

# 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  
Aug. 5: Rheinberger's *Cantus Missae*; Aug. 12: daPalestrina's *Missa Assumpta est Maria*; Aug. 19: Ramirez's *Misa Criolla*; Aug. 26: Music for Men's Voices

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

### LOOK INSIDE ST. BART'S

Join Bill Tully Sunday, Aug. 5, after the 11 am service for a site tour of St. Bartholomew's Church. During this 20-minute tour, you will have a first-hand look at the upcoming restoration efforts and the critical needs of our beautiful buildings. The tour will begin in the Narthex.

### 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

## Surprised by grace

It would be quite overwhelming to run a church that never stops being open and never stops serving. Almost.

What saves me and others here from becoming mere management? The grace of God, always, grace. And how does that grace come?

Grace arrived the other day in a letter from someone I've never met, but who wanted me to know that it meant everything to her, a Jew, that she could study the great religious questions in a church. She had never been in a church, she said, much less one with a rabbi on its staff.

"Do you know this quote I read somewhere?" she asked: "For the Jew the world is not completed: people must complete it."

I didn't know it, but on a day when I was fed up with people and things to do, it was the grace I needed to rediscover the dignity and worth of our work.

Grace arrived in a steamy elevator the other morning in the Community House. Kids headed for our day camp, strollers, back packs, already-stressed-late-for-work moms and dads. Doors close. A little girl's voice: "I can't wait to see my friends!"

A sermon I'd nearly forgotten helped a new member recover from an encounter that almost turned into a tragic scrape with the law. "I believe the Good Lord gave this lesson to me," he wrote, in a letter that was a real gift when it came. "I now think that anger is a contagion, it is transferred from one person to another in various forms until it is transferred to someone ... who is able to recognize it for what it is and teach us regardless of our age." His sense of calm and reconciliation came from one who, for him, was the unlikeliest source. Pure grace.

Grace sometimes hides in "problems." In a newcomer breakfast in my office, a man told of showing up for the Breakfast Feeding Program, our venerable early morning soup kitchen, only to find too many volunteers. "Either you need to expand or invent a new program," he told us all, "or it's a message for me to get involved in something else. So, please put me to work."

You can't make something like that happen, a

definition of grace if there ever was one.

Of course, grace doesn't cover everything. The building still leaks. Mrs. A is still bitter about promising her friend a doughnut at coffee hour, only to find that we had eliminated them for now for budgetary reasons. A persistent e-mailer is wearing us out with his complaints about grammar and proofreading on our Web site.

I am stealing an hour or two for some quiet reflection on the Sunday readings. I love such time above all times in the week. There, in a way that usually surprises, I'll find the seed of a sermon.

The project to build a professional kitchen and air condition the auditorium space is so complicated that it's running a month behind and taking up hours and hours of staff time, and what am I going to do about it?

Now, where is the grace? Somehow, it will return in the intersection of the timeless Word and the timely interruptions, knowing that we can "complete the world" for God only if we live in it, not consumed by problems but surprised by grace.

BILL TULLY

## Mark Bozzuti-Jones accepts call to Trinity Wall Street

Mark Bozzuti-Jones has accepted a call to serve on the pastoral staff of Trinity Church Wall Street. His last Sunday at St. Bart's will be September 23.

This is a call Mark feels he must accept, but it is bitter disappointment to me. And I know his decision will grieve the parish.

Mark and I both feel that this announcement should go beyond the usual niceties. Because of our deep mutual respect, we have been able to talk honestly about why he felt open to this new call. In a word, Mark cites the "climate" of work at St. Bart's. Though this has been difficult for me to hear, at one level I'm not surprised by what he has been telling me.

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## Coming Up

### St. Bart's discusses the immigration crisis Aug. 2

Members of St. Bart's will explore the New Sanctuary Movement and St. Bart's possible participation in it at an information session scheduled for 7 pm, Thursday, August 2. Our featured guest is a Jamaican immigrant who came to the United States more than 20 years ago and who is now facing deportation. His wife and children are American citizens, and he seeks assistance, possibly sanctuary, in order to stay in the country. Witness what it means to live under the threat of deportation. RSVP to Kevin Bean at [bean@stbarts.org](mailto:bean@stbarts.org) or call 212-378-0215.

