

# CROSSROADS



## DON'T MISS

### EVERY SUNDAY

8 am Traditional Eucharist  
9 am Eucharist in the Round  
11 am Choral Eucharist and Sermon

### ALSO EVERY SUNDAY

10 am Summer Artists in Residence  
Sunday School in Room 42—All ages.  
Parents are encouraged to participate.

10:10 am the Rector's Forum with teaching and speakers on a variety of sacred and secular subjects.

11 am Summer Festival continues  
July 1: A Celebration of American Music; July 8: Buxtehude's *Missa Brevis* and Motets; July 15: Music for Women's Voices; July 22: Monteverdi's *Messa da Cappella*; July 29: Desprez's *Missa "Pange Lingua"*

Sunday details always up to date at:  
[www.stbarts.org/comingthissunday.asp](http://www.stbarts.org/comingthissunday.asp)

### EVENSONG July 22 at 5 pm

Choral service sung by the Third Presbyterian Church Choir of Rochester, N.Y.

### ST. BART'S CENTRAL

... is our 7-day-a-week help desk, where staff and volunteers can answer questions, sign you up for a class, put you in touch with the clergy, and more. Come by or call 212-378-0222 or email [central@stbarts.org](mailto:central@stbarts.org)

From the rector

## How we're doing

To the weary soul who simply wanders into the church for a quiet moment with God, or simply a quiet moment, St. Bart's is a reassuring rock of sacredness in the bustling city.

To the visitor who joins us on Sunday, it is welcome of the deepest kind, music that touches the soul at the deepest level, a welcome and word of God that is truth dared to be spoken in the unadorned words real people use every day.

To a man with no home, it is a welcome bed each night. To a family whose budget doesn't stretch to month's end, it is a pantry with food for their table.

To a child and her family (and how these numbers have grown!), St. Bart's is place to belong, where the message of unconditional love can be encountered as nowhere else in a life crazed with lesser messages.

To you as a member, St. Bart's is a place you've committed to, the family that has taken you in, the community you join so that with others you can make a difference in the world, for God's sake.

But do you know that this rock, this place that gives itself so generously, and that has grown so amazingly, is still a precarious organism?

I say "organism" because that's what we are. Institution, congregation, community, non-profit service organization, educational center, interfaith witness, patron of the arts, canopy over sacred space—St. Bart's is all these, too. But to be any of these is to be alive, to be a complex, living thing.

How are we doing keeping this precious organism alive? Not bad. Could be better.

We're running on our tightest budget in years. The giving we did last year was respectable, up a modest 10% over the previous year. But the cost of being all that we are rises relentlessly. This year several categories of expenses—utilities, staff medical insurance, property insurance—pushed us to raise budget substantially before we considered any other categories.

As you know, we've made some painful

choices—cutting back on advertising, suspending our Sunday evening worship and program, reducing support staff, not filling a clergy vacancy.

Given the power of what we do, and the fundamental faithfulness of our community, it still puzzles me that so many do not pledge their support until late in the year. Our budget committee turns to me and says, in effect, show us the money. And while many work hard to increase their proportional giving each year, many others keep it level. With all respect, in this world a level gift is a decrease.

If St. Bart's were merely a congregation, a club, for its members, I suppose you could think of a way to rein in our ambitions and run a modest enterprise at 51st and Park. God forbid. We are givers. We exist for many, many who are not members. I look on it as a privilege to give to something that goes far beyond "my" religious needs.

"New occasions teach new duties," runs the old hymn. A living organism must adapt. So, no whining here. We accept the challenge.

With reduced staff, we've adapted our management and leadership structure. For now, we are retiring the title of Vicar, and we will go without that layer of management. I have asked Kevin Bean to move his passion and skill for ministry to one primary area—St. Bart's service to the city and the world.

As Senior Associate for Outreach and Mission, Kevin will do full-time one of the two jobs he's been doing for us. Alongside his work as Vicar—which he did with singular competence and thoroughness—he followed his passion and offered leadership in a way we have never seen.

In two areas in particular, he saw to it that St. Bart's would lead and make a difference in areas of human need in New York. Manhattan Together, a coalition of churches and synagogues, is his vision and now reality.

Soon, I think you'll see some results in developing affordable housing. And the excit-

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## In the News

### St. Bart's recognized for service to homeless

St. Bart's received the Founding Partners award from the Partnership For the Homeless in recognition of 25 years' work in the Emergency Shelter Network. The Rev. Deacon J.D. Clarke, director of Community Ministry, accepted the award on St. Bart's behalf.

## Coming Up

### If you think the Anglican Communion is a contentious lot now

... join parishioner John Richards as he covers the theological and political background to the Reformation in "The White Horse Tavern, the Black Rubric, the King James Bible and the Bishops' War—the Reformation from an Anglican Perspective," a four-week course beginning Thursday, July 5, at 7 pm. Mr. Richards, a favorite church historian at St. Bart's, will survey the the situation in England leading up to the Great Bible, the dissolution of the monasteries and other points before the Restoration Settlement adopting the 1662 Prayer Book. To sign up, contact St. Bartholomew's Central at 212-378-0215 or at [central@stbarts.org](mailto:central@stbarts.org)

### If you want to join our lot anyway ... Welcome Sunday scheduled for July 22

Is it time to become a member? If you have attended a membership workshop, Practicing the Faith, the confirmation classes or the Christian Maturity course, and you'd like to become an official member of St. Bart's, we would like to welcome you in a simple, joyful rite at the 11 am service on Sunday, July 22. Following the service there will be a reception for the new members. To be officially welcomed into the St. Bart's family, please contact the Rev. Mark Bozzuti-Jones at (212) 378-0252 or email [mbozzuti-jones@stbarts.org](mailto:mbozzuti-jones@stbarts.org); or talk with one of the clergy or an usher for more information.

### St. Bart's to lead "street church" July 22

Parishioners and clergy from St. Bartholomew's will lead an outdoor service in Madison Square Park Sunday, July 22, as part of a new interdenominational ministry's efforts

## How we're doing

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ing work—and the work has been huge and detailed—of taking the Anglican model of a choir school and turning into a charter school for underserved New York children is about to bear fruit. Kevin's portfolio is huge, and he will help us all answer God's call to serve the city we love.

Necessarily, all staff are making adjustments in work load and job descriptions. They are willing and enormously able. Obviously we all wish for a

slightly less precarious enterprise.

You can help make it so by your prayers, your participation, and your financial support. You don't get many chances in this life to do work this necessary, work that means so many things to so many people, beginning with that lone, weary soul. Thanks for all you do. What a gift it is that we can do it here, together.

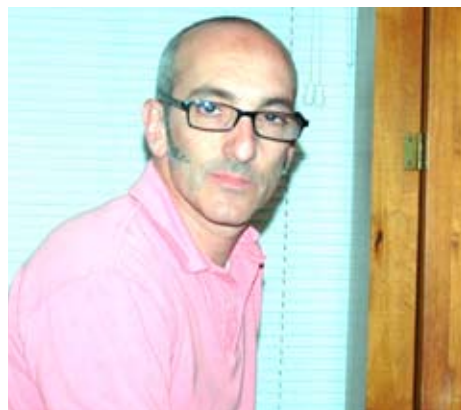
—Bill Tully



The St. Bartholomew Community Preschool held its graduation May 23.

Photo by Karen Nielsen

## An Annual Fund Volunteer Speaks Up



By Peter Sikowitz

As a volunteer for the Annual Fund, I get asked a lot of questions. The most common one is "Can you call back?" The second most common is, "Making calls for the Annual Fund must be tough. How do you do it?"

It's a good question, one I've asked myself more than once. As you'd expect, I do it because I believe it's a good thing to do. There are, however, times when I hesitate to pick up the phone to ask someone, usually a total stranger, for a pledge. But the fact that it can create some discomfort is another reason why it appeals to me. I feel fortunate to live, work and worship where I do. In

many ways I feel spoiled. Subjecting myself to a bit of discomfort that isn't all that uncomfortable can't really be considered a hardship. It helps serve as an important reminder of blessings bestowed, how much I have to be grateful for. I also feel that St. Bart's has given me so much. How could I not reciprocate in some way?

That is not to imply that making calls or having face-to-face meeting is always difficult—far from it. I've had some of the most extraordinary and rewarding moments meeting with fellow parishioners and experiencing their generosity and commitment up-close. I've learned many valuable lessons from them.

Working as an Annual Fund volunteer may not be for everyone, which is OK because there are many different kinds of volunteer work that need to be done. St. Bart's is an extraordinary community full of energetic, dedicated people with a range of skills and talents. Everyone has something to offer, everyone can do something to make a difference in their own life and the lives of others at 51st and Park and beyond.

*Peter Sikowitz has attended St. Bart's since 2004. He has served as an Annual Fund volunteer for the past two years. He is also a member of the Communications Committee for The Campaign for St. Bart's and a member of the Mosaic Society.*

## Center succeeds in helping others succeed

In October 2006, freelance writer Robyn Perry returned to New York with her husband, three children, eight suitcases and a cat after several years living the fantasy that is life in Los Angeles.

While visiting St. Bart's on Christmas Eve, the graduate of New York University's creative writing program saw an announcement for the next



Career counselor Brad Agry listens during a recent session of "Strategies for an Effective Job Search."

session of "Strategies for an Effective Job Search," the 11-week workshop sponsored by the Career Assistance Center.

Ms. Perry signed up because the cost was "perfect." What she discovered during the course was priceless.

"It really shored me up as far as confidence," said Ms. Perry, who, as a writer, could choose to

join the staff of a publication and work on a regular schedule, or be a freelancer who must pitch herself and her work for each new assignment from different publications and companies.

For the first six weeks, Ms. Perry and 29 others learned in a classroom setting how to assess their current situations, determine their career options and plan their search processes.

Over the remaining weeks, the participants shared the details of their job searches in small groups led by professional career coaches Brad Agry, Sharon Naulty and Win Sheffield. They also practiced their 30-second "elevator speeches" (those brief summaries one gives about oneself to a prospective employer), and learned from each other's experiences.

An oath of confidentiality helped each small group develop camaraderie, Ms. Perry said. The coaches leading the small groups encouraged an atmosphere of affirmation.

Although the process was intense, it was all for the better, Ms. Perry said. "They work you really hard. They really make you dig for what you want."

"Getting what you want is really based on knowing exactly what you want—which is what they taught us, and it works," she said.

Ms. Perry is one of more than 125 participants who have completed the course since it was first offered in 2006, and she is one of the nearly 30% of graduates who have gone on to find new jobs, said Brad Agry.

Mr. Agry, Ms. Naulty and Mr. Sheffield keep in touch with alumni after the class and offer encouragement.

Many graduates are thankful for the course, including Ms. Perry, who now writes a monthly column about contemporary art collectors for *Artillery*, a publication about the art scene in New York and Los Angeles.

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*The next session of "Strategies for an Effective Job Search" begins Tuesday, Sept. 18. Tuition is \$395; scholarships are available. To register, contact St. Bart's Central at (212) 378-0222 or [central@stbarts.org](mailto:central@stbarts.org).*

## Upcoming events at the Career Assistance Center

Enjoy a summer evening under the stars socializing and networking with people in a variety of professions. Whether you are looking to meet people in your industry or connect with those in different fields, this is the place to be. Sponsored by St. Bart's Career Assistance Center, the event will be held on Thursday, July 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the third floor terrace of the Community House. Cost including food and wine is \$20. (\$25 at the door). Please reserve by calling St. Bart's Central at 212-378-0222 by July 9.

The CAC continues its monthly strategy ses-

sions this fall with "Ten Steps to a More Dynamic Voice—Good for You, Great for Business!" Karen Schadow, a highly-acclaimed voice and presentation skills coach, and president of The Voice of Success, will share "Ten Steps to a More Dynamic Voice," a one-night session which will help you develop confidence, control, and connections to your audience and to your colleagues. The session will be held Thursday, September 13, at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$20. Register at St. Bart's Central at (212) 378-0222 or [central@stbarts.org](mailto:central@stbarts.org). Learn more at [www.thevoiceofsuccess.com](http://www.thevoiceofsuccess.com)

visit [www.stbarts.org](http://www.stbarts.org) often

➤ to help Manhattan's homeless people form faith communities.

The worship service is part of an effort led by Ecclesia Ministries, which began offering weekly outdoor community worship services in June. Ecclesia Ministries plans to expand to "open" future street churches in Bryant, Battery, Tompkins and Central parks.

St. Bart's participation in the ministry will reach beyond the July 22 worship service to include pastoral care and hospitality.

Parishioners interested in helping out with this ministry are invited to an Ecclesia Ministries training session at St. Bart's at 6 pm Monday, July 2.

For more information contact St. Bart's Central.

## Fifth annual school supply drive begins

July is the time to start "picking apples" to benefit children in residence at the LIFE Center Family Shelter, so join us for the upcoming "harvest" in the narthex and 50th Street lobby this month. Each apple will list a school item needed by a child between the ages of 4 and 18 (dictionary, thesaurus, markers, etc.). Pick one apple—or many—and help St. Bart's continue its tradition of providing a year's worth of school supplies to approximately 200 children in residence at the shelter. Buy the supplies you "picked" and return them to St. Bart's on July 29, August 5 or 12. The harvest will be sorted, placed in backpacks and distributed to the children at the shelter on September 7. Special envelopes will be available at St. Bart's Central for monetary donations. If you prefer, we'll shop for you.

## EFM registration open

Spaces are available now for this year's Education for Ministry course. Education for Ministry, or EFM, is a four-year program designed to prepare and equip participants for ministry within the diverse contexts of contemporary life.

EFM students examine the broad arc of the Christian tradition from its roots in the ancient Near East to the present, learn the disciplines of biblical interpretation and criticism, and study systematic theology, church history, ethics, liturgics, and ascetical theology.

While the course materials pro-

vide substantial academic content, the real focus of the program is on understanding “life as ministry” and equipping participants for that life. Students will be challenged to incorporate their faith more fully into their lives and, through careful study, spiritual contemplation and theological reflection, root themselves in a robust understanding of the reality of God.

Students sign up one year at a time for the four-year program, and upon completion are granted a certificate from the University of the South at Sewanee and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work.

EFM at St. Bart's meets from September to May on Tuesdays from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. If you are interested in becoming part of our group at St. Bart's, please contact its mentor, Mark D'Alessio, at (917) 750-4762 or mark@thinkaheadstayahead.com.

## St. Bart's Diary Notes From New York

by Cheryl Palmer

Visiting clergy from Toronto

It is hard to believe that almost four weeks have passed since my arrival in New York. The time seems to be flying by very quickly. Yet in some ways I feel as if I have been here for months because so much has transpired in these last weeks.

Where to begin? The church or the city—both are filled with numerous tales to tell, so I will recall a story that combines both.

“St. Bart's! You're going down to St. Bart's? Great!” With much excitement Keith the taxi driver greeted me, introduced himself to me, seemingly because my destination was St. Bart's. Having taken quite a few taxis since arriving, I was pleasantly surprised by his genuine openness and interest in me and my destination. Usually the drivers simply grunt, then continue with their cell phone conversations until the ride ends.

“It is the friendliest church in the city,” Keith says with much knowledge. “There are others that try, but none come close.”

“How do you know St. Bart's?” I asked with perplexity. “From the people I pick up in my cab. People aren't just fares, they are people, so when they talk, I talk with them. And the people from St. Bart's are always kind and friendly—they invite me to come to church. I've never been,



Dr. James Litton, former director of music at St. Bart's, leads a combined choir of 100 young singers during Evensong June 3. Erin Jeffries of St. Bartholomew's own Boy & Girl Choristers, plays the flute. Photo by Tim Martin

## Chorister Festival brings 100 singers to St. Bart's

In June, more than 100 members of children's choirs of many denominations as well as community choruses for girls and treble boys from throughout the tri-state area and as far away as Rhode Island and Texas attended St. Bartholomew's annual Chorister Festival, one of the highlights of the Great Music series.

The annual festival is an extraordinary opportunity for choristers to sing music from the Tudor period to the present.

In between intensive sessions of choral training led by Dr. James Litton, music director emeritus of the American Boychoir and former music director of St. Bartholomew's, and one of America's foremost choral conductors, the choristers made St. Bart's their home base as they explored the city.

The festival culminated in a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 3, filling the nave with Herbert Sumsion's *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis in G*, as well as several anthems and a choral blessing. The combined choirs were accompanied on New York City's largest pipe organ by William K. Trafka and Paolo Bordignon.

Mr. Trafka marked the occasion of Edward Elgar's 150th birthday with an offering of Elgar's beloved “Nimrod” (from the *Enigma Variations*) as the prelude and the rousing *Imperial March* for the retiring procession. —Paolo Bordignon



## Scholar discusses new understanding of Jesus at CRI

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a New Testament scholar at Vanderbilt University, introduced Jesus, “The Misunderstood Jew” to a packed room May 24. Dr. Levine shared how her own Jewish upbringing influenced her study of the Jewish community and theology of Jesus' time, and how today's Jews and Christians can better understand their own faiths by understanding each other's. The two traditions are parallel tracks that will meet at the same station as long as “we work together to bring about the kingdom of God.” The talk was sponsored by the Center for Religious Inquiry.

### Save the Date!

Manhattan Together Assembly meets Wednesday, July 25, at 6:30 pm. Join St. Bart's delegation and 25 other congregations committed to building hundreds of units of affordable housing as they share recent developments.. Contact Kevin Bean at bean@stbarts.org or at 212-378-0215.



*Denyl Cloughly, an art conservator with Griswold Conservation in Los Angeles, mixes paints to be used on the mural over the altar in the Chapel. Ms. Cloughly worked with Darren Martin, Timothy Rudolph and Robert O'Connell of O'Connell International Arts for two weeks in June as they removed soot from the murals, columns and stained glass windows. The soot was a result from a small fire in December. During the cleaning period, services usually held in the Chapel were moved to the church.*

Photo by Lynn Goswick

## St. Bart's Issues Grants to NGOs for MDGs

St. Bartholomew's Church has sent grants totaling \$26,600 to four non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as part of the church's commitment to help cut extreme global poverty through the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) project.

The recipients of the grants were The Hunger Project; Episcopal Relief and Development; the educational work of the Order of the Holy Cross' Mariya u Mama weThemba Monastery in Grahamstown, South Africa; and the education and advocacy organization Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation.

The Millennium Development Goals were

established when leaders from 191 nations—including the United States—agreed on a plan to cut extreme global poverty in half by 2015. These goals are projected to affect more than 500 million people.

Along with other members of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church, St. Bart's committed to designating 0.7% of its 2006 annual unrestricted pledge and plate giving to the MDGs. A subcommittee of St. Bart's & the World, along with several other individuals led by Rev. Kevin Bean, researched 11 organizations and chose the recipients of the grants.

## An update from our sister parish in Tanzania

St. Bartholomew's Church recently received good news from the parish of Mvumi Makulu, the parish we sponsor through the AIDS Orphans Partnership, also known as The Carpenter's Kids.

One guardian, a widow, said she has five of her grandchildren in her care. She said that she was "wondering what to do for them until the program began—God is good. I am now one of the happier women in the Mvumi community. Thanks to God who touched our friends and who now support one of my children."

In 2006, St. Bartholomew's Church joined other

New York parishes in an effort to help children orphaned by AIDS in the Diocese of Central Tanzania to stay in their home communities and parishes instead of being sent to orphanages.

St. Bartholomew's provides \$50 per child per year for 100 children for school fees, breakfasts, uniforms, shoes and books—and has promised to do this for the next five years.

In July and August, parishioners from St. Bart's will travel with other members of the diocese to visit the people of Mvumi Makulu.

*To participate, contact St. Bart's Central.*

because I am not a church-going man, but if I ever went to church it would be St. Bart's."

By this time I was so curious that I started taking notes in the back seat. The articulate young driver seemed to know a great deal about certain aspects of what a healthy Christian community should look like.

"St. Bart's is not elitist," he continued, "even though it's in a tony neighborhood. It's not austere—it's welcoming—which is unique in New York." With more than 8 million people in the City of New York, including more than 1.5 million in Manhattan, and more 13,000 taxicabs with their distinctive yellow paint, still Keith was able to observe "the people from St. Bart's seem to be involved in the church. They are proud of it—they are a part of it and they want others to be a part of it too."

"I can hardly believe how much you know about St. Bart's", I said to him incredulously. "It is wonderful to know that their work is so evident in the city."

"Well, if little ol' me can notice," he said, "then they must be doing a good thing."

"So why are you there? Why are you at St. Bart's?" he eventually asked me, and only one response came to mind: "To learn how to have Toronto taxicab drivers talk about my church." "Then you are in the right place," he said.

### From the parish register Baptisms

May 27: Adrian Evers, Charlotte Cooper Hastings, Aidan James Kuo, Anderson Robert Squires, Jackson William Lent, and Sophie Helen Harrison.

### Weddings

Emily Sheehy and Robert R. Carey (May 18); Emma S. Cartwright and Daniel R. Westcott (May 19); M. Bina Park and Octavio Licon (May 26); A. Gabriela Ramirez and M. Oliver Gras (June 2); Brooke M. Lang and John R. Britton (June 3); Elisabeth P. Weissenrieder and Brad A. Bennis (June 9); Jessica E. Novotny and Ross M. Mandeville (June 9); and Grace Chan and Andrew J.L. Milton (June 9)

### Departed

Willa Sands and Charles McGreevy

### Funerals

Karl R. Daigle (May 17)

## Sundays

8 am Eucharist and Homily

A quiet, traditional language service, no music.

9 am Eucharist and Sermon

A simple, spirit-filled, tuneful celebration.

10 am Artists in Residence Sunday School for all ages

Room 42 of the Community House

10:10 am The Rector's Forum

11 am Choral Eucharist and Sermon

Traditional liturgy with hymns and St. Bartholomew's Choir.

Child care is provided for the 9 and 11 am Sunday services.

## Monday–Friday

8 am Morning Prayer

12:05 pm Eucharist

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

## Thursday

6 pm Thursday Evening Eucharist

## Saturdays

10 am Eucharist

## Visiting/Getting in touch

Church entrance: Park Avenue between 50th and 51st streets

The church is open for visiting, prayer, and meditation every day from 8 am to 6 pm (Thursday to 7 pm).

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On nights and weekends one of our clergy is always available for pastoral emergencies. Dial 212-378-0250 and your call will be automatically forwarded to the on-call priest.

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