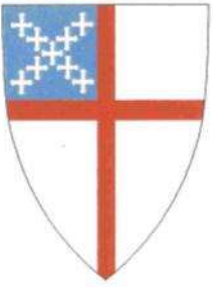


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Zoom activities are by invitation and a link will be emailed.

Conference calls can be made to **339-209-6277** (**929-205-6099** for Thurs. Bible Study).

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

For **Instagram**, www.instagram.com/stbartshhk

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 via conference call (see pg. 7)

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

7:15 - 8:30 PM Mindfulness at the Rectory (see p. 6)

Tuesdays and Fridays

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Meditation Room open (see p. 6)

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

10:30 - 11:30 AM Bible Study via conference call (see pg. 7)

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month

10:00 - 11:30 AM Food Pantry open (see pg. 8)

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

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM Food Drive for Oasis Shelter for Women and Children
in the front parking lot (see pg. 18)

Friday, March 22

Deadline for submitting Flower Memorials (see p. 9)

Sunday, March 24 - Sunday, March 31

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES (see pg. 22)

Friday, May 10

7:00 - 9:30 PM Wine Tasting (see pg. 10)



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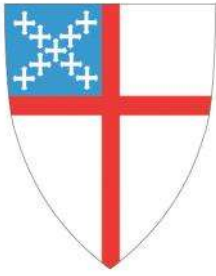
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Rev. Cathie's Reflections

It gives me joy to reflect on the passion and strength of our church family. In 2023 we faced challenges and shared many uplifting times together. Through it all, as I said last year, we are truly blessed because God is faithful.

In our sacred texts, we learn many things from God: *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."* Deuteronomy 31:6, to know *Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.* Psalm 54:4, *to live in the peace that passes all understanding* Philippians 4:7, and to know *that we can do all things through him who gives us strength* Philippians 4:13.

These are powerful seeds from scripture. When we nurture them in our lives, through reading, reflecting, and sharing them with our sisters and brothers we grow

stronger in our faith, bolder in our voice, and more loving in our support for one another.

It is a blessing to me to be part of a church that believes in the power of prayer. Our powerful prayer community meets five days a week. We continued to pray and support each other as well as many people who found comfort in offering the names of their friends and loved ones who were in need. **Thank God!**

Our church family is committed to study and service. We added an additional weekly Bible Study on Wednesday nights and along with our Thursday morning study and coffee hour discussions, we actively work to **be transformed, as Paul said in Romans 12:2 by "the renewing of our minds."** **Thank God!**

Our Outreach Ministry continues to grow. We live by the words in Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25 *"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in."* (Amplified Bible Translation) As we minister to others through our partnership with Oasis Shelter, Goshen House on the Hill, our Community Garden, and our new Food *(continued)*

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Pantry we are serving Jesus as we serve All God's Children.

Some people may think we are small in number and statistically speaking, that is a correct statement, but I rather have 40 spirit filled people ready to serve rather than 100 people who just show up. Now don't get me wrong, I am praying that our church family will grow both in person and online in 2024. Why?

Hebrews 10:25 has the answer that I draw on. *"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."* (New Living Version)

Encourage one another! That's why we want to grow our presence in HHK and our surrounding community so we can encourage and support one another through the Word of God and our actions and we are just getting started! The seeds are planted. They were planted by those we recognize in our Senior Remembrances, and they are planted by all of us now. We will continue to fertilize, watch them grow and rejoice in the harvest that we are praying for.

Where is God calling you to serve? That is one of the areas of focus in 2024. 1 Peter 4:10 says, *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"*. Serving God can be as simple as sharing an idea that you have. It can be a creative expression of the things that bring you joy. It can be starting a program to meet a need. It can be as simple or complex as you want. The only criteria is doing ministry and service for the love of God.

In a world where it's way too easy to be angry, depressed, and confused, we can read in 2 Timothy 1:7, *"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."* Reaching out to

someone is a powerful act, personally and corporately. So let's talk about reaching out.

In 2024 our focus will be inviting people to get to know our church family through the Good News Project. A new approach to evangelism that Peggy Kievit and I are developing includes offering more opportunities for people to get to know us through social media and in-person events so people can truly know that they are welcome here.

We will use our rectory to offer programs that bring people together under the umbrella of *St. Bartholomew's Community Center-Caring for Body, Mind and Spirit*. Programs offered will be in the visual and performing arts, study series with the first one being on Mindfulness for Stress Reduction starting in March and in the early summer, Christian Yoga, along with other ideas being developed, these and other offerings will help share the love of God in ways other than in the sanctuary but proclaiming the love of God just the same.

We will pray for each other. I am asking each of you to read the St. Bartholomew's weekly prayer list and reach out to whomever God calls you to that week through a call or a card and say, I'm praying for you. Think about it. How good would you feel if you got a few calls or notes in a particular week with people telling you how special you are and that God loves you.

Through our Podcast-Will You Walk With Me? We can share stories of God's presence with us through good times and challenging times. Right now, I am the sole voice but in time I hope that you will offer your stories and help others know that they are not alone. Thank you, Andrew and Catherine, for sharing your gifts to make this possible.

Thank you God that there are so many people who are willing to witness to (continued)

the love of God by sharing their gifts.

What are people truly looking for in church and in life? I think some of the answer can be found in the words to a television theme song....Remember the show Cheers? "You want to go where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came." That to me is the ultimate hospitality, welcoming statement, touching heart and mind. It reminds me of the greatest commandment found in Matthew 22...*Love God, Love Your Neighbor and Love Yourself.*

Thank you, God, for all of these things, for your blessing, your encouraging, your inspiration, for the wisdom of your word. And Thank you for your word found in Philippians 4:19. *And God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*

It is with joy that I get to share with you about how God has manifested this in the life of our church family. First, we had a wonderful stewardship study and pledge season. Our church family has a strong commitment to the worship and ministry we offer.

Second, many of you may have known Susan Blackwood, a member of our church for many years. She went home to God last October. I had the honor of officiating at her memorial service. Our church was packed with family

and friends and when I offered the opportunity for people to share remembrances, ten people spoke and it went on for close to a half hour.

Susan was generous in life and in her plans for her memory to live on after her passing. Along with Elmira College, we inherited a 3 story brownstone in Hoboken through her estate. The assessed value of the property is 1.45 million dollars for us to share in a 50/50 split with the college. It will take a few months to see this through. We have a team in place that has been working with the college and the attorneys for Susan's estate.

God will meet all of our needs according to his riches and glory in Christ Jesus.

To me this is God saying "I believe in You-St. Bartholomew's." You are good stewards, you have passion for my word and you want to make a difference for Christ. So go out, boldly, know that I am with you always and will provide all that you need. Let us go out this year and continue to plant seeds, remember the ministry of those that came before us, and share the love of God, making a positive difference. We have what we need and now it's time to go out into the world in worship, praise, and love.

*Blessings and Love,
Rev. Cathie+*



Volunteers are always welcome at St. Bart's. You can serve God as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Verger, Usher, Acolyte, Choir Member, Collection Counter, Altar Guild Member, Coffee Hour Host - there's a place for everyone. The duties are not difficult, your fellow volunteers will be friendly and helpful - and the retirement benefits are out of this world! Please speak to Rev. Cathie or Kathy Gabrielle; their contact information is on page 1.

QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS

Highlights from the Vestry Meetings October 2023 through January 2024

(Note February's Vestry Minutes haven't yet been approved so not included in this edition)

Treasurer:

Dave Ackerman presented the Vestry with a Year End 2023 report that showed that the church had a total in \$152,148 of income, \$213,994 in expenses resulting in a deficit of \$61,846 for 2023. For 2023 we had a total of \$80,000 withdrawn from our investments for cash flow purposes and \$15,000 for the Memorial Garden. It is noted that the Publicity line item in our Treasurer reports and budget is for all public notifications of any church events, including those related to the Arts of St. Bart's events.

Finance Team: The Vestry was presented in October with a review from our Finance Team which stated that our accounts are well balanced and have achieved a steady 6.48% rate of return over the past several years. Our portfolio is conservatively invested and subject to the ebbs and flows of the general stock marketplace. Our most important aspect is to concentrate on our expenses verses income to balance our portfolio.

Endowment Announcement Received:

St. Bartholomew's has been blessed with a wonderful endowment left to the church by the Estate of Susan Blackwood. The church is 50% owner of an apartment building in Hoboken which has recently been put on the market. Proceeds from the sale will be divided between our church and Elmira College. A "Major Gift Team" has been formed to handle this matter and others to come. The Team is Rev. Cathie, Dave Ackerman, Sharon Scarpelli and Jack Konzelmann.

Building and Grounds:

Kathy Gabrielle advised the Vestry:

The two handrails for the sanctuary have been ordered. It is hopeful that by Easter they will be installed.

Estimates are coming in on the required repair of the entire stretch of church sidewalk on Sycamore Ave. Rev. Cathie will apply for a grant from the Diocese to cover some of this expense.

Layne Roofing came and redid the flashing around the chimney of the Rectory to avoid further inside water damage.

While Layne was on the roof, they noted that the Rectory is need of a new roof. Layne has given the church an estimate of \$10,500 which was approved by the Vestry at their January meeting so that work can begin Spring 2024.

Two of our post lights by the Memorial Garden aren't working. After our electrician, First Choice, was summoned for their opinion, it is believed that the work done by Horizon Landscaping during the renovation of the Memorial Garden could have damaged some underground wires. Once weather is better, Horizon will come to investigate.

In 2024 there will be much more tree work needed on the Rectory grounds to solve years of neglect.

Western Pest has been hired for a one year term to help with the mice issue the church has had in the lower parish hall rooms, kitchen, and basement.

Outreach:

Judy Malhotra has been reporting that our monthly Oasis Food Drives have been going well, particularly in November when the church received 7 Turkeys for donation to Oasis for Thanksgiving. All the names from the Angel Tree for Christmas gift giving to the children of the Ramapo Indians were well received. The items collected for donation to the animals of St. Hubert's still must be delivered; date to follow upon Judy's return from Florida. Peggy Kievit delivered diapers and baby items in October to the children of the House on the Hill in Goshen.

