

ST BART'S

2017
ANNUAL
REPORT





A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR



The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector

Dear Friends,

In my study, I keep a quote on my desk from Benedict De Spinoza, the 17th century Dutch philosopher.

“All things excellent are as difficult as they are rare.”

It’s a reminder that excellence in every sort of pursuit is so difficult as to be exceptionally rare. How true. St. Bartholomew’s Church is attempting to do something truly excellent at the crossroads of a great city in an uncommon time. In its one hundredth year on this particular block in Midtown Manhattan, our church community seeks to do something so difficult as to be exceptionally rare; to be “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world.”

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can saltiness be restored? You are the Light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.” Matthew 5:13-14

We seek to be both salt and light to a world in desperate need of both. Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth.” In other words, you are the essential preservative; the key element which protects and stabilizes. You are an essential element of life itself. You have been given this as a gift. Jesus followed this by saying, “You are the light of the world.” In other words, you have been granted a spiritual power which illumines and enlightens; a truth which educates and clarifies. We are called to be a light which brings hope to a world overwhelmed with despair; a light which does not flicker and cannot be extinguished. The pursuit of all excellence—excellent worship, excellent music, excellent education, excellence service, excellent advocacy, excellent pastoral care—all comes at a price. It is a price we are willing to pay through the investment of our valuable time and effort, the careful use of our financial resources, and through the utilization of the extraordinary talents of the members of this congregation.

In my first year at St. Bart’s I have been coming to know the people of the parish. I am discovering who you are and what we might hope to do together. I have been working with our vestry to build a strategic collaborative vision for the parish which we will implement. I believe this community of faith hopes to do something truly excellent; we hope to create something truly astonishing in the name of God. It is a hope I share with all of you, and I realize it will not be easy to accomplish. The path towards excellence requires sacrifice, diligent effort, and a faith that God remains with us every single step of the way.

May the Lord continue to richly bless our parish as we seek to remain both **salt** and **light**.

In Christ,

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, D.D.
Rector

A LETTER FROM THE WARDENS



Peter M. Kendall, Warden



Liza Page Nelson, Warden

2017 was an exciting and challenging year at St. Bart's. The Right Reverend Dean Wolfe's first official day as our thirteenth rector was at last year's annual meeting. We celebrated Dean's new ministry in early June at his institution, which was attended by more than 500 parishioners and guests and witnessed by 7,000 more on a social media livestream. We were very fortunate to have Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preach at the service, while our own New York Bishop Andrew Dietsche presided. It has been a delight to welcome Dean, his wife Ellen, and their son William into our community.

We are very confident that St. Bart's called the right rector at the right time. The call of a new rector has been likened to winning a race to the starting line, because this is when a new stage of transition begins. The new rector takes stock of things and integrates into the life and work of the parish. Dean certainly hit the ground running at St. Bart's! Lent began one month after Dean's first day, and preparations for that important liturgical season began immediately with St. Bart's clergy and music staff. The primary conversation between a pastor and a congregation is preaching, and Dean has been preaching often. He has also devoted his energies to building relationships with the people of St. Bart's in group settings and in one-to-one visits together with helping create a vision for the church, which we will hear more about this year.

For the past few years St. Bart's has committed to achieving financial breakeven or a small operating surplus. This was appropriate and prudent particularly during the period without a full time rector. With Dean installed, we believe it is the right course for St. Bart's to invest more in church programming even though it will mean a period of modest operating deficits. St. Bart's has sufficient cash on hand to cover a few years of budget deficits, including 2017 and likely again in 2018, without taking on any debt or using restricted endowment funds.

In 2017, stewardship came in at \$2.77 million, slightly above the \$2.76 million budgeted. It is encouraging that the total number of donors has held steady, and the number of first time donors has increased. Income from revenue sources other than contributions was down almost 16%, driven mainly by significant revenue shortfalls from church and community house rentals and the summer camp. Active construction and scaffolding at St. Bart's and in the neighborhood and the Waldorf's closure for renovation depressed rentals. Marketing and partnering with other local hotels will continue to be increased to attract business; and we will seek to optimize space use and associated rental income in the year to come. The summer camp had a new competitor in the neighborhood and did not pare back expenses soon enough to offset the lost revenue. Additional camp programming and marketing are planned to rebuild enrollment. On the positive side, we extended our relationship with Sodexo at Inside Park and modified some agreement terms for mutual benefit. As a result of these changes, café income came in above budget, and we can look forward to increasing income contribution from the café in the years ahead.

