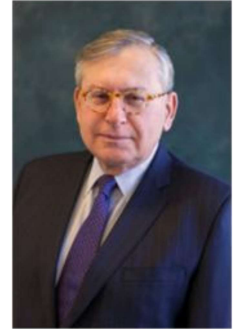
- At the May 29 Ho-Ho-Kus Memorial Day parade,
- Andrew and Catherine Sommerfeld, Rev. Cathie,
- and Kathy and "Bailey" Kamidoi offered bottled
- water to the marchers and onlookers, and Cathie
- offered
- a prayer
- at the
- memorial
- service.



**THOMAS MOTAMED**

Thomas Motamed died on April 19 at age 74, after a valiant and courageous battle with brain cancer.

Tom grew up in Garden City, NY and graduated from Delphi University and Widener University School of Law. He had a long and illustrious career in the insurance industry, beginning as a claims trainee at The Chubb Insurance Corporation and rising to be its Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer. Later he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CNA Financial Corporation. Tom also served as a board member of many other organizations.



Tom came to St. Bartholomew's 40 years ago when he married Christine Taylor, the daughter of long-time St. Bart's members Harold and Marjorie Taylor. He was a member of our Vestry and a generous supporter of our Memorial Garden. Several years ago the Motameds moved to Pennsylvania and later to South Carolina, but we had the pleasure of seeing them last year when they came to the memorial service for Jim Mathews.

He is survived by Chris and their daughters Meredith Rymer and Kate Miles and their families. Meredith and Kate have written:

Tom lived each day as a man of humble character who worked tirelessly to provide for his family. He routinely planned gatherings to keep his family connected and made joyful memories with those he loved while keeping everyone laughing. He was a devoted husband, a supportive father, and a loving grandfather; he will be forever missed.

A memorial service was held in Charleston, South Carolina on May 7.

*Adapted from obituary provided by the family; photo from the Internet*

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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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## FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

Sunday, June 11, 2023 2:00 PM



**FRANCES  
DUFFY,**  
Harp



**JILL  
SOKOL,**  
Flute



**BRADLEY  
BOSENBECK,**  
Violin/Viola

Forget the cares of the world,  
relax and enjoy an uninterrupted hour  
of peaceful, soothing chamber music  
in a beautiful, historic setting.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**  
**70 Sheridan Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ**  
(just north of the firehouse)

**ALL ARE WELCOME**