Outreach Discernment has met to discuss plans for a labyrinth in the back area of the grounds of the Rectory, and other ideas on how to better our community with the money in Outreach.

Food Pantry has seen the numbers grow each month of those that come through our doors for donations. Rev.

Cathie is planning on opening the Pantry 2 – 3 times a month beginning in March since the church now has three high school students volunteering their time in the Pantry. The Bergen County Health Inspector approved our Pantry and our church Kitchen in October.

Memorial Garden: Peggy Kievit stated that going by the By-laws of the Memorial Garden she will remain as the Chair to the Garden, and all the other trustees of the Garden have agreed to remain on this committee.

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QUARTERLY VESTRY FOCUS (continued)

Rev. Cathie:

Podcast: Rev. Cathie with the assistance of Andrew and Catherine Sommerfeld has recorded a total of 3 Podcasts with the heading “Will you walk with me? – Faith, Spirituality and Mental Health.”

Praise Band: Members of our band have been practicing for a performance in April before one of our Sunday services.

Our Evangelism Program: Has a new name – “Good News Project.” Peggy Kievit and Rev. Cathie are working on the format of this program going forward.

The Rectory: Beginning in 2024 the Rectory will be considered our “Outreach Center.” A pilot program during 2024 of several spiritual, as well as secular programs are planned in the Rectory. (i.e., visual and performing arts, scripture study, mindfulness, and Christian Yoga to name a few)

Fundraising:

Arts at St. Bart’s: The church hosted Jenna Esposito in concert on October 15, 2023. The concert was enjoyed by all that attended, with light refreshments served afterwards. The church made a profit of \$406.00.

New Business:

2023 Christmas Gifts: At the November Executive Vestry meeting, the Vestry approved the following 2023 Christmas gifts to the staff: Rev. Cathie - \$1,500, Soon Chung - \$500, Sexton Bill Hughes - \$250, and \$25 gift cards to our Staff Accountant Sharon Scarpelli and Sexton Terrence Hughes.

2024 Vestry Nominations: At the annual meeting of January 28th Kathy Gabrielle was nominated for another (2 yr.) term as Warden, Michael Gnerre and Peggy Kievit (3 yr.) term to the Vestry and Joan Lupardo (2 yr.) term to the Vestry.

2024 Diocese Pledge: The Vestry approved the continuation of a 9% pledge to the Diocese.

2024 Salary Increases: The Vestry approved the following salary increases beginning in January 2024: Rev. Cathie Studwell annual to \$60,375, Soon Chung annual to \$20,265, and our sextons (Bill and Terrence Hughes) to a \$17.00 per hr. rate.

AA New Years Event: The Vestry approved the church’s AA group’s request to hold a New Year’s Event on December 31st from 5pm till 12am as they had done in the past pre COVID days.

Ridgewood Symphony Contract (RSO): The contract for the RSO was renewed for March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, without an increase in monthly donations.

2024 Parish Survey: Prepared by Mike Egbert, all parish members with registered email were sent a survey questionnaire for answers to specific questions on church service, music, fellowship, etc. on January 29 with replies due by February 12.

Church Music: The church now has about 50 Celebrational Hymnals that were donated to the church by First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood Park upon the closing of their door to services, with the help of Kathy Gabrielle, a former employee of this church.

Old Business:

Stewardship 2023: St. Bartholomew’s had a positive response from the congregation with this year’s Stewardship Program.

Senior Recognitions: In December we honored Jack and Eleanor Coleman; January was Anthony Gabrielle Jr. February will be Lennie and George Garver, with Alison Gnerre in April.

Technology Ministry: The Tech Team is considering going back to their original plan of having two desks to house the AV equipment securely and safely in the back of the sanctuary instead of building a room. Andrew Sommerfeld has received a quote on this revised project, which he has to present to the whole Technology Team for approval before it is brought to the Vestry for their approval.

Marketing: Wayne Kamidoi is planning on advertising, in the local papers, our Easter and Lent services as he did for our Christmas services. We will be working on a postcard mailing for the Fall to all local communities within our Zip Code to advertise our church and services.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kathy Gabrielle, Warden

Our Spiritual Journey Together...

Reducing Stress, Caring for Body, Mind, and Spirit



Meditation Room is open Tuesday and Friday from 11am-Noon. Guided meditation along with silent reflection will be offered.

Mindfulness encompasses two key ingredients: awareness and acceptance. Awareness is the knowledge and ability to focus attention on the experience of the present moment. Acceptance is the ability to observe and accept—rather than judge or avoid.

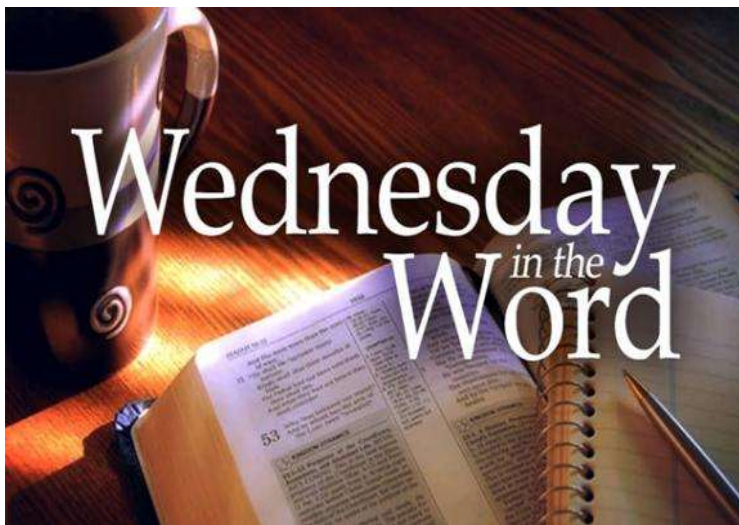


Beginning Monday, March 4 Join us at the Rectory on Mondays from 7:15-8:30pm for a 4-week series, March 4, 11, 18, 25 on the practice of mindfulness.



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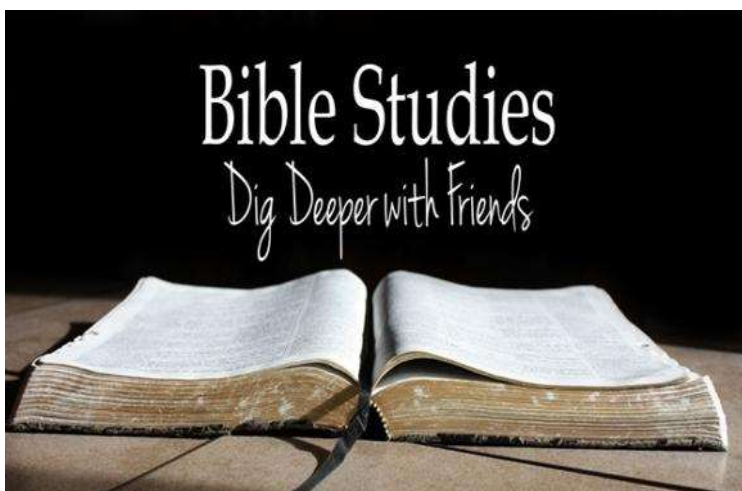
Monday-Friday at 9:15
Call 339-209-6277



Wednesday Night 7:00

The Book of Romans
See email for logon information

Conference Call
929-205-6099



Thursday Morning

A study of the Prophets
10:30-11:30

Conference Call
339-209-6277

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Feeding Body, Mind, & Spirit*

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PANTRY



**Open on the second and fourth
Saturday**

Of the month 10:00-11:30am

No One should be hungry.

Food, and Toiletries available

*If there is a need at another time, please call
201-444-5025*

REMINDER - Please fill out your PLEDGE FORM and send it to the church office. Thank you!

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 Holy Week services.

Please submit your envelopes or requests to the church office no later than **FRIDAY, MARCH 22** 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.

109th Annual Parish Meeting, January 28, 2024

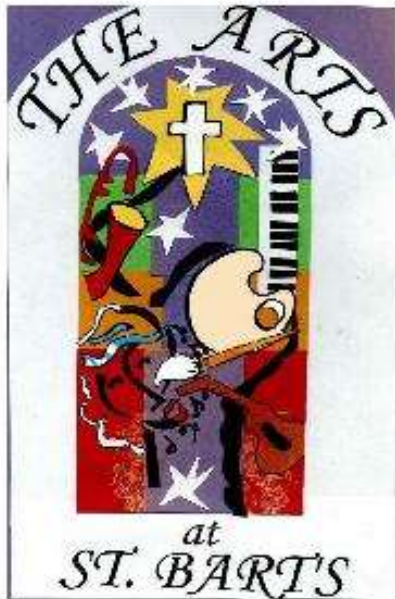


The meeting was held in the Parish Hall, chaired by Rev. Dr. Cathie Studwell, with approximately 25 parishioners present. Reports of the Wardens, Vestry and staff had been emailed in advance,. Please contact the office if you did not receive one.

Last year's meeting minutes were approved, and Treasurer Dave Ackerman presented his 2023 financial report and 2024 operating budget. Warden Kathy Gabrielle was re-elected to a 2 year term, Vestry members Michael Gnerre and Peggy Kievit were re-elected to 3 year terms, and Joan Lupardo was elected to a 2 year term, succeeding Lisa Wyssession.

Right, Rector Cathie Studwell is flanked by Wardens Ghada Harb and Kathy Gabrielle. Behind them are Vestry members Michael Gnerre, Wayne Kamidoi, Peggy Kievit, Andrew Sommerfeld, Joan Lupardo, and Clerk John Alberti, Absent, Judy Malhotra.





Wine Tasting
May 10th 7-9:30pm
At St. Bartholomew's
World and Domestic
Wines from Total Wine

Tickets \$30 each and can be purchased online through the event tab on www.stbartshhk.com starting on March 15. Hors d'oeuvres served.

Music by The Illars featuring Meredith Gnerre.

"Wine is constant proof that GOD loves us and loves to see us happy." Ben Franklin

No outside food or beverages permitted.



† CHRISTMAS AT ST. BART'S †

Our annual Christmas Party was held on Sunday afternoon, December 10, at the beautifully decorated Rectory. We enjoyed delicious refreshments brought by our guests.