Dean and St. Bart's staff managed expenses well. Some hiring was deferred, and personnel expenses came in almost 5% below budget. Other operating expenses came in almost 6% below budget through a combination of creative, lower cost solutions and deferral of certain expenditures. As a result, the year ended 9% behind plan with a loss of \$370,000.

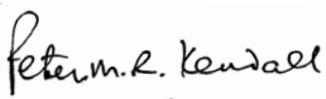
2017 was a big year for capital projects. Renovation of the exterior of the dome was completed beautifully, on time, and half a million dollars under budget. In addition, we undertook a complete restoration of the celestial organ, housed in the dome. Major repairs to the masonry and steel of the southeast corner of the Community House were completed in 2017, and similar external repairs of the fifth floor are well underway. Some sidewalk work was completed, and more is anticipated in 2018.

Donors who funded our last two capital campaigns will be honored in a commemorative plaque placed in the Cloister and we want to thank again Carol and Doug Tanner who led the capital campaign and Carole Bailey French and Connie Evans of St. Bartholomew's Conservancy, who continue the critical task of raising capital funds to restore the exterior of our Landmarked buildings.

There have been several important milestones among St. Bart's staff. The Reverend Lynn Sanders was promoted to vicar. Raquel Murray was promoted to parish administrator. Lucy Breidenthal Bernardin joined us as minister for children, youth and family formation, following Patrick Bergquist who was asked by Dean to be his assistant for special projects.

Another milestone is Peter Kendall's retirement from vestry service after eight years as co-warden, during which he has seen St. Bart's through two rector transitions and many other changes. St. Bart's has been very well served by Peter's steady leadership, intelligence, perspective, dedication and generosity. This will be his last annual meeting as warden as he hands his responsibilities to John Gilliland, in whom we have great confidence. We also say goodbye and thank Doug Tanner as a vestry member, with additional thanks for continuing to serve as St. Bart's chancellor.

As we look towards 2018, we are confident that the St. Bart's community will prosper in new ways under Dean's leadership. Many parishioners continue to express wishes for renewal, greater engagement, increased relevance, more youth, growth, and for new and creative ways to live more fully into the traditions and core values we claim as St. Bartians. Together with the vestry, Dean has developed a collaborative vision for St. Bart's, and springing from that, some concrete strategies and programs that we want to undertake this year and next. We are excited by the direction and about the changes we will need to make to get there. It will require some communication, some new parish groups, commitments and energy from all of us. As a practical start, 2018 will mark our 100th anniversary at our Park Avenue location and we are going to celebrate following the theme "St. Bart's Centennial: Timeless and Timely at 100." You will hear a lot more from the centennial committee chaired by Tim Collins and Mary Krueger, and we look forward in anticipation of all the activities that will be coming during 2018, our anniversary year.



Peter M. R. Kendall



Liza Page Nelson



Easter Sunday 2017

2017 PARISH MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT

The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders, *Vicar*

In a year of transition, this large, complex ship of St. Bart's continued to sail upright and—overall—smoothly forward.

STAFF

In April, the Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins joined our staff on a non-stipendiary basis to assist in pastoral, liturgical, and development areas. In May, Patrick Bergquist was appointed assistant to the rector for special projects. Patrick continued to support children, youth and family ministries while we conducted a search for his successor. Happily, our search culminated with Lucy Breidenthal Bernardin joining our staff in August as minister for children, youth and family formation, bringing strong experience, commitment, and passion to her role. On November 19, we welcomed back the Reverend Deacon J. D. Clarke and his family, as we honored JD's ministry. JD served as director of community ministry at St. Bart's for 15 years before his retirement in 2009, and served as our deacon since his ordination in 2001.

Margaret McGhee, Brandon Ashcraft, and Michael Kurth, the three seminarians we are currently sponsoring for ordination to the priesthood, will complete their

seminary studies at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale this May. They will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on March 10 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, with plenty of St. Bartians there to celebrate with them and cheer them on.

LITURGY

During 2017, St. Bart's offered 850 Sunday, weekday, and special services through the seasons of the church's liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

Of course, none of our liturgies would be possible without the dedicated efforts—week in and week out—of nearly 200 faithful parishioners who serve as ushers and greeters, welcome committee, altar guild, vergers, acolytes, lay Eucharistic ministers (chalice bearers), prayer team, lectors and intercessors, and officiants for Evening Prayer and Morning Prayer.

With the rector's direction, we made several changes to our Sunday 9 am service incorporating instrumentalists, new music, a new Affirmation of Faith (written by the Reverend Matthew Moretz), and different Eucharistic and Post-Communion Prayers.

The Reverend Lynn Sanders on the steps



The changes have been well received, and seamlessly migrated to the Sunday 5 pm service as well. We continue to review all our liturgies, with an eye to freshening and revitalizing them in response to recent church trends and culture shifts.

Our spiritual life was enhanced by guest preachers during 2017: Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, senior rabbi of Central Synagogue; the Reverend Herman Browne, president of Cuttington University in Liberia; the Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, the presiding bishop's canon for evangelism, reconciliation and creation; the Most Reverend Michael Curry, presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church; the Right Reverend Allen Shin, suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York; and the Reverend Cathy George, associate dean and director of formation at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

Easter brought the debut of a stunning new set of white vestments, given in memory of the Reverend Bruce Forbes, created by parishioner Patrick Boylan.

Twenty-five people were baptized at St. Bart's in 2017. During his visitation on June 11, Bishop Allen Shin confirmed ten people, received five, and two people reaffirmed their faith. St. Bart's May and October Welcome Sundays were well attended, and a total of 50 people joined us as new members in 2017.

St. Bart's offered 12 weddings and 20 funerals/memorial services with our customary elegance and grace. Several of the funerals filled the church nearly to capacity.

Several special services were particularly noteworthy. One, of course, was our new rector's Institution on June 6. Dedicated staff and a great many parishioners worked both visibly and behind the scenes to offer a festive liturgy with warmth and welcome to all, and a celebratory reception following. The Right Reverend Andrew Dietsche, bishop of New York, presided; and the Most Reverend Michael Curry, presiding bishop, preached. With at least twelve other bishops in attendance (a record for St. Bart's, we believe!) and a church full of guests and parishioners, it was an evening of great celebration.

On October 18, St. Bart's hosted The Church Club of New York in an evening with The Right Reverend Dr. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, the Episcopal Bishop of Cuba. We made our Wednesday 6 pm Eucharist into a bilingual service as a gesture of hospitality, which was well received. Following the Eucharist, Bishop Wolfe hosted Bishop Delgado del Carpio in a discussion of the current state of affairs of the 46 Episcopal parishes/missions in Cuba since relations between the U.S. and Cuba opened up under President Obama.

St. Bart's offered hospitality and event space for an increasing number of Diocesan and Episcopal Church-connected groups in 2017 including the presiding bishop and his staff, The Episcopal Church's House of Bishops Pastoral Development Team, and the Church Pension Group.

We also partnered with the Diocese of New York's Task Force on Domestic Violence to present an evening of sharing, learning and enlightenment about the relationship between domestic violence and human trafficking.

MUSIC

Music is an integral part of liturgy and parish life at St. Bart's.

The Choristers have had a busy year preparing for their August pilgrimage to Exeter Cathedral in England, where they will sing daily services for a week. Fundraising included concerts, bake sales, and producing and selling their own limited-edition musical Christmas cards. Outside of their regular singing at St. Bart's, our choristers performed at Carnegie Hall with the Canterbury Choral Society (Mahler's Eighth Symphony); Evensong at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin; and went caroling at the Lotte New York Palace Hotel and the Lotos Club. A short performance at the Players' Club was also a part of the choristers' holiday season.

St. Bart's Singers continues to grow with many new, fine singers and increasingly diversified repertoire, while participating in over 60 services a year including the Summer Festival of Sacred Music and the Spring Choral Festival.

St. Bartholomew's Choir has experienced changes in personnel and welcomed exceptional new singers into the ensemble. 2017 saw the addition of many new works in their repertoire including Arvo Pärt's *Passio*, Stravinsky's Mass and new works by Ešēnvalds and MacDowall.

The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers preaching on Pentecost Sunday



William K. Trafka conducting our choirs



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

In 2017, children, youth, and family ministries grew under the leadership of Patrick Bergquist and a fine group of parent volunteers, and has continued to grow since we welcomed Lucy Breidenthal Bernardin as our new minister for children, youth, and family formation in August. Lucy quickly envisioned a new Sunday morning education program for our younger children. The new program is called Kairos (Greek for “God’s time”), with sections Zoe (“life”) for birth through kindergarten; Agape (“love”) for 1st–3rd grades; and Caritas (“charity”) for 4th–5th grades. Kairos debuted in September with a theme of “Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly.” The children planted flowers and harvested herbs from the terrace garden, and workshopped solutions to global injustice through their study of Exodus. We are blessed in Bob Potter’s and Ruth Thomas’ leadership of the Caritas group, and in Judith Rissenberg and a dedicated group of childcare providers lovingly shepherding the Zoe class.

Our popular Youth @ the Center program for 6th–12th grades continues, with Julie and Steve Ross’ faithful, loving leadership and strong partnership with Lucy. Koinonia (“community”) is central to the teachings of Jesus throughout the Gospels, and a central focus of this group. They discuss and experience relationship issues, community-building, social action, activism and change-making—and have a lot of fun in the process!

Our youth acolyte program grew as we welcomed new young people (6th–12th grades) and continued to find new ways to unite our choristers with our other

youth programs. In December, we reinvigorated our Christmas pageant with fresh costumes and props, and we were thrilled to welcome choristers into the pageant as actors for the first time in many years.

Lucy Breidenthal Bernardin also leads St. Bartholomew’s Preschool chapel service as part of our growing partnership with the preschool.

ADULT FORMATION

Our 2017 Sunday 10 am forums included presentations by St. Bart’s clergy and parishioners, professors of religion, book authors, and interfaith guests, and covered a range of topics, including parish life, scriptures, spirituality, mental health, science, community organizing, and art. Our five-week Lenten forum series focused on “The Journey Inward.”

EXPLORE, our four-week series especially appropriate for newcomers and open to all, was presented three times during the year. The rector led a five-week adult confirmation series during Lent, and Patrick Bergquist led our youth confirmation classes during the spring months to prepare our candidates for Bishop Shin’s June visitation for confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation. The adult confirmation classes for 2018 are planned as a Wednesday evening dinner series, open to all.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Patrick Hornbeck offer two Monday-evening class series, “The English Reformation on Screen” and “The End of White Christian America?” Each evening of these series were well attended by about 40 people.

Education for Ministry, a four-year certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study, has been a vital part of our adult education program since 1991. Our Wednesday 8 am Bible study, after almost ten years, came to a natural end in November, but our Wednesday mid-day Bible study (now in its 20th year!) continues strongly. We look forward to offering new Bible study opportunities in 2018.

PRAYER AND MEDITATION PRACTICES

Our weekly Living Christ Sangha, a meditation practice and community, continued strongly through the year. The Sangha made a thoughtful and intentional stewardship pledge to St. Bart’s for 2017, in gratitude for St. Bart’s support and in support of St. Bart’s mission. The Sangha’s 2017 giving exceeded their pledged amount, so they have—again thoughtfully and intentionally—increased their pledge for 2018.

Our various weekday meditation practices, founded as additional avenues for hospitality and evangelism to our surrounding community, steadily grew in popularity over the year. Meditation, yoga, and iRest all saw increases in numbers attending. The Reiki and Tai Chi practices have been discontinued for the present. Though there is no pressure to join St. Bart’s, some participants do so because they attended one of these meditation practices.

Children’s Chapel



Confirmation Sunday





Christmas Pageant 2017



Discussion at Sunday Rector's Forum

After a 15-year run on Saturday morning, our St. Bart's Centering Prayer practice, led for the last ten years by Rosemary English, is currently being re-imagined. Realizing the need for a meeting time more suited to our congregation's schedule, as well as a more sustainable model with shared leadership, we began exploring other options, including partnering with Contemplative Outreach of New York. As a way of re-introducing the parish to Centering Prayer, Kathleen Breiten led a Forum on November 26, followed by a three-week Advent Centering Prayer practice series. Kathleen is leading a similar five-week series during Lent 2018.

PASTORAL

St. Bart's clergy and pastoral team continued to care pastorally for parishioners (and some outside the parish) who were ill, in crisis, grieving, homebound, or simply needed pastoral support in the everyday challenges life brings to all of us. St. Bart's parishioners also stepped up to care for each other, claiming their own fundamental Christian ministry of loving their neighbor.

St. Bart's Eucharistic Visitor Team, newly licensed and trained during 2016, was commissioned during services in June. Following a refresher training session, some team members accompanied clergy on home visits. Plans to further mobilize our Eucharistic visitor team are underway.

PARISH LIFE

The hospitality offered through gatherings and celebrations outside of worship is essential to our tradition of radical welcome and community engagement. Our incomparable welcome committee served mightily in hosting several receptions big and small throughout the year.

Our second annual Bartholomew Fair was even bigger and better than last year's—providing our community with a “back to church” event for folks to re-connect after summer time away and to showcase the parish's many opportunities to connect and be involved. On December 3, our first ever Advent Fair included Advent wreath-making, ornament-making, a family photo-booth, seasonal gifts and refreshments made for a delightful morning of fun and fellowship. Our December 5 Midtown Carol Sing-Along gave us an opportunity to sing Christmas carols in fine spirit from the steps of the church before stepping inside for hot cocoa and fellowship.

In addition to our elegantly beautiful Easter and Christmas décor for church and chapel, you may have noticed fresh flowers and greens appearing on our church and chapel altars—and a few other places—weekly during 2017. Occasionally these altar flowers are donated in honor or memory of a loved one. Mostly they are given by members of our newly organized flower guild. Our beautiful weekly altar arrangements—largely absent for many years—enhance St. Bart's in a quiet, graceful way as a place of peace, beauty, and welcome for all who enter our doors.

The St. Bart's Garden Guild continued to beautify the front garden, cloister garden, and 3rd-floor terrace in all seasons. The guild's faithful efforts add immeasurably to St. Bart's and Inside Park's “curb appeal” and to the attractiveness of our rental and fellowship spaces.

The St. Bart's Docents Guild was commissioned during the 11 am service on October 15, and Becca Earley's remarkable, faithful 25 years of leadership of this group was honored and celebrated.

Our wide variety of fellowship groups prove that everybody has a “place” at St. Bart's.

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship met monthly to discuss matters of peace and justice, and coordinated a number of events including Interfaith gatherings; an evening forum on legal justice; a service in remembrance of the Hiroshima bombing; and a ministry to young students in the South Bronx.

In addition to their Sunday brunches and seasonal gatherings, our LGBTQ Fellowship once again led St. Bart's participation in Pride Sunday (June 25) with a barbecue lunch, followed by our joining the Pride March down Fifth Avenue into Greenwich Village. St. Bart's marching contingent is always a wonderful mix of ages, genders, races, and everything else—a powerful visible living out of our baptismal vow to “Respect the dignity of every human being.”

Other active fellowship groups at St. Bart's include 20's/30's, 40's/50's plus, and adult professionals – hosting a variety of events including brunches, potluck dinners, sports and museum outings, and hosting other church groups for social events.

The dream group, led by Annette Thies, continued meeting several times monthly through 2017. Our grief group, faithfully led since 2009 by Betsy Scott, offered a six-week series in March and April. Many have benefitted from this group over the years. However, a gradual decline in attendance caused us to put this group on hiatus for the present.

St. Bart's Central continued to serve as the first point of contact for the radical welcome St. Bart's strives to offer to all who enter, call, or email the church, serving parishioners and visitors from all corners of the world. Inquiries were answered or referred along; directions and explanations of various programs are proffered; and hundreds of ticket orders for various music and theatrical performances were processed—all with a friendly efficiency. Dustin Tyler Joyce's "52 Houses of Worship in 52 Weeks" blog recently noted, "The narthex, or lobby, is staffed by really friendly personnel who are more than happy to give you information about the church." Nearly 15 volunteers helped staff St. Bart's Central and the Store @ St. Bart's throughout the year.

