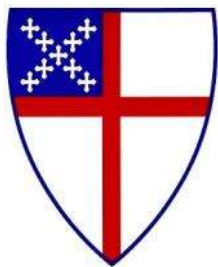


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WINTER 2025-2026

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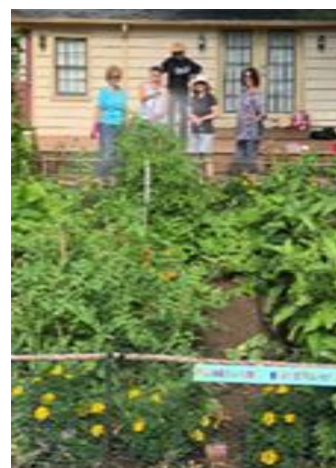
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## CALENDAR - WINTER 2025-2026

**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 **Instagram**, [www.instagram.com/stbartshhk](http://www.instagram.com/stbartshhk)

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, Facebook and YouTube (see details above).  
Light refreshments with coffee after worship.
- 3rd Sunday of each month (September through June)**  
11:30 AM Vestry Meeting
- Monday through Friday**  
9:15 - 9:45 AM Morning Prayer (see pg. 6)  
(check early morning email for changes)
- Tuesdays and Fridays**  
10:30 AM Chair Yoga (also Thursdays 7:15 PM) (see pg. 7 & 8)
- Wednesdays**  
11:00 AM Healing Service (see pg. 7)
- Wednesdays**  
7:15 - 8:15 PM Bible Study (see pg. 6)
- Thursdays**  
10:15 - 11:00 AM Bible Study (see pg. 7)
- 4th Tuesday of each month**  
9:00 AM Family Breakfast at Matthews (see pg. 11)
- 1st, 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month**  
10:00 - 11:30 AM Food Pantry and Bart's Closet & Library (see pg. 17)
- 4th Saturday of each month**  
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM Food Collection for Oasis Shelter for Women & Children in the front parking lot (see pg. 16)
- Saturdays, Nov. 29 thru Dec. 20** Spanish Ministry (see pg. 14)
- Sunday, December 7** Christmas Party at the Rectory (see pg. 3)
- Wed. Dec. 24 & Thu. Dec. 25** Christmas Services (see last page)
- Sunday, January 25** Annual Parish Meeting (see pg. 8)
- Sunday, February 8** Souper Bowl Sunday (see pg. 12)
- Saturday, February 21** Winter Retreat (see pg. 9)



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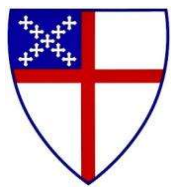
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### Rev. Cathie's Reflections

*"Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." – Luke 2:10*

Christmas is the season where joy takes center stage. The angel's proclamation to the shepherds was not simply about happiness, it was about a deep, abiding joy that comes from God's gift of salvation. This joy is not limited to one night in Bethlehem; it is a joy that continues to move throughout history, reaching into our lives today.

Joy at Christmas is found in the wonder of the Incarnation: God choosing to dwell among us, to share our humanity, and to redeem our brokenness. It is the joy of knowing that *"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it"* (John 1:5). It is the most joyous news of all that into the dark world there would come a light, a great light! A light which no darkness can overcome. Which is, when you think about it, why

is joy such good news? It is the joy of Emmanuel, God with us, bringing peace to troubled hearts and hope to weary souls.

The angel's greeting to the shepherds that first Christmas night is now God's greeting to us. It is a greeting which still brings us boundless joy. Because it tells us the source of that joy: The birth of our Savior, Christ the Lord. It is because the joy of Christmas comes to all, regardless of our circumstances. It does not depend on anything in this world. This joy is eternal and unchangeable. The greatest gift we can ever receive.

**And we know where this joy was found, in a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. This child came into this world to bring us joy.**

When we turn to that first Christmas, happiness is not the theme that rises to the surface. Mary and Joseph were compelled to travel far from home because of a government decree. They found no suitable place to stay, even as Mary was about to give birth. There were no doctors, nurses, or midwives to assist her, and no family nearby to comfort her.

And the shepherds? Though visited by an angel and surrounded by a

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multitude of heavenly hosts, they were not promised relief from hardship. They learned that their Savior had been born, and that they would find him wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

The Savior we awaited did not come to erase our struggles or guarantee happiness. He came to bring joy. This joy is the heartbeat of the Christmas story. The angels proclaimed “good news of great joy” not merely because the Messiah was born, but because he was born as our Savior. Jesus came not only to share in our humanity, but to redeem us, assuring us that nothing in this world can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus. This joy is real, enduring, and stronger than anything else we face.

Joy is not simply the absence of sorrow, nor is it dependent on circumstances. Scripture reminds us that joy is rooted in God’s presence and promises. In Christ, joy becomes a steady companion. Jesus tells His disciples, *“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete”* (John 15:11). This joy is not fragile; it endures trials, sustains hope, and strengthens weary hearts. It is a joy that sings even in the valley because

it knows the Shepherd walks beside us.

Joy is a radiant gift, often discovered in the simplest of moments like a child’s laughter, sunlight spilling through a window, or the quiet assurance of being loved. Unlike happiness, which can fade with circumstances, joy is rooted deeply in gratitude, hope, and connection. It is our song, reminding us that life is more than what we see or feel in the present. Joy helps the heart to grow, opening us to generosity, resilience, and wonder, and inviting us to live with a spirit that honors the sacred woven into everyday life.

As we gather around trees, candles, and carols, may we remember that true joy is not in the gifts we give or receive, but in the Gift already given, Christ Himself. Let us carry this joy beyond the season, let us choose joy, not as denial of life’s challenges, but as a declaration of faith and the foundation of our discipleship. May joy shape our worship, inspire our service, embrace our daily lives, our journey as disciples, so that others may see in us the radiant love and strength of the Lord.

*In Joy!*

*Love, Rev. Cathie+*

## **NOTICE OF OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

St. Bartholomew’s **111th Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, January 25, 2026** after the 10 AM service. Complimentary brunch will be served before we begin.

The Vestry and other staff members will report on their activities for 2025, the Treasurer will present his financial report and propose a budget for 2026, and we’ll elect delegates to the 2026 Diocesan Convention. The Vestry welcomes members to serve as delegates or to fill our many volunteer positions. If you would like to serve in any capacity, please speak to one of our Wardens, Kathy Gabrielle or Ghada Harb; their contact information is on the title page.

This is your opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions, and learn how our Vestry keeps St. Bart’s running smoothly. Please mark your calendars and join us on **January 25** for our annual meeting!

**NOTE FOR THOSE SUBMITTING REPORTS:** Please email your reports to the office by **JANUARY 7**.





## *St. Bartholomew's Christmas Party*

*Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>*

*3pm-6pm at the Rectory*

*Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.*

*"Christmas, my child, is love in action."*

*~ Dale Evans Rogers*

Two men were shipwrecked on an island. The minute they got to the island, one of them started screaming and yelling, "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly it drove the first man crazy.

"Don't you understand?! We're going to die!!" the first man said.

"You don't understand. I make \$100,000 a week," said the second man.

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked "What difference does it make? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to die!!!"

The second man answered, "You don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week. I tithe. My church treasurer will find me!"

## **QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS**

### ***Vestry Highlights – June through October 2025***

#### **Treasurer:**

The latest Treasure's report by Dave Ackerman shows January through October 2025 the church has had a total income of \$139,841 with total expenses of \$210,745. For our 2025 budget, contributions are more than \$3,000 over budget, investment income is \$9,000 over budget, whereas donations from AA are under, altar supplies are over budget due to the purchase of the needed altar linens, and marketing is over budget due to the EDDM Springtime card mailing. As of October 2025, a total of \$126,000 had to be transferred out from our Edward Jones General account to cover expenses.

In compliance with our in-house accountant, Jack Konzelmann's recommendations, the original concept of allocating funds from the Susan Cordes Blackwood bequest to certain line items, has been abolished.

The funds from this bequest are now all part of the Edward Jones General account to be transferred for needed line items when requested.

The profits on Arts at St. Bart's events are now considered profits under operating income.

Year End adjustments to the Restricted Funds to properly reflect the financial statements will be made quarterly for the Vestry's review.

The Vestry will no longer approve the monthly Treasurer's Reports since these reports can only be approved once they are audited. The Vestry will review and ask questions on the monthly reports, and once all questions have been answered, the monthly reports will be filed for our accountant's audit and approval.

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

Kathy Gabrielle has overseen the following repairs and services to the church and rectory from June through October.

Solar timed bulbs installed in the outdoor fixtures on the rectory's home.

New hose reel and nozzle installed on the church building in the front memorial garden to eliminate a reel being on the ground of blessed areas.

US Apex Gutter Company fixed 3 areas of the church gutters and replaced all gutters on the Rectory.

RJ Plumbing installed new faucets in both the woman's and men's bathrooms.

First Choice Electric has brought all the four post lights in the side memorial garden up to code by rewiring through in ground conduit since they were not originally installed properly. Also included with this work was the rewiring and conduit installation of the actual electrical wiring that comes from the church building to these post lights.

Mahwah Tree Company removed one dead Plum Tree, and dead limbs with pruning of lower branches of 8 trees (Pine and Spruces) on the property of the rectory.

#### **Outreach:**

##### **Oasis:**

**Oasis Scholarships:** In June, The Vestry approved giving a scholarship of \$800 to a child of Oasis to attend 4 weeks of the WMCA camp in Wyckoff, and a donation of \$2,500 to a high school graduate from Oasis that was planning to attend college.

**Oasis Food Drives:** Monthly food donations are going well.

**Food Pantry and Bart's Closet:** The three Saturdays that our Pantry and Closet are open each month see a steady flow of about 25 people. The average cost of groceries is \$400 per opening. A small refrigerator is now in place to keep milk, eggs, butter, and a few vegetables for distribution. Carol Guzzo-Flug is participating in this ministry by placing orders for delivery to her home on cleaning supplies and some food items. She is also a regular baker of goodies for our café in the pantry for each of our Saturdays.

**Outreach Center (The Rectory):** The summer's Performing Arts Camp was a success. A minicamp is planned after Easter and a two-week summer camp with one week of visual and one week of performing arts are planned.

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### QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS (continued)

**Outreach Discernment Team:** A free-standing library box was purchased and installed by the Labyrinth to house brochures with vision of the structure and directions for walking it.

#### Rev. Cathie:

**Office Position:** The office now has two new PT employees. George DiPasquale is the assistant in the office for administrative tasks. George is currently working on the updating of our church directory. Amanda Giacchetti is the assistant for development for our “Sharing the Good News Programs.” Amanda is also the assistant director for our Performing Arts Workshops, and the developer of the new format of our 8.5x14 Sunday Service bulletins. Both George and Amanda are helping with the update of our website.

**Studies:** The Wednesday evening group continues with the book of Acts and Thursday morning group will be starting the Gospel of John.

**Sunday School:** Will be offered in December for Advent.

**Parish Retreat Day:** Is planned for Saturday February 21st.

**Vestry member resignation:** Andrew Sommerfeld resigned from the Vestry due to his present work commitments and his move to a much further distance from church.

#### **New Business**

**Stewardship 2025:** Began on October 12<sup>th</sup> for a 6-week program with November 23<sup>rd</sup> being Stewardship Sunday with the focus on Discipleship as a Foundation of Stewardship. The Baptismal Covenant was used as a focus in this learning.

**Altar Guild:** With Ghada Harb's assistance the church now has a new white frontal and accessory replacements (burse & veil, urn cover and chasuble) totaling the cost of \$3,816.50.

**Spanish Worship Services:** Services will be offered during the Saturdays of Advent in the morning when the food pantry is open.

**ESL Program:** Classes for English as a Second Language could be offered soon led by the church's Spanish teacher and other volunteers.

**Marketing:** The Marketing Team, with Wayne Kamidoi's assistance, has been busy working on an EDDM mailing to promote our Christmas Services and to highlight what the church has been involved with since the last mailing.

#### **Old Business:**

**Spanish Classes:** Our Classes that began on May 13<sup>th</sup> and that are continuing, are going well.

**Technology:** The two desks purchased to store all the technical items needed to broadcast our services by Zoom and Facebook, and to show the services on the 2 TV screens in the Sanctuary, have been installed and are very functional.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Gabrielle, Warden

### ***St. Bartholomew's Mission Statement***

**St. Bartholomew's mission is to glorify God guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit to be a beacon of hope and light in our community.**



## Nourishing the Family of Christ

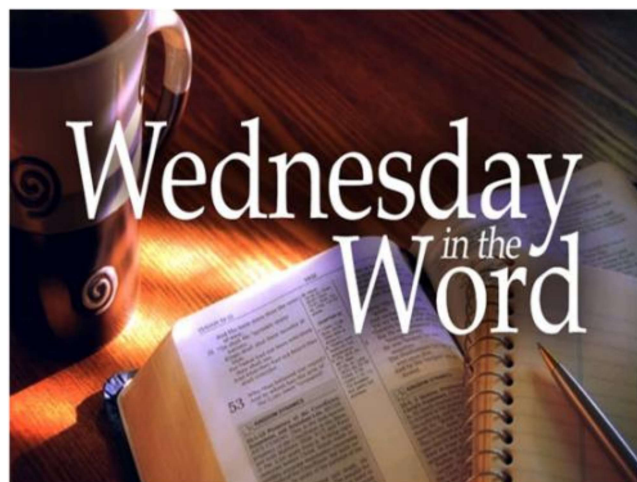


### Morning Prayer

Good morning Father!  
How are you today?  
Thank you God for all my blessings.  
Help me to be a blessing today.  
And hear your voice.  
I need you.  
I love you.

**Monday-Friday at 9:15**

**Call 339-209-6277**

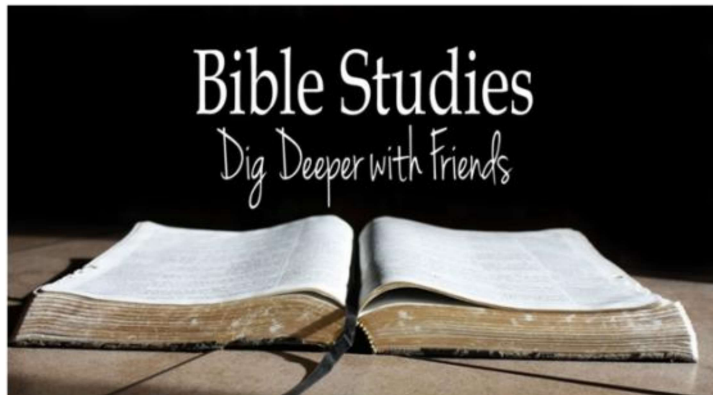


**Wednesday Night-7:15 via Zoom**

**The Book of Acts**

**and, beginning at the end of  
January a journey through the  
history of the building of the  
church.**





**Thursday Morning 10:15am**  
**Via Conference Call**  
**The Gospel of John**



**Join us for music, meditation,  
healing prayers  
and Holy Communion.**

**Wednesdays 11:00am in the  
Sanctuary.**



**Join us in our yoga studio at  
the rectory.**

**Tuesdays 10:30am**

**Thursday Evenings 7:15pm**

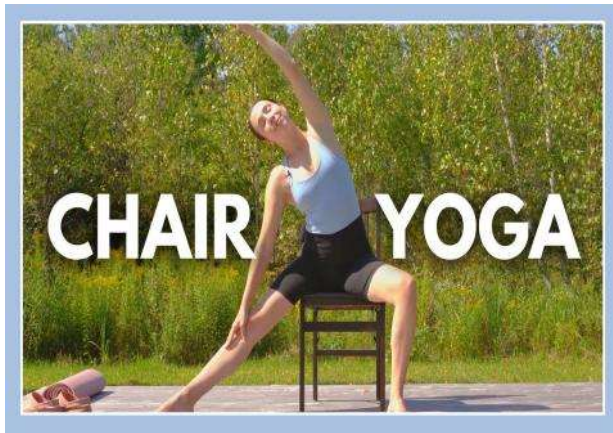
**Fridays 10:30am**

**Check the weekly bulletin for  
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## Learn more about Yoga for Christians

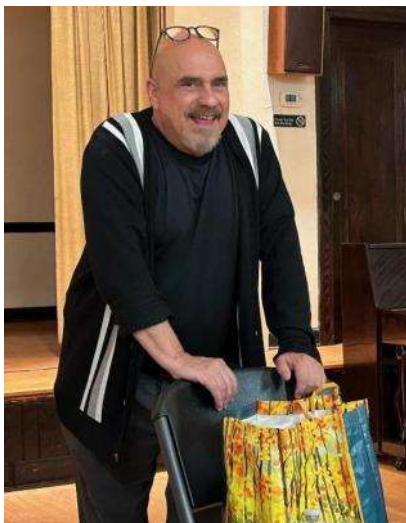
For Christians, yoga, especially when practiced with intentional spiritual practices, can offer a meaningful way to deepen one's connection with God while nurturing the body and mind. Christian yoga often incorporates prayer, scripture meditation, and worshipful movement, transforming traditional poses into acts of devotion.

This allows believers to experience physical benefits like increased flexibility, reduced stress, and improved breathing, while also creating space for contemplative stillness and spiritual renewal. When approached thoughtfully, yoga can become a sacred rhythm of worship, reflection, and holistic well-being.



At St. Bartholomew's we offer chair yoga classes on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10:30 and Thursday nights at 7:15.

Our yoga poses are taught with the support of a chair to grow in balance and strength. We practice breathing techniques, stretching moves and strength building postures. If you would like more information, please reach out to Rev. Cathie.



On October 3, humorist and Bergen Record columnist **BILL ERVOLINO** paid a return visit, having first appeared here in May 2022. He entertained us for over an hour with humorous stories of growing up in New Jersey, his journalism career, and much, much more. Bill's talk was preceded by a delicious pasta and wine dinner organized by our Hospitality Team.





**February 21, 2026**

**Come and See!**

**Parish Retreat Day Focusing on Reflection,  
Sharing, Dreaming and Praying for  
the life and ministries of our church**

**9:30-3:30 and lunch will be served**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - October 5**

Church members, friends, and neighbors  
brought 30 dogs to be blessed by Rev. Cathie.



Some  
were  
shy...

...some  
were  
not.



# Start the year In the power of the Spirit!



Our next study group will focus on a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, the gift that Jesus gave to all humanity. More information, dates and times for meetings will be made in the new year. Come and See!



## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW CHOIR MEMBER

Hi - my name is **Cynthia Delorenzo** and I am proud to be a member of this congregation! I moved to Ridgewood in August and was looking for a church I could call home and I found it at St. Bartholomew's. Everyone was welcoming and friendly and I instantly fell in love with Pastor Cathie! Please come join this amazing church - you will be happy you did!

*Screen shot from YouTube video*



## ARE YOU THINKING OF HAVING A PARTY, A CELEBRATION?

If so, why not consider **St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall**.



Our Hall can handle 80 seated easily, has plenty of room to mingle, two areas of balcony space, a stage for presentations or performances, CD player for audio, overhanging Edison Style lights for "low lighting" and a fully functional kitchen for preparation and cooking.

For more information, contact **Kathy Gabrielle** (201-321-9082) or [kgabrie396@aol.com](mailto:kgabrie396@aol.com)

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## Family Breakfasts



**Come and be with us as we share a meal  
and the joy of fellowship.**

**Tuesdays- Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 24**

**We gather together at 9:00am**

## OUR VERSATILE REVEREND DR. CATHIE STUDWELL

One Sunday afternoon, right after church, I along with three other parishioners hopped in the car to go attend a Cabaret Show in East Rutherford. Judy M., Kathy K., Peggy K. and I were very excited especially since our Pastor Cathie was the opening act. Yes, you read that right!



How wonderful it is to have a versatile Pastor that fully embraces all her God given gifts.

Rev. Cathie shared how she was challenged to enjoy her gift of singing and performing at the same time as being a Reverend and God has always shown her the way. Her message was: “My prayer to God is to preach on Sunday morning and be on the stage Sunday night.” Each one of the performers tells a story that connects them to the song they perform. What was truly interesting to me was that three of the six performers in the show we attended glorified God’s presence in their lives. Who would’ve guessed that in that place you can still be a light for Jesus’s message to the world.

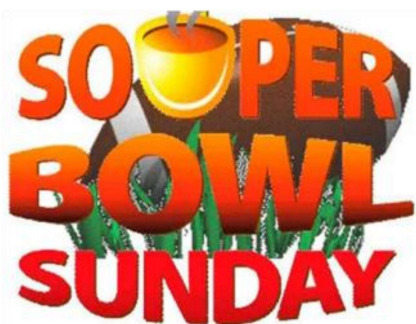
After the show, a young man in his mid-20s approached Rev. Cathie and said “Pastor, do you have a moment?” Normally an approach which is used when someone needs pastoral counsel. Of course, her response was sure (I am sure she was thinking: Here? Now?)

The young man thanked her for taking Jesus out of the box and bringing him to the show!

God always moves in mysterious ways.

**Ghada Harb**

*Photo (left) by Ghada, screen shot (right) from Judy’s video.*



**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> our annual Souper Bowl coffee hour and fundraiser. Enjoy soup with friends and purchase some to take home for the big game.**

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Please use the enclosed Flower Offering Envelope to memorialize or honor your loved ones at our Christmas services. (On-line copies, please use the form with your covering e-mail. Or you may have received an envelope in a Christmas card from us, or you may pick one up in the Narthex or at the rear door.) Your contribution of any amount will go toward decorating the altar with the lovely flowers that add so much to the Christmas services.

Please submit your envelopes or requests to the church office by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12** for the names to be listed in the Christmas service bulletins. Thank you!

But you don't have to wait for Christmas or Easter to remember your loved ones. Flowers are placed on our altar every Sunday. You can contribute toward their cost, and your loved ones will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. Please contact [rectorstbartshhk@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstbartshhk@gmail.com).



At the start of the **2025 Diocesan Convention** in November, Bishop Carlye Hughes recognized people and congregations in thanks for their support in the past year. **St. Bartholomew's** was thanked for our tithe on the blessing that we received from **Susan Cordes Blackwood**. The Bishop shared that it came as an answer to the prayers of the staff because there was a large shortfall in their cash flow. It was our gift that helped them get through their tough times.

In her sermon at the 151st Diocesan Convention, Bishop Hughes reminded us that Jesus calls us to follow him out into the world – especially when there is disruption, as there is now. Referencing the Gospel lesson, Luke 5:27-32, she urged us to see ourselves as Levi, called by Christ and sent out to carry God's life-changing love into a hurting world.

In her Convention sermon, Bishop Hughes highlighted several resources that she encourages people to read, study, and reflect on.

### **Books**

**Reconciliation: The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu** and **Ubuntu: I in You and You in Me** by the Very Rev. Michael Battle, Ph.D., Theologian-In-Community at Trinity Church Boston. Battle is widely known for his work on reconciliation, spirituality, and the theology of Ubuntu.

**Love Alone** by Fr. Hans Urs van Balthasar, 20th century Swiss Roman Catholic theologian. This book is a great entry into his theology and helps us grow our understanding and appreciation of God's love in our lives, churches, and diocese.

Bishop Hughes also spoke about the four key focus areas that came out of the **Strategic Visioning Project**:

- Formation and Support for the First Third of Life
- Care for People and Planet
- Congregational Collaboration
- Communication

The next issue of *The VOICE Online* will include an update on what's happening in these four areas and how we can get involved.

**With the exception of the first paragraph, the rest of this text was taken from *The VOICE Online*.**



## Nuevo Ministerio en San Bartolomé (New Ministry at St. Bartholomew's)

God has called us to offer ministry in Spanish to those who come to our food pantry, those in our community, and support our ministry at Oasis Women and Children's Shelter.

For the past few months, Ghada Harb, Mike Egbert, Catherine Fatony, Kathy Kamidoi, Judy Malhotra, and Rev. Cathie have been learning Spanish with Marisol Leal, who lives in Ho-Ho-Kus and is a certified teacher.

**Join us for the 4 Saturdays of Advent, November 29, December 6, 13, and 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Parish Hall for a short service in Spanish. You do not have to speak Spanish to support the ministry, your presence will say a lot!**

If you are interested in extending our hospitality and welcoming in this ministry, please let Rev. Cathie know.



*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17*

Our first **Spanish Worship Service** was held on Saturday, November 29 with twenty persons attending. Rev. Cathie celebrated the Eucharist in Spanish, assisted by Spanish teacher Marisol Leal and Judy Malhotra and Peggy Kievit.





## *World Day of Prayer-March 6, 2026*



*Honoring the people of Nigeria*

# **St. Bartholomew's Cares**

## **Food Collection for Oasis Shelter for Women & Children**

**December 20, January 24,  
February 28 10:45-12:15**

**70 Sheridan Ave-Ho-Ho-Kus**



### **Items Needed**

**Individually Wrapped Snacks, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cans of Soup,**

**Cans of Vegetables, Tuna, Chili, Pasta, Rice, Cereal, Mac and Cheese, Oatmeal, Tomato Sauce, Beans.**

***We serve God by serving those in need.***

***Thank you for your support***



# St. Bartholomew's Cares

## Feeding Body, Mind, & Spirit

70 Sheridan Avenue-Ho-Ho-Kus



First, Second, & Fourth Saturdays,  
10:00-11:30 am



Bart's Closet and  
Library offering  
Fall and Winter  
clothes and books  
for all ages is open.

## OUTREACH NEWS

Our Saturday Oasis Rise and Shine program was back in action this Fall. We have about 22 students each Saturday morning ages 6-12. They are enthusiastic and ready to experience all the new tools and techniques shown to them. Kathy Kamidoi has come to help Joan and me and that was greatly appreciated. The more St. Bart's help, the better! The students will be going on their first ever field trip to an art museum.

Thanksgiving is around the corner and our food donation program with Oasis is needed more than ever. Families are depending on our Outreach program as well as other programs in order to put food on their tables. This holiday season fresh turkeys, hams, whatever you can give till be a big help.

Following Thanksgiving, we will be giving our names of Ramapo Indian Children who need a little wish fulfillment from us to make their Christmas dreams come true. The blessing of the animals was held in October and the donations for our furry friends will be delivered to St. Hubert's Animal Rescue in the Spring. Everyone is welcome to join us when we caravan down to Madison to make our delivery.

We took the Oasis children to the Montclair Museum of Art. Kathy Kamidoi and her two girls came with us. The Montclair Museum hosted them with docent tours and a wonderful hands-on studio workshop. Students in the past have really loved this trip.

Our **Angel Tree** (right) is up and you will be able to choose a child's name and their wish list.

A blessed Christmas to All.

Much Love to our St. Bart's Family

**Judy Malhotra**



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## OUTREACH NEWS *continued*



Many parishioners and neighbors turned out for our **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** in September.



The feature film was  
**BAD GUYS 2.**  
Our thanks to  
Mike Egbert for  
providing  
and  
showing  
the film.



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## COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have just wrapped up another successful year at our community garden. Thanks to all the gardeners who have sponsored a plot or two and made good use of God's beautiful land. We have been able to deliver on our ministry in donating twice to Oasis from our bounty and this year we collaborated with our Town's Community Garden as they added to those donations.

So much joy watching Melissa's never-ending harvest of cucumbers, Yin's Bok Choy, Rita's endless supply of Parsley, Jen & Bill's variety of lettuce leaves. so many varieties of tomatoes and peppers in everyone's garden, Amy's melons and the zucchini's that I started from seed this year.

As the year is slowly coming to a close, I like to reflect and count our blessings; so I went for a search of the pictures in my phone of the garden since its inception in 2018.

We started with a dream with a shabby lot and dared to dream BIG as we were guided with hope for a beautiful ministry of fellowship, caring for the land and sharing the bounty with our fellow parishioners and with others through donations for Oasis.

Every year we dream just a little more.....Come and share the dream with us next year.

**2018**



**2025**



Here is the progression

**2020**



**2021**



**2022**



**2023**



Submitted with Faith that we will always be guided.

**Ghada Harb, Warden**

## MARJORIE MORRIS

Marjorie Lee Morris, 97, of Waldwick, NJ, passed away peacefully on All Saints Day, Saturday, November 1, 2025. Born in Philadelphia, PA, she grew up in Audubon, NJ and moved to Waldwick in 1950, where she resided since.

Marjorie Morris (nee Bradbury) is a descendant from the Bradburys of Massachusetts that arrived in the US in the 1600s and who were involved in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. She is also related to Mary Bradbury who was convicted of witchcraft in Salem, Mass. in 1692. One of her ancestors also arrived in Plymouth, Mass. on the Mayflower and her middle name is traced back to the Lees of Virginia.

Marjorie attended Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, where she was majoring in microbiology, though her father always complained she was majoring in knitting and bridge. She loved her vacations at the New Jersey shore, where her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren would gather each summer for 42 years. She was an avid member of her senior center and loved line dancing 3-4 times a week for many years.

Marjorie is survived by: her daughter Peggy Kievit of Waldwick, NJ, and her granddaughter Jennifer Davis and her husband Dan of Hewitt, NJ; her son Paul "Brad" Morris and his wife Anita of Ridgefield, CT, her grandson Scott Morris Chase of Brooklyn, NY, his wife Anna and her great-grandson Calvin, her granddaughter Charlotte Petty of Manassas, VA, her husband Matthew and her two great-granddaughters Cora and Callie; and her son Jeffrey Morris and his wife Jennifer of Hillsdale, NJ. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 52 years Paul in 1999.

There will be a memorial service at St. Bartholomew's Church, 70 Sheridan Ave., Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ at 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 21.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Marjorie's memory may be made to St. Bartholomew's Memorial Garden or to your Regional Hospice.



## Potluck Fellowship Dinner



This event will take place in February. Date and time information will be shared in the weeks ahead.

Start thinking of what dish you would like to bring to share. Also, please bring something, photos or other items from your childhood, wedding, etc. and we will share stories from our lives.



## Prayer Requests

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

Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Evelyn, Rich, Rakesh, Sherri, Don, Kathleen, Nancy, Margie, Susan, Cindy, Ava, Toby, Joseph, Tom, Milé, Ben, Terry, Banita, Marialyse, Ashley, Julie, Diane, Judy, Kevin, Ken, Mike, Jimmy, Carol, Teddy, Craig, John, Mariah, John, Bonnie, Trista, Bob, Bo, Mark, Beata, Bob, Alicia, Ryan, Lois, Tom, Trish, Lucas, Casey



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 suffering through any type of illness and those who care for them.

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 the people of Israel and Palestine.

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

We pray for all God's creatures and for the love they give to us.

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 Nicholas, USM Miles, USA Adam, USCG, Matthew, USAF

*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.*

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

The Community Thrift Shop is in the rear of Kings,  
85 Godwin Ave, Suite 33, Midland Park, NJ 07432

Google "Community Thrift Shop Midland Park" or phone 201-652-7661  
to learn what hours they are open and what items they are accepting.

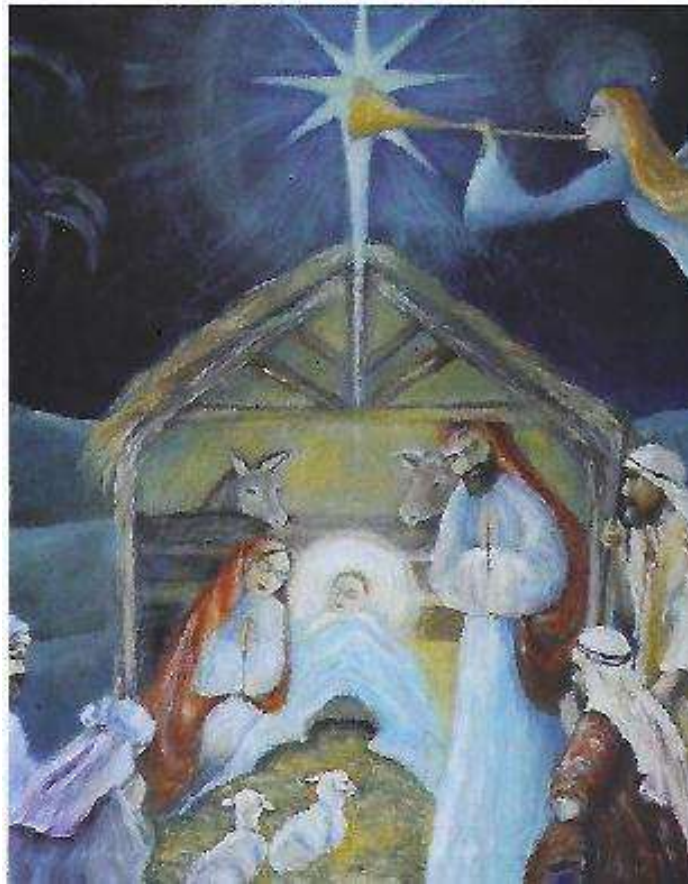
How your donation helps St. Bart's: **You drop off items marked with #43.**  
St. Bart's receives a quarterly check for **30%** of the sales of items marked with **#43.**

### <<<<<<< 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.





## *Come Let Us Adore Him*

**December 24, Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm Worship Service**

In-Person and Zoom

**11:00pm Prayer Service**

Zoom Only

**December 25, Christmas Day**

**10:00am Worship Service**

In-Person, Zoom, Facebook, YouTube On Line