Below: Wendy Tarvin and Joan Lupardo; Ghada Harb, Soon Yeon Chung, Rita Gnerre.



Below left: Kathy Gabrielle and Peggy Kievit. Center: Marialyse Wostbrock.
Below right: Our new Staff Accountant Sharon Scarpelli and her husband Rich.



✝ CHRISTMAS AT ST. BART'S ✝

We had a good turnout for our Christmas Eve service. Rev. Cathie was assisted by acolyte Courtney Smith Taylor, music director Soon Yeon Chung and the choir with trumpeter Michael Ponella, and eucharistic minister Catherine Sommerfeld. Andrew Sommerfeld and Jay Studwell were “on the board” streaming the service on Zoom, YouTube and Facebook.





Thank You For All For Great Soup!



Thanks to Jennifer, Joan, Peggy, Jay,
John, Marialyse, Wayne & Kathy.
We had a great time and raised **\$240.**



On **Ash Wednesday** morning, for the first time since the pandemic began, Rev. Cathie Studwell, assisted by Kathy Gabrielle and Michael Gnerre, offered Ashes To Go at the Ho-Ho-Kus train station.

Then in the evening, Rev. Cathie administered ashes at the church service.

Photos by Michael Gnerre and Dave Ackerman.

SENIOR TRIBUTES

We continue our series paying tribute to church members that we love and see no more who planted seeds leaving lasting memories. Each month we will honor one or more of these. A church member will research our records and interview our parishioners, then make a presentation at a Sunday service. These presentations will be shared with our members via the B-Line. Here are two more.

In our Summer issue we will honor George and Lennie Garver and Alison Gnerre.

Honoring Eleanor and Jack Coleman

I stand here now to talk about Eleanor and Jack Coleman because when their names were mentioned, I thought “I can talk about Eleanor for sure ... then I realized I didn’t know much about Jack. So, what follows is a compilation of several people’s thoughts regarding both Eleanor and Jack.

Eleanor and Jack moved to Ho-Ho-Kus in 1962. They soon joined St. Bartholomew’s and attended regularly with their 3 daughters: Janice, Carol, and Diane.

Eleanor participated in many aspects of the church. She was a regular at the Sunday services and the Thursday morning service and Bible Study. She served on the Altar Guild and was a member of the Episcopal Church Women. I worked with her on the Antiques Shows and Action Auctions. I know she was involved with many other church events.

I think one of Eleanor’s major strengths was her capability to welcome people. I know I benefited from her warm and gracious personality. She along with some of her “cohorts” Virginia Smith, Marjorie Taylor, Lennie Garver, Thail Simpson, made me feel so welcome and comfortable. I just felt happy and comfortable being with them.

Michael Gnerre shared this “Eleanor Story”.

In the late ‘80’s, my first wife Alison and I were shopping for a church. Our daughter Meredith was 5 and our son Andrew was about 18 months old. We made our way to St. Bartholomew’s one Sunday and eased into a pew near the back. Little did we know how lucky we were as we found ourselves sitting directly in front of Jack and Eleanor Coleman. Eleanor, and her ever-present smile, welcomed us into her church. She immediately connected with the kids and soon enough with us adults. She insisted we stay for coffee hour, which we did. Over the next few Sundays, we found our way to the back of the church with our new friends, Eleanor and Jack. Eleanor was always genuinely happy to see us each time we went, and it wasn’t too long before we began coming regularly. That was 35 years ago. Thank you Eleanor, for welcoming us and making St. Bartholomew’s the warm and special place it has been for me and my family. And thank you for welcoming Rita to our church family when we started dating. We both loved having Eleanor in our lives.

I remember when Dan Kreller and his family came to our parish, he would say that he didn’t know how to dance. Well, Eleanor immediately took on the challenge to teach him. On the phone I reminded him of this, and he laughingly said that he still isn’t great at it! One of Eleanor’s daughters said that her mom would tell people that “God created a rhythm inside each of us and we shouldn’t sit through the music, but just get up and find the courage to dance”!

Now on to Jack:

Jack was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY in an ethnically diverse area. When his father died, he went to work at an early age to help support the family.

Jack and Eleanor met and married in the midst of World War II. In those days it wasn’t easy for

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Eleanor and Jack in 2009

Honoring Eleanor and Jack Coleman (continued)

a Catholic to marry a Protestant. The Catholic priest that presided at their marriage witnessed their vows in the church sacristy. I have to admit that I can relate to part of this story, but with a somewhat different outcome. My Bill is a Catholic, but when we had “the talk” with his priest, there was no problem, and we were married in my childhood Episcopal church. Jack remained a Catholic throughout his life but attended Sunday services with Eleanor at St. Bart’s.

When Jack entered the military service during the war, he was assigned to an artillery battery for air defense. He first served in the metropolitan NY area but was soon transferred to Los Angeles to defend against a possible Japanese attack. That never materialized and so he was assigned to be a driver for the officer who was the liaison between the military and the Hollywood Studios that produced films for the war effort. He spent his days on the studio lots and met many well-known actors and actresses. When our troops began island-hopping the Pacific on their way to Japan, Jack’s unit joined them. He saw some of the worst of the war when he was stationed in New Guinea. Finally, he witnessed history in the making when his unit was sent to Japan in advance of its surrender. Their task was to decommission the artillery batteries in the hills around Tokyo Bay in preparation for the signing of the Japanese instrument of surrender that took place in the bay on the deck of the USS Missouri.

Jack returned home on Christmas Day 1945. Upon leaving the military, he maintained his connection to the service as a member of the American Legion and the VFW. After the war, Jack made a career in sales and management for several large corporations, some of which were US Rubber and Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical. In retirement he was active in a group called the Hobbyists Unlimited. With that group he and Eleanor took several cruises which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Jack was an avid reader and liked to keep abreast of current events. Later in life, Jack’s eyesight failed and he could no longer read or watch television, so he kept current by listening to books on tapes and the radio.

At the time Eleanor died in 2010, she and Jack had been married for 67 years. Jack lived on another eight years. He was 99 years old when he died in 2018. He was the last of the men in the congregation that had served with distinction in World War II.

To Eleanor and Jack, two lives that were well lived!

Thank you.

Jennifer Kenny

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 your offering envelope or including a note with your name and address.

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**, 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!

Honoring Anthony Francis Gabrielle Jr. (Tony to his friends)

Kathy Gabrielle:

I am proud to stand before you to state that I knew and loved Tony. I knew him since I was 16 when I began dating his son David.



Dave and I chose the picture you see here, since this was Tony at the age of 27, right around the time in his life that he and his wife Evie joined St. Bartholomew's Church.

So, what did Tony do in support of St. Bartholomew's? Why are we honoring him?

In my mind, when Tony joined St. Bartholomew's it was one of the strongest eras of St. Bartholomew's church life. It was the time that in these pews were the Clarks, Colemans, Garvers, Wolffs, Simpsons, etc. It was during this time that the church saw attendance numbers go beyond their expectations – from what I hear and read our Sunday School had at least 300 children. With our large membership, the church was able to support many church activities, i.e., auction nights, antique shows, afternoon ladies' teas, etc.

Tony, along with the others I've named, was in his own right a "powerhouse" in helping our church be what it is today. Besides being a devoted and supported parishioner to St. Bartholomew's, Tony served as Junior Warden, the chair of Building and Grounds (I guess that is where I get it from), on the Search Committee at the time of Rev. Edward Martin's rector position appointment, assisted in any area where needed (as you'll hear from Dave), a mentor, just to name a few of his accolades.

Our former Rector, Rev. Ed Martin, told me that Tony was a staunch Building and Grounds Chair. He took the maintenance and welfare of the church building and its grounds seriously. Rev. Martin confirmed to me that Tony was on the search committee, along with Bill Smethurst, that eventually elected him to the Rectorship of St. Bartholomew's. Before Rev. Martin was elected as our church's rector, he was the church's Interim. Most of the parishioners wanted Rev. Martin as Rector. As we know, the Diocese normally doesn't support an Interim becoming Rector, especially back in this era. The church became torn, and the environment of the church wasn't the best because of this situation. Rev. Martin stated to me that Tony "moved mountains" with the Diocese, particularly with Bishop Spong to make Rev. Martin our Rector. Tony knew the parish wanted him, and that Rev. Martin was the best choice. Rev. Martin remembers Tony's great sense of humor and his love of piloting a plane; something both he and Rev. Martin had in common.

John Becica wrote that he remembers Tony being a great mentor to him. In 1978 both Tony and John were up for election as the Chair for Building and Grounds. John was elected and he remembers Tony being gracious in calling him and stating, "you're stuck now with running building and grounds with his assistance". It appears that from 1978-79 John oversaw the church and Parish House. Tony took on the responsibility of the Rectory which at this time in history was not next door to our church, but a separate home in HHK. John stated that Tony was a long-time dedicated member of St. Bart's, with his love of his Parish obvious, especially in his desire to keep the physical plant in good shape. John also wrote of how Tony was always upbeat and supportive, with a continuous smile always on his face. And that Tony worked hard to establish a legacy for his children, and grandchildren, and that the fruits of his efforts as a parish leader are still there to be seen today, which I can honestly concur.

In my opinion, I believe Tony's major contribution to our church was his strong determination of establishing a ministry that today we call "Outreach."

In communicating with Rev. Dan Kreller – I will share a bit of our church history: In the 1960's at the time of the Civil Rights Movement, Tony was part of the committee of St. Bart's that established a Christian Concerns Committee to do outreach, primarily in Paterson with Northside Forces among the black community. From 1968 to 1974, the church raised about Thirty Thousand Dollars to spend in support of Northside Forces. In 1971 the Christian Concerns Committee recommended to the Vestry that 10% of the church's budget be devoted to the work at Northside. However, the parish during this time was experiencing what most churches were then as even now – the gradual decline in membership due to in part to demographics (fewer births and baptisms, and aging congregations), and in part of the lessening of belief and church. The church's income was in a

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decline which led the Vestry to cut back on expenditures; disbanding the Christian Concerns Committee in 1974 was one way the Vestry "tightened its belt" on expenditures. Tony was not pleased with this and in 1978 he began to yearly appeal to the Vestry to restore the Christian Concerns Committee. It took till 1982 for this Committee to be re-established. Though the name, Christian Concerns Committee is no longer used, charitable outreach in some form or another continues to this day at St. Bart's thanks in part to Tony.

David Gabrielle:

A bit of background on my dad:

My mom & dad moved from Queens, NY to Ho-Ho-Kus in 1952. They purchased property at 42 Lakewood Ave. and had a builder build a 3-bedroom ranch home. They moved into their home in Dec. 1952 following the birth of my brother Steven.

How my parents became members of St. Bartholomew's Church: My mom had learned of a woman (Evelyn Royce) who lived up the block on Hollywood Ave. that went to the same dentist that she did in Jamaica, NY. So, in the Spring of 1953 she put my brother in the stroller and went to introduce herself to Evelyn Royce. When she arrived at the home of Mrs. Royce, she and her mom were out in the front doing gardening. My mom introduced herself and a lifelong friendship began with the Royces. Mrs. Royce told my mom they attend St. Bartholomew's Church and invited them to attend.

My dad was a faithful member of St. Bart's from 1953 until 1979 when his employer (American Electric Power) was moving from their 2 Broadway, Manhattan offices to their headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. My Dad's quote was "I'm not moving to Columbus, Ohio!" He did successfully find new employment with Gulf States Utilities in Beaumont, Texas. Whenever my parents would visit Kathy and me, they would attend St. Bartholomew's Sunday or Christmas Eve services.

A few of the volunteer work and ministries that I remember my dad doing for St. Bart's were:

Teaching Sunday school of varying grades. I was in his classes.

Take his turn at being in church in the early AM (1-5) during the "Night Watch" of Holy Thursday.

Stay overnight and assisting when St. Bart's had the homeless shelter ministry.

He and I would go to Paterson, NJ on Saturday mornings when St. Bart's had the Northside Forces ministry. We would perform home repairs, replace flooring, paint, carpentry, plumbing, etc.

He would assist in the kitchen with cooking and cleaning duties for special occasion breakfasts, ie, Pancake breakfast, Mother's Day breakfast, etc.

Raking leaves on the church grounds in the fall.

When I asked my brother Steve of his remembrances of our dad at St. Bartholomew's this is what he had to state:

"His biggest contribution to me was his teaching of Sunday school. Teaching Sunday school to groups of all ages following the teachings of the Christian Episcopal church. Many times he took an academic approach while teaching and I still remember today his words spoken: 'Most people listen to respond, some people also just don't listen, and a few listen to understand.' He always gave back and contributed much more than he received. To me, it is because of my dad and my mom I am strongly connected to St. Bartholomew's Church, and I thank them for it."

Kathy:

In closing, Dave and I know most of you sitting here today didn't know Tony Gabrielle. The kind, considerate, loving, and wonderful man he was who had a strong faith in the Episcopal Church. Tony is very missed, but we know in our hearts he is in heaven watching over us and continuing to guide us in our paths of life. Part of Tony's wishes were to have some of his cremains interred in the original Memorial Garden of our church, which is in the front of St. Bartholomew's. So, each time we come to church we can say hello to him.

Kathy and David Gabrielle

OUTREACH

St. Bart's Oasis food drive continues to be an important contributor to the Oasis Shelter for Women and Children food pantry in Paterson. Not only are our parishioners continuing to bring generous donations but we have some steady repeat customers from HHK and neighboring towns. The director of Oasis, Jen Brady, wanted me to relay to all of you that they are dependent on our continuing food donations to help stock their pantry. When the food donations were picked up in January, Jen stated how greatly needed they were; the Oasis food pantry was nearly empty. Your donations are making a difference. Thank-you.



We are still needing volunteers to help with the Saturday Morning Art Classes. Oasis would like to extend the program to include afternoon art classes. Since the morning classes are more focused on the Fine Arts, the afternoon would be more Crafts.

If there are any St. Bart's parishioners who love crafting projects please let me know! I would love to help you set up to teach the afternoon program. This would not begin until Fall of 2024.

Take a look in the Winter 2023 B-Line at some of the the amazing young artists and their work, along with a picture of the children at our annual trip to the Montclair Museum. If you look close you will see one of our teachers who accompanies us each year (Kathy Kamidoi). We love her help!



We will be gathering a group together to deliver the Pet Donations to St. Hubert's Animal Rescue in Madison soon. Just waiting for a little warmer weather! St. Hubert's is our Animal Outreach Program. We love our four legged friends. Be sure to join us if you can. Maybe we can picnic there after we deliver all the donations.

Peggy Kievit continues to look after all those babies who need diapers by having a Diaper drive. Peggy will deliver all the diapers to Goshen where they will be distributed to THE HOUSE ON THE HILL day care center. Much thanks, Peggy!

Blessings to All, *Judy Malhotra*

Photos by Judy

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



To benefit **OASIS - A Haven for Women & Children**
 10:45-12:15 on the Fourth Saturday of Each Month
 (Third Saturday in November & December)
 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

Our community Garden awaits you.

Before you know it, Spring will be here and we will be ready to start another season in our community garden.

Here are a couple of things to start thinking about:

Will you be joining us again in sponsoring one of the raised beds? If so, reach out to us and let us know. We enjoy our time together and watching our plants grow into a beautiful harvest.

“There is nothing that is comparable to it, as satisfactory or as thrilling as gathering vegetables one has grown.” Alice B. Toklas

Are you considering joining us for the 1st time this season??? We would love it and always have room for you. Just reach out to us. (see contact info below).

You have never gardened before and would like to know how to grow an organic garden? Come and fellowship with us as we get our hands dirty in God’s beautiful earth, even if you cannot commit to sponsoring a raised bed.

“There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments.” Janet Kilburn Phillips

So, what vegetables do you want to grow? Now is a good time to start planting seeds if you choose to start from the beginning. Plant them at home and come May, we can transplant them in our garden.

Did you know:

We donate our harvest twice a year to Oasis in Paterson to provide much needed organic vegetables for the community they support.

“Hope is one of the essential tools of a gardener.” Amy Steward

A little sunshine in your body goes a long way...Being outside in the sun helps you fight diseases; it is good exercise and improves your cognitive abilities.

Gardening has a calming effect, especially after a stressful event.

“When the world wearies & society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden.” Minnie Aumonier

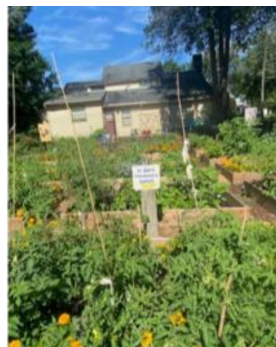
Community gardens foster feelings of connection to each other and to the earth & creation.

“The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway.” Michael Pollan

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

See you soon,

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BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Nicholas Karl 3/2
 Daniel Karl 3/3
 Virginia Smith..... 3/3
 Kevin Miller 3/4
 Marialyse Wostbrock..... 3/4
 Diane Coleman 3/8
 Billy Fayerweather3/10
 Bix Smethurst3/13
 Kyla Wolff3/14
 William Kenny3/31
 Colin Verhoff3/31

APRIL

Rachel Taylor 4/1
 Tucker Huston 4/2
 Hunter Tarvin 4/3
 Kathy Kamidoi 4/5
 Robert Tarvin 4/9
 John Klaus4/10
 Coleston Smith4/10
 Bill Smethurst.....4/15
 Eve Kamidoi4/17
 Kathy Gabrielle4/21
 Kindra Miller4/24
 Robert Simpson4/26
 J. David Ulrich4/27
 Nora Verhoff.....4/27
 Matthew Kenny4/28

MAY

Dave Ackerman 5/1
 Joan Lupardo..... 5/3
 Samantha Markel 5/3
 Heather Miller..... 5/3

BIRTHDAYS

MAY (continued)

Sydney Hintz.....5/4
 Mari Schofield5/4
 Jon Vandevander5/6
 Judy Malhotra.....5/7
 Matthew Studwell 5/13
 Charles Freeling..... 5/16
 Jack Schofield 5/18
 Wayne Kamidoi 5/20
 Trista Metzler 5/20
 Cathie Studwell 5/21
 Jillian Dittermer 5/22
 Annie Thurston 5/24
 John Alberti 5/25
 Jay Studwell 5/30



ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

Eric and Mari Schofield3/17
 Andrew and Catherine Sommerfeld.3/25

MAY

Charles and Mary Ann Freeling5/23
 Fred and Cordelia Bergamo 5/29

We were so glad when our youngest son **Ramzi Gunselman** shared that he was getting married. Even more touched when he wanted the wedding to be in the Church where he grew up, was confirmed in and served as an acolyte. St. Bartholomew's Church has always felt like home.

We are so pleased to welcome his wife **Oramon(Mini)** into our family. May their union be always blessed with joy.

Special thanks to Pastor Cathie Sklenar-Studwell for the beautiful ceremony and working with the happy couple.

Ghada and Mike (photo provided by the family)





Prayer Requests

Kindly keep the following parishioners and friends in your prayers:

Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Evelyn, Rich, Becky, Jeffrey, Vern, John, Rakesh, Brigida, Beth, Jennifer, Paula, Judy, Bill, Dick, Rick, Mike, Andrew, Veronica, Sherri, Don, Kathleen, Lisa, Sarah, Daniel, Jen, Milë, Bonnie, Susan, Peter, Nancy, Bonnie, Jim, Margie, Susan, Chuck, Cindy, Jennifer, Mel, Donna, Janet, Ed, Marion, Fred, Pete, Ava, Mary, Kristin, Brian, Toby, Carol



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.

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

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.

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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.

*Holy Week at
St. Bartholomew's*



Holy Week

Sunday-March 24

Palm Sunday Worship 10am

Monday-March 25

Mindfulness Class 7:15pm-8:30pm at Parish House

Tuesday-March 26-Church Family Breakfast 9:00am
at Matthew's Diner

Wednesday-March 27-Taize Service 7:30pm at Church

Thursday-March 28-Agape Meal 6:30pm at Church

Foot washing and Eucharist 7:45pm

The watch 10pm-6am

Friday-March 29-Stations of the Cross 12pm-1pm

Good Friday service-7:30pm

Saturday-March 30-Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Sunday-March 31-Easter Sunday Worship 10:00am