The Store @ St. Bart's serves an important role as one of the few Episcopal bookstores remaining in the NYC area.

In 2017, we renewed contracts with some favorite vendors from the past; successfully reintroduced some exclusive St. Bart's items, and developed new relationships with exciting manufacturers of unique gift items, particularly in the jewelry department. Coordinating book purchases with Forum speakers and soliciting book recommendations from clergy and staff help us to offer topical, seasonal and inspirational bestsellers. And, we're keeping things up-to-date with some wonderful children's books and gifts!

MID-MANHATTAN PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION

Thanks to the Mid-Manhattan Performing Arts Foundation, St. Bart's has become well known as an important venue for the presentation of early and new music. 2017 saw performances of top-notch ensembles such as ECCO (The East Coast Chamber Orchestra) and the Apple Hill Quartet. Also, for ten months out of the year, the foundation, in conjunction with the Gotham Early Music Scene, offered free weekly concerts in the chapel, welcoming 90-100 music lovers per week. The Joyous Christmas Concert and The Adoration of the Magi, annual holiday concerts, attracted sold-out audiences in 2017.

In May, in conjunction with Goodspeed & Bach, the Mid-Manhattan Performing Arts Foundation sponsored a tour to Germany, visiting the towns and cities where Johann Sebastian Bach thrived as a musician.

The tour was led by St. Bart's parishioner William Fulton along with William Trafka, who played the organ works of Bach in the churches, and in some instances, the organs for which these works were composed.

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Crossroads Community board, staff, volunteers, and other constituents continued to manage and support the church's programs of Community Ministry. We work to invite people to join together in creating a world without hunger and without homelessness. This year we were one of six US organizations invited to join the Canadian Good Food Organization (GFO). In addition, our soup kitchen guests have founded their own meeting to express community needs and find ways to achieve those goals. We especially welcome church members to join with the volunteers and guests in our shelter, the shoppers in our pantry, the diners in our soup kitchens, and the folks who rescue food for us.

In 2017, we were able to provide over 85,000 prepared meals through our soup kitchen, and groceries for 94,000 meals to families through our pantry. Our overnight shelter provided safe and secure lodging for 10 women each night and 17 women who spent time with us in 2016 have moved from our shelter to permanent housing.

Soup kitchen at Crossroads Community Services



Preschool Graduation 2017



PARISH ADMINISTRATION



Raquel Murray, Parish Administrator

FINANCE

Minor adjustments were made in roles and responsibilities within the finance department to increase efficiency as former finance director Raquel Murray took on the role of parish administrator.

BUILDING

This past year included several significant building projects for St. Bart's, the most important being the restoration of our iconic church dome. After nearly ten years of planning, and sixteen months of work beneath scaffolding, this project was completed (on time and under budget) in September revealing a brilliant regilded cross atop 6,400 new terra cotta tiles restoring the dome's original bright coloration. Multiple layers of waterproofing will protect the entire structure for many years to come. Within the scope of the dome project, the celestial portion of our organ was completely restored with cleaning and re-leathering.

We also concluded essential masonry repair on the southeast corner of the community house. A similar project is now underway on our rooftop playground. Efforts to reduce energy consumption and occupancy costs included a new system for controlling our entire heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

PRESCHOOL

This year St. Bartholomew Community Preschool celebrated the school's strongest enrollment since it began 45 years ago. The Preschool cultivates a love of learning in an enriching, joyful environment. The children participate in chapel, dance and movement, library, music and swimming. After-school activities include science, mathematics, cooking, french, literacy lab, martial arts and tennis. Graduates from the Class of 2017 attend the following schools: Allen-Stevenson, Birch Wathen Lenox, Browning, Buckley, Calhoun, Collegiate, Sacred Heart, Dalton, Marymount, Spence, St. David's, St. Ignatius, Hunter and PS59. The Preschool revenue for the 2017-2018 school year increased from the 2016-2017 school year. In addition, the school community successfully raised funds to advance the preschool's STEAM endeavors in the classroom, resurfaced the stairwell, repainted the rooftop playground, as well as repainted the lobby, and most of the 3rd, 4th and 5th floors. Funds were also raised to provide financial assistance to those in need, update the preschool website and to implement an emergency notification system. The preschool was honored to host the annual Parents League Uptown Preschool Fair in the church on May 4, 2017, attended by approximately 50 schools and 200 families and is happily hosting again this year on May 10th!

RENTALS

In 2017 new efforts were made to build business relations and revenue during a challenging period. The church was undergoing construction on all sides; the Waldorf closed and Park Avenue had its own construction projects going on, altering the physical and logistical paradigm of years prior. Much of the filming that took place in our neighborhood came to a halt as a result.

New marketing efforts include listing rental opportunities at St. Bart's with the widely used online venue catalogue Splicer.com. We also collaborated with a neighboring hotel to co-host a joint showcase whereby we introduced our existing and prospective clients to our collective spaces and resources within 200 feet of one another, offering every possible need to accommodate a seamless, large seminar or conference (including lodging).

SUMMER CAMP

For 12 weeks last summer, campers ages 3 to 13 enjoyed daily instructional swimming, sports in the gym, crafts, dance and movement, roof top playground, cooking classes as well as visits from guest artists and cultural outings.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Athletic Facilities revenue this year was below budget, yet income came in better than planned due to the deferral of maintenance and supply purchases. The staff worked with swim schools and special needs students providing space for these clients and St. Bart's youth programs.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications strategy in 2017 focused on the development of images and video featured regularly on our website, in our weekly email, and across multiple social media platforms leading to higher levels of engagement on all fronts. St. Bart's Facebook page has seen the most significant growth this year with a 40 percent increase in followers—reaching 2,247 by the year end. You can now find us @stbartsnyc on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship continued to strengthen during 2017 under the leadership of our newly arrived rector, the vestry and the development committee with Tim Collins as chair. It was Stewardship Director Meighan Corbett's first full year at St. Bart's, and her learning the culture and meeting the parishioners has been key to the success of the stewardship campaign. The stewardship chairs introduced the engagement partners model, and succeeded in having parishioners meet each other, form friendships and relationships, and indeed, broaden the St. Bart's "Radical Welcome."

Standardizing the stewardship campaign and bringing it in line with best practices began in 2017 and will continue in 2018. The stewardship office, in conjunction with the finance office, tracks all giving to St. Bart's, Crossroads Community Services and the Mid-Manhattan Performing Arts Foundation.

STAFF

Rector The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Vicar The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders

Parish Administrator Raquel Murray

CLERGY AND PASTORAL STAFF

Associate Rector The Reverend Matthew J. Moretz

Director of Community Ministry The Reverend Edward M. Sunderland

Assistant Rector The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins *

Assisting Priest The Reverend Clayton Crawley *

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Dr. Tom Mugavero *

Deacon The Reverend J.D. Clarke *

Deacon The Reverend John Wirenius *

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Liturgy Coordinator David Bryan

Welcome, Parish Life & Stewardship Manny Rodríguez

Assistant to the Rector for Special Projects Patrick Bergquist

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** Non-stipendiary*

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STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

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Accounting Associate June Constant

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Assistant, St. Bart's Central Polina Nikolova

Director of Marketing and Events Heather Bond Bryant

Athletic Facility Coordinator Barry Warner

Director of Summer Camp Eileen Lamb

Assistant Director, Summer Camp Efthemia Hanakis

Morning Manager, Crossroads Community Services Malik Abdul-Rahmaan

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Engineering Supervisor Brian Dixon

Director of Maintenance William Gonzalez

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Church Operations John Kilfoyle

Security and Safety Officer James Thrapp

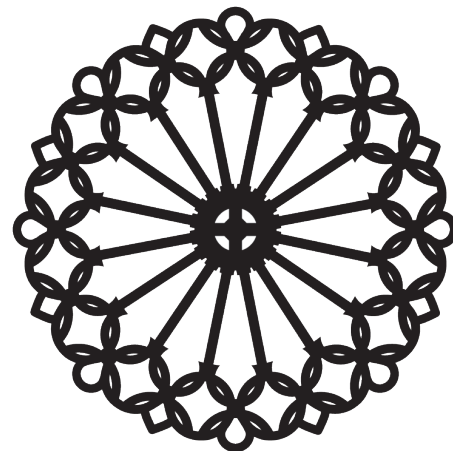
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