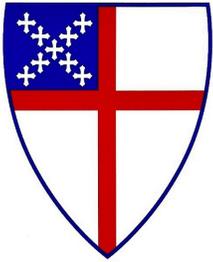


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CALENDAR - SPRING 2026

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 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. 8)
(check early morning email for changes)
- Wednesdays**
11:00 AM Healing Service (see pg. 9)
7:15 - 8:15 PM Bible Study (see pg. 8)
- Thursdays**
10:15 - 11:00 AM Bible Study (see pg. 9)
- Mondays, April 13 - May 4**
7:15 PM Study Group (see pg. 10)
- 4th Tuesday of each month**
9:00 AM Family Breakfast at Matthews (see pg. 15)
- 1st, 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month**
10:00 - 11:30 AM Food Pantry and Bart's Closet & Library (see pg. 21)
- 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. 20)
- Selected Days & Times**
Chair Yoga (see pg. 9)
- Sunday, March 15** Potluck Dinner (see pg. 11)
- Tuesday, March 31** Fish & Chips (see pg. 18)
- March 29 - April 5** Holy Week (see last page)
- Sunday, April 26** Spring Retreat (see pg. 25)
- Fridays, Apr. 10 - May 8** Spring Workshop (see pg. 12)

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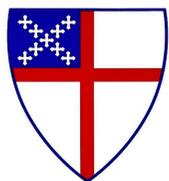
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Rev. Cathie's Reflections

On the road again, I just can't wait to get on the road again. Life I love is makin' music with my friends, And I can't wait to get on the road again.

As I pulled away from a special birthday party last Sunday, the Willie Nelson classic started looping in my head, probably because it was the only thing keeping me from shouting, "we just partied with a centenarian!" Thirteen of us from our church family had packed ourselves into cars like a holy caravan of birthday cheer, rolling up to Virginia Smith's home with enough enthusiasm to light up the sky. And when you're celebrating one hundred years of life, you deserve nothing less than a traveling gift of joy. We hugged, shared stories, and sang...Amazing Grace. Virginia sang and as she did, the smile on her face grew larger. The grace we shared was the gift of friendship and love. The gift that Jesus taught us to share.

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Our church family has continued to embody love through the many gifts present in our congregation. Our faithful prayer team, committed study groups, outreach volunteers, and those who share their leadership, creativity, music, and visual arts all contribute to a vibrant and generous ministry. We receive these blessings not for ourselves alone, but so that we may be a blessing to others, living out God's love in tangible, life-giving ways.

We have watched God shape us into a community that reflects the vision Paul describes in Ephesians 4:15-16,

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love."

Whenever a church leans deeply into worship, service, generosity, and shared learning, transformation becomes visible. We see it when someone discovers a new gift for leadership, echoing Paul's reminder that *"there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them... the same God at work in everyone"* (1 Corinthians 12:4-7). We see it

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when ministry expands to meet real needs in our neighborhood, living out James's call to a faith expressed through action as we read in James 2:14-17,

"What good is it, my brothers, and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

These moments, large and small, have woven together into a tapestry of God's quiet, persistent faithfulness among us.

At the heart of our ministry is the call to discipleship, and we continue to seek to live that call with intention. We have grown in the fruit of the Spirit described in Galatians 5:22-23,

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Discipleship, the focus of our 2025 stewardship study, is not a single decision but a daily rhythm of listening, trusting, and responding to Jesus. Luke 9:23 captures this beautifully:

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

A fruitful ministry celebrates that ongoing journey. It honors the ways we have grown in compassion, courage, and faithfulness, and it invites us to keep moving forward rooted in Scripture, empowered by the Spirit, and committed to loving God and neighbor. Fruitfulness is not an endpoint but a signpost, pointing us toward deeper discipleship purpose.

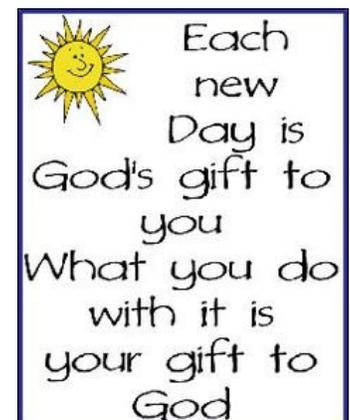
A vivid sign of our growing discipleship can be seen in the way God's love continues

to take root within our Spanish-speaking community. The hospitality and friendship offered each week at our food pantry have created a foundation of trust, dignity, and mutual support. From that shared life emerged a remarkable blessing: the opportunity to walk alongside Andrés, a ten-year-old who longed to receive his First Holy Communion. He studied with care, asked thoughtful questions, and engaged deeply as he prepared for this sacrament. When the day arrived, members of our food pantry family gathered to support him, and it was a profound joy to celebrate the Eucharist together in such a loving, hope-filled congregation.

As we look toward the year ahead, we do so with gratitude and expectation, trusting that the same God who has guided us thus far will continue to lead us into deeper discipleship. Out of the abundance we have received, we offer what the world cannot manufacture or replace: the love of God. Scripture reminds us that love stands at the center of God's story and our calling. While we cannot provide simple answers to the complex challenges of our time, we can offer the gifts that transform lives, compassion, companionship, dignity, and love, to our families, our neighbors, and our community.

May God be with us always as we continue this journey of growing discipleship and love.

*Blessings
and Love,
Rev. Cathie+*



111th Annual Parish Meeting

Our meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, January 24, a day earlier than originally scheduled due to an impending snowstorm. Rev. Dr. Cathie Studwell chaired the meeting, which was attended by 28 parishioners and guests. Reports of the Wardens, Vestry and staff had been emailed in advance. Please contact the office if you did not receive a copy.

Parishioners approved the 2025 meeting minutes and reviewed the reports and the Treasurer's 2026 operating budget. Michael Gnerre was elected to a 2-year term as Warden, succeeding Kathy Gabrielle who remains on the Vestry. Vestry members John Alberti (clerk, non-voting) and Joan Lupardo were re-elected to 3-year terms and Susan Steele was elected to a 3-year term.



Rev. Cathie, Kathy and Ghada congratulate Dave Ackerman who retired after 25 years as Treasurer (1998-2010, 2014-2025). His retirement gift from the Vestry was a beautiful model locomotive.



Photos by Michael Gnerre and Dave Ackerman

OUR VESTRY FOR 2026

Seated: Rev. Dr. Cathie Studwell, Rector, with Wardens Ghada Harb and Michael Gnerre.

Standing: Clerk John Alberti, Peggy Kievit, Joan Lupardo, Judy Malhotra, Susan Steele, Wayne Kamidoi, and Kathy Gabrielle.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW VESTRY MEMBER, SUSAN STEELE

Susan is a lifelong Episcopalian and resident of Wyckoff, where she lives with her husband, Ray. Her son, Justin, was confirmed at St. Bartholomew's and served faithfully as an acolyte in his youth before settling in Massachusetts with his family.

A calligrapher and graphic designer by profession, Susan continues to teach and serves on the Board of the Society of Scribes in New York. St. Bart's recently invited her to join their Vestry in 2026, specifically in the Community Outreach Sector. She is looking forward to bringing her enthusiasm for this position and combining it with past experience in ways that will strengthen fellowship and extend the church's welcoming spirit.



Text and photo from Susan

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

November and December 2025, and January 2026

Treasurer:

The Treasurers' report by Dave Ackerman that was presented to Vestry showed a Year End Income Total of \$193,512 and a Year End Expense of \$279,596. In the January 2026 report it was noted that 2025 ended with an operating loss of more than \$11,000 over budget. Noted reasons were: AA donation reductions, large expenses in building and grounds that were unanticipated, altar supply expense of new altar table linens, our two EDDM mailings, and the addition of two new office staff members. A total of \$166,000 was withdrawn from our Investment General Fund in 2025 to meet expenses. As of January, we have a total of 20 pledges totaling \$81,430 for 2026 vs. in 2025 we had 26 pledges that totaled \$88,830.

Building and Grounds:

Kathy Gabrielle has been requested to seek pricing for repaving of the Rectory's (now named St. Bartholomew's Spirit House) driveway. To investigate a sign that states "St. Bartholomew's Spirit House" to be placed on a post along the path from the driveway to front door of the House. Kathy has advised the Vestry that both items will be dealt with when we have warmer weather. Pricing of new replacement windows at the Spirit House, either for what ones are needed or all windows, is forthcoming.

Outreach:

Oasis Food Collections: The monthly food drives to Oasis in Paterson are going strong.

Christmas Gifts: Judy Malhotra stated that all the Christmas gifts for the Ramapo Indians came in and were delivered.

Our Food Pantry is seeing growing numbers each month. It is open now 3 Saturdays each month with the help of our parishioner Christopher Flug. At the same time the pantry is open, Bart's Closet is also open supplying clothing and items that have been donated to the church to help others.

Outreach Center – now named St. Bartholomew's Spirit House is continuing to host Chair Yoga for Christians on Tuesday and Friday mornings and Thursday nights, and Spanish lesson classes to a handful of parishioners that wanted to learn Spanish. The church is investigating the offering of ESL classes by the Spanish teacher we have hired to help those that want to learn English. Spanish Worship Services were provided on the Saturdays the Pantry was open during the season of Lent.

Children Camps – A mini camp is planned after Easter, and a two-week camp in the summer.

Fundraising:

A Fish and Chips Dinner by Tastefully British is planned for Holy Week on Tuesday, March 31st.

Arts at St. Bart's: The Comedy Night we had in October had a profit of \$1,207; with 50 in attendance. Plans for 2026 include:

March 7th - Indoor Movie Night

April 19th - Cellophane Flowers in concert with reception following

June 6th - Labyrinth Prayer and Music Circle

September 26th - Outdoor Movie Night

September 19th or October 3rd - Farm to Table event with Wine Tasting

Rev. Cathie:

Children's Study: There were two classes exploring the meaning of Advent. The next session will start in March.

Weekly Bible Studies are meeting via Zoom still on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

The Church's Office Staff has completed a new Church Directory, and our website is in the process of being updated.

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**VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)**

Parish Retreat: Now planned for April 26th during coffee hr. (from 11:30am – 3:30pm). At this retreat we will explore the highlights of our church prior to 2020, what we have done since 2020, what does church mean to me, and a review of the Parish Survey that was taken in 2024.

Pastoral Care: Peggy Kievit and Beth McInnis continue to offer prayers at the end of each Sunday service in the Narthex.

Healing Services: Continue Wednesday mornings at 11am.

Marketing:

Wayne Kamidoi headed the Christmas EDDM mailing which had newer photos and a QR code to research more information on our Church. A “media plan calendar” is being organized by Rev. Cathie to help with monthly publishing of our church and happenings.

New Business:

Amendment to St. Bartholomew's By-Laws: An amendment has been added to the church's By-Laws that outline the qualities and moral character needed for anyone seeking a vestry position.

2025 Christmas Gifts: In a December Executive Vestry email, the Vestry approved the following 2025 Christmas giving to the staff: Rev. Cathie - \$2,000, Soon Chung - \$550, our Staff Accountant Sharon \$300, Sexton Terrence \$325, Sexton Bill \$275, office staff Amanda and George \$50 gift cards.

2026 Salary Increases: The Vestry approved the following salary increases beginning in January 2026: Rev. Cathie Studwell annual to \$66,500 with a yearly Housing Allowance of \$15,000, Soon Chung's annual to \$22,279, our office accountant Sharon to \$24 per hr., office assistant George to \$18 per hr., office assistant Amanda to \$17 per hr., our sexton Terrence to \$20 and our sexton Bill to \$18.50 per hr.

2026 Vestry Nominations: At the annual meeting of January 24th, 2026, Michael Gnerre was nominated for a 2-yr. term as Warden, Joan Lupardo (Hospitality) and John Alberti (Clerk) were nominated for another 3-yr. term, and Susan Steele was nominated for a 3-yr. term as a Vestry Member.

2026 Diocese Pledge: The Vestry approved the continuation of a 10% pledge to the Diocese.

Marge Christie Grant: Rev. Cathie will be seeking a grant in 2026 from the Diocese to assist in our Spanish Ministry and other items.

Ridgewood Symphony Contract (RSO): The lease agreement for the RSO was renewed for March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027. The RSO was given notice that they must vacate the leased space by February 28th, 2027 since the church would like to expand the Food Pantry.

Senior Recognitions: Marjorie and Harold Taylor will be remembered on Sunday, March 8th for their devotion to our church during their years as members.

Old Business:

Stewardship 2025: St. Bartholomew's had a good positive response from the congregation with this year's Stewardship Program which concluded on Sunday November 23rd with a luncheon in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathy Gabrielle, Warden

St. Bartholomew's Mission Statement

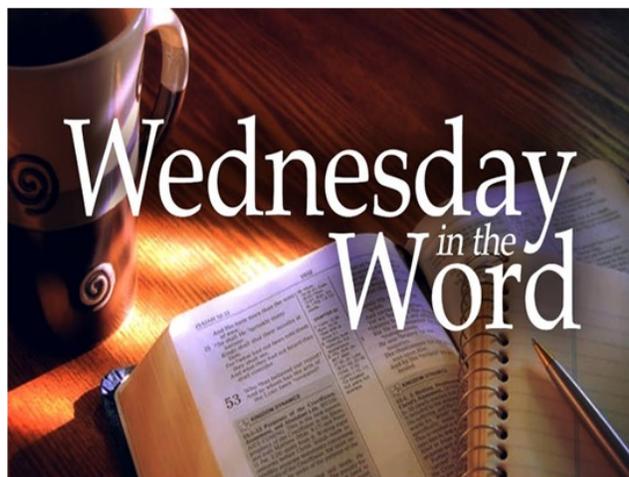
St. Bartholomew's mission is to glorify God guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit to be a beacon of hope and light in our community.

Nourishing the Family of Christ



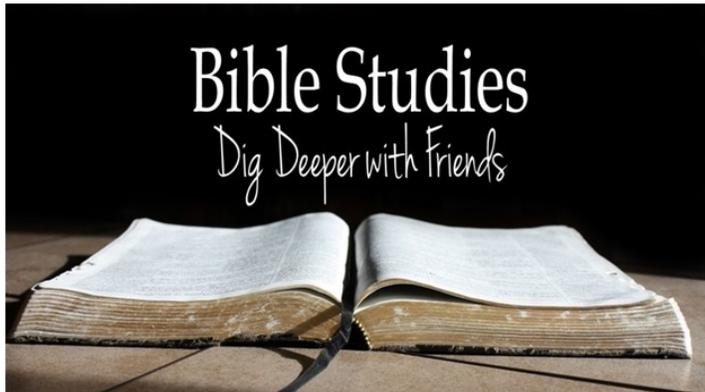
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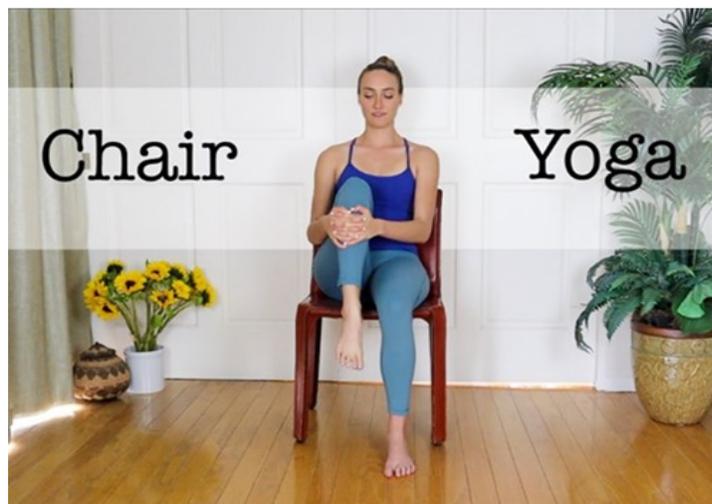
**Paul's letter to the Galatians
along with an introduction to
the history of the Church**



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

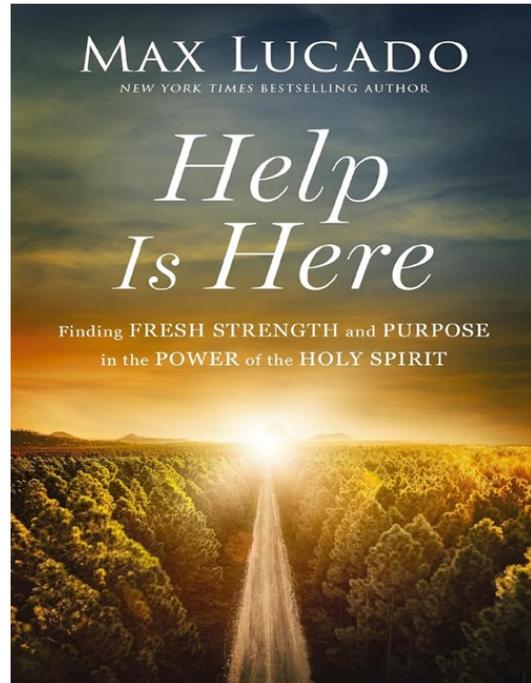
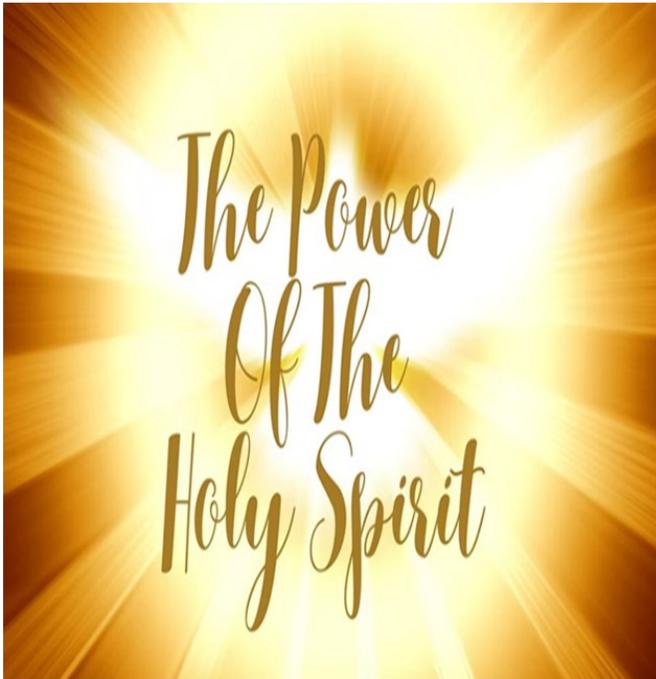


**Join us for music, meditation,
healing prayers
and Holy Communion.**
**Wednesdays 11:00am in the
Sanctuary.**



**Join us in our yoga studio at
St. Bartholomew's Spirit
House, (the rectory).**
Tuesdays 10:30am
**Thursday Evenings 7:15pm on
the first, second and third
weeks of the month.**
Fridays 10:30am

Check the weekly bulletin for additional dates.



Study Group

Our next study group will focus on a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, the gift that Jesus gave to all humanity.

Meetings will be at St. Bart's Spirit House (the Rectory) on Monday nights from 7:15-8:30 on April 13, 20, 27 and May 4.

The dates were changed to allow more light for driving home at night.

The Rectory is now **ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SPIRIT HOUSE**. St. Bart's purchased this former farmhouse in 1997 and converted it into a home for the Rector. For a few years after 2017 the Rectory was rented to a clergyman's family, but since 2022 it has been used for meetings, adult and youth programs, and special events.



Potluck Fellowship Dinner

March 15th 5:30pm



Join us for an evening of good food, fun, and fellowship. Please sign up in the parish hall for 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.



**St. Bart's
Performing Arts**

Spring Workshop

TRUNK SHOW

WORKSHOP DETAILS

In an old trunk you discover a clock, a deck of cards, a teacup, a bunny, flamingo, or maybe even some painted roses. Where did they come from? What story do they tell?

Over five sessions, performers will build their own original characters and create a one-of-a-kind performance inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*. With mysterious objects pulled straight from a trunk, everyday items become magical moments brought to life onstage.

GRADES: 3 – 6

WHEN: 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8 @ 3:30 - 5:00

PERFORMANCE: MAY 8, 2026 @ 6:30 PM



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RECENT ACTIVITIES AT ST. BART'S



Susan Steele taught us how to design our own Christmas Ornaments.



On Ash Wednesday, Rev. Cathie offered ashes at noon and a service in the evening.

“Ashes to Go” at the Ho-Ho-Kus train station was cancelled due to the weather.



Lots of Soup for Sale!



Delicious pancakes!



We enjoyed Disney's "Moana 2" on Movie Night.



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CHRISTMAS AT ST. BART'S



Our Christmas party was held as usual at the Rectory. Then, 3 days before Christmas, we sang carols on the front lawn to motorists on Sheridan Avenue. Lots of hand waving and horn honking!



Our CHRISTMAS EVE Eucharist service concluded with "Silent Night" sung with the lights dimmed.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Please use the enclosed Easter Flower Memorial Envelope to memorialize or honor your loved ones at our Holy Week services. (On-line copies, please use the form included in your covering e-mail. Or you may pick up a flower memorial envelope in the Narthex or at the rear door.) Your contribution will go toward decorating the altar with the lovely flowers that add so much to our Easter services.

Please submit your envelopes or requests to the Church Office no later than **FRIDAY, APRIL 3** for the names to be listed in the Holy Week service bulletins. Thank you!

But you don't have to wait for Christmas or Easter to remember your loved ones. Fresh flowers are placed on our altar every Sunday. You can contribute toward their cost, and your loved ones will be listed in the service bulletin. Please contact the office.


WEDDING? GRADUATION? NEW BABY?
PLEASE SEND FAMILY NEWS AND PHOTOS
TO stbartshhk@gmail.com. THANK YOU!

Family Breakfasts



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

Tuesday Mar. 24, Wednesdays Apr. 29, May 27

We gather together at 9:00am

A WEDDING IN THAILAND

Our son Ramzi was married to his wife Oramon (Mini) in St. Bartholomew's Church 2 years ago in January and Rev. Cathie was the officiant. Her parents could not attend due to medical reasons. We all knew that we would visit Thailand with her and Ramzi for a traditional Thai wedding in Phuket and this January we did just that.

Her family made all the traditional clothing for us for the wedding. As you can see from the pictures, the clothes for Mike and myself, as well as our son James and his husband Mark and the 4 of Ramzi's friends that also joined us from Philadelphia.



Mike & Ghada with Ramzi & Mini



Tea ceremony with James & Mark



With Mini's Parents and Aunt

Only 5 members of Mini's family members could speak English and of course we did not know Thai. But love and care transcend any language as it was overflowing with everyone.

Before Ramzi was able to join his bride, tradition is that he has to pass 7 gates (trials) to prove his love to her. He could utilize the help of his wedding party to make that happen.

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FISH & CHIPS FUNDRAISER 2026 TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

WHERE: St. Bartholomew's Parking Lot (70 Sheridan Ave., Ho-Ho-Kus)
TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM **(PICK-UP ONLY)**
INCLUDES: 8 oz. Cod Filet/or Chicken Tenders, & French Fries & Cole Slaw

Catered by Tastefully British

PRICE: \$25.00 EACH

Deadline to purchase tickets: FRIDAY, MARCH 20

PURCHASE VIA QR CODE ON LINE



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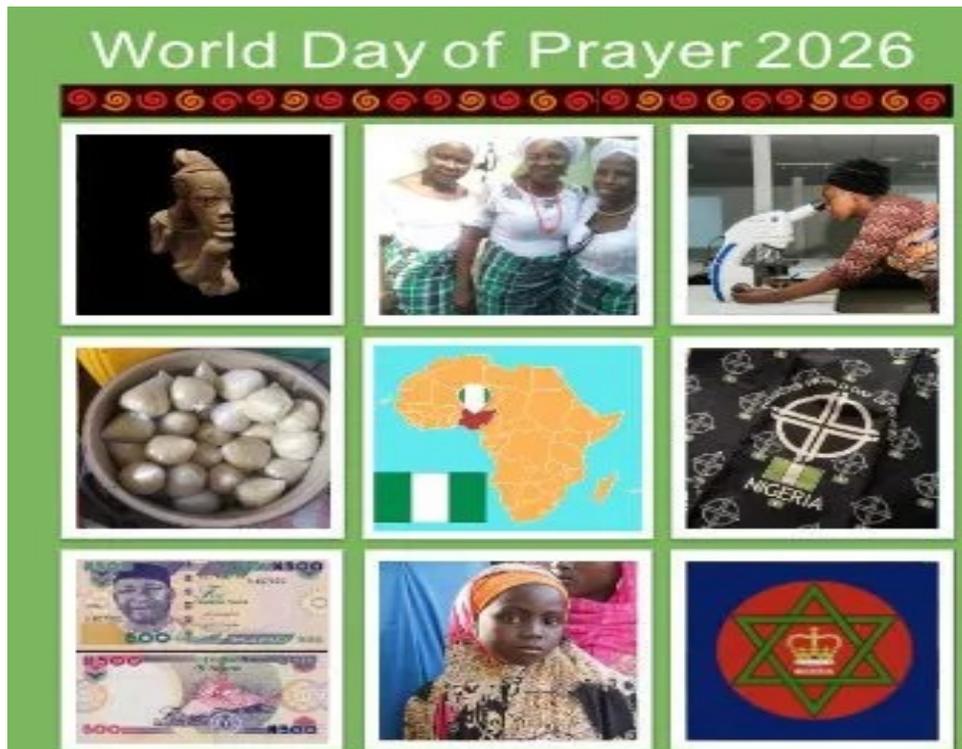
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March 6, 2026 at 7:30pm
Worship with people from around the world

‘Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Matthew 11:28–30 (NRSV)

At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God. Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.

The WDP Nigerian committee has woven together cultural wisdom with the universal need to rest. They remind us how God meets us in our weariness. Together, let us become channels of God's rest in our troubled world.

St. Bartholomew's Cares
Food Collection for Oasis Shelter for
Women & Children
March 28, April 25,
May 23 10:45-12:15
70 Sheridan Ave-Ho-Ho-Kus



**Food
Collection**

**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

Items Needed

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

*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

Reach out to Spring

Happy sunshine to everyone! It was a long, cold winter but St. Bart's outreach kept going. Food drives for Oasis as well as our Saturday Art classes continued.

The young artists in Paterson learned about portraiture, action figures, folk art from Haiti and got to experience a variety of materials. After all, Art enriches our lives in many different ways! It's all good as you can see by the smiles on their little faces the joy creating brings.

Once a month, our Oasis food drive continues to help stock the food pantry in Paterson. The donations are always welcomed and always needed, more now than ever before and Oasis thanks all the St. Bart's and Ho-Ho-Kus community for their continued generosity.

Spring is here and we can finally deliver the food, toys, bedding, etc. to our four legged friends at St. Hubert's animal rescue in Madison. All are welcome to join us for the delivery. We will be sure to let you know when that is going to happen. Let it get a little warmer first!

Warm wishes for the best Spring ever. With God's love and help we will continue to REACH OUT!

Judy Malhotra

MORE OASIS CHILDREN'S ARTWORKS PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE



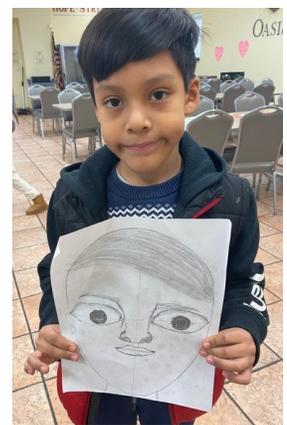
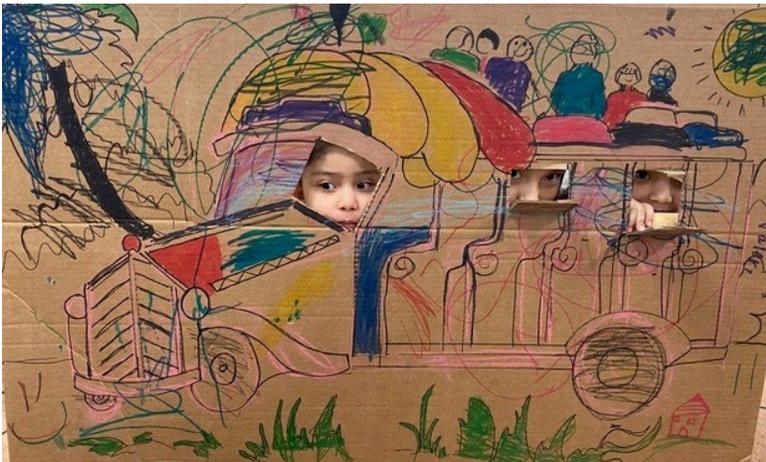
Our broadcast center is now operational, thanks largely to generous donations toward our new computer desks. Our "vergers" - Dave Gabrielle, Mike Egbert, Dave Ackerman and Jay Studwell - can transmit videos of our services to YouTube, Zoom, and Facebook, enabling people to worship virtually.

Here, Dave G. is "working the board" directing our three video cameras while Jay controls the two large screens in the sanctuary which project the order of worship and hymns to the congregation.

The two roll-top desks are locked when not in use, allowing us to leave the sanctuary open between services for prayer and reflection.

Another example of applying modern technology to traditional church services!

OUTREACH NEWS *continued*



Oasis Children's Artworks

Photos by Judy Malhotra

THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

After serving St. Bartholomew's as Treasurer for 25 years (1998-2010, 2014-2025), I've decided to retire. This was not an easy decision. In my 83 years I've attended and graduated from grade school and high school, worked for three banks, and volunteered in three historical societies, a railroad museum, and an orchestra. Of all these places I have been, St. Bart's has been the most meaningful and fulfilling for me. Everyone has shown me great respect and acceptance – a true family. Thank you so much!

Although I'm stepping down as Treasurer, I'm not going anywhere soon. I'll continue to publish the B-Line, frequently "work the board" (see page 22), assist in the office when needed, and of course come to church on Sundays as well as attend church functions.

In 1998 I inherited a poorly designed accounting system from a dedicated treasurer who was struggling to produce meaningful reports for the Vestry. I couldn't make sense of that system, but one day I had an inspiration: QuickBooks! I tried it, it worked, and it's still working. Later I learned that on the day I had that inspiration, Peggy Kievit and a group had started praying that I would be successful. Prayer works!

I know George will do well in carrying on what I've done. He has started training with me and with our awesome accountant Sharon, and he's learning well. George and I each have financial backgrounds - in fact, we each worked in the same bank administration building in Totowa a few years apart. Please pray for him, as Peggy did for me, and welcome him and work with him.

Dave Ackerman



I am grateful and excited to begin working as Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's, especially to be given this opportunity after only a few months. Getting to know Dave Ackerman has been a pleasure, and hearing his many stories of his years here really shows the dedication and experience he brought to this church. My goal is to continue to work with Sharon to keep St. Bart's as a thriving parish that will continue to serve a wonderful community.

George DiPasquale

Photo by Sharon Scarpelli

FIRST COMMUNION

We had the joy of celebrating Andrés' First Holy Communion on February 15, along with his parents Phil and Lilly. He studied for three weeks focusing on God's love and Jesus' teachings and sacrifice. Members of our Spanish speaking community joined in our 10am worship to support Andrés. We welcome them to the St. Bartholomew's family.





April 26, 2026 Come and See!
11:30-3:00pm

We rescheduled the Parish Retreat Day due to weather challenges and invitations arriving late.

This will take place on Sunday after worship.

We will have a catered lunch, and our time will be shared focusing on Reflection, Sharing, Dreaming and Praying for the life and ministries of our church.

Prayer Requests

Kindly keep the following parishioners and friends in your prayers:

Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Evelyn, Rich, Rakesh, Sherri, Don, Kathleen, Margie, Susan, Cindy, Ava, Toby, Joseph, Tom, Milé, Ben, Terry, 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, Jimmy, Beth, Terry, Dan, Darco, Mike, Maggie, Art, Russell, Beth, Jim



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, Russia and Iran.

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, USMC 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.

Holy Week at St. Bartholomew's



Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Worship 10am

Tuesday, March 31

Fish and Chips Dinner 5pm-7pm

Wednesday, April 1

Taize Service 7:30pm at Church

Thursday, April 2

Agape Meal 6:15pm at Church

Foot Washing and Eucharist 7:30pm

The Watch 10pm-6am

Friday, April 3

Stations of the Cross 12pm-1pm

Good Friday Service 7:30pm

Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday Worship 10:00am