### St. Bart's & the World

will meet Sunday August 5, at 12:45 in the Vestry Room—all are welcome.

### Fifth annual school supply drive in progress

St. Bart's parishioners have begun "picking apples" to benefit children in residence at the LIFE Center Family Shelter. Pick apples from the trees in the narthex and 50th Street lobby and help St. Bart's provide a year's worth of school supplies to approximately 200 children ages 4-18. You can bring supplies to St. Bart's August 5 or 12. Envelopes also are available for monetary donations so if you prefer, we'll shop for you!

### Upcoming Manhattan Together team meetings

Manhattan Together is a network of 25 congregations, including St. Bart's, who are committed to building hundreds of units of affordable housing in the City and addressing other related issues. The Immigration Team will meet Monday, August 6, at 7pm at St. Cecilia's Church (125 East 105th Street). The Housing Team will meet Thursday August 23, at 7pm at St. Bartholomew's. Contact Kevin Bean for more information (212-378-0215, or [bean@stbarts.org](mailto:bean@stbarts.org))

### Membership workshop to be held Aug. 16

The next St. Bartholomew's Membership Workshop will be held on Thursday, August 16, at 7 pm. Come and find out what it means "to bring your baptism to St. Bart's." Contact St. Bart's Central.

## A new call for Mark Bozzuti-Jones

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St. Bart's clergy and lay professionals work very hard, sometimes unrelentingly so. We put a consistent emphasis on growth, on reaching more people, incorporating more people into membership, serving more people. That's the flesh on "radical welcome," and it is costly.

Two hard realities flow from that emphasis. One is that because overall giving, and therefore the budget, have remained flat for three years, support for program and for staff help has been necessarily limited. We are a smaller staff today, but the workload, if anything, has increased.

Naturally there is stress in such a work system. Not all colleagues handle that stress in the same way. Not every adaptation to the stress is healthy.

Along the way, Mark found the work often not to his soul's health. He found St. Bart's—and he will tell you this in his own way—to be a place with wonderful people, dynamic programs, great possibilities. He loves the energy and creativity of Sunday liturgy and music.

It's the inherent stress of the work system that remains the problem for him.

I hear this truth, and I accept my complicity

in it. I also know that there is no easy solution. If there were one, I would have waved my wand and talked Mark out of this move.

Giving up the call to grow, giving in to the sometime chronic budget issues, is not a choice, but neither is unhealthy work.

I've shared this with you because I am determined that Mark's honesty will challenge us all to do good things, turning this loss somehow into a moment of painful grace.

I have immense respect for Mark's gifts. Because he won't be far away, and because Kathy Bozzuti-Jones will happily remain part of our staff doing her superb work with children and families, St. Bart's will be the family church and we will see Mark in natural ways.

Our leadership has already begun to work and to think about a search. My fervent hope is for the support—budgetary and otherwise—to fill not only Mark's position but also the vacancy left by Mary Haddad's departure. I pledge, too, that what we are learning about our work system can be turned into good things for all who work here.

BILL TULLY

## In stitches



*A Sunday visitor and Grace Carter, 7, learned how to stitch small pillows July 1 during the Summer Artists-in-Residence Sunday School. Each Sunday during the series, gifted artists from the parish open a special one-room schoolhouse and offer a hands-on art project as a way of celebrating God's creation and our creativity.*

## Winant-Clayton volunteers lend hands at St. Bart's

St. Bart's has been home to two volunteers from the United Kingdom this summer as part of the Winant and Clayton Volunteers program.

Maeve McGoldrick and Arwenna Davis, both of London, arrived in New York in June.

They are one of a number of "Claytons," or volunteers who come to the United States each summer to serve seven weeks in non-profit organizations and learn about American life by visiting former Winant-Clayton volunteers. The American volunteers, or "Winants," travel to Britain and work mainly in the East End of London, offering their help to community centers.

The Winant-Clayton exchange began in 1948 when Americans traveled to Britain to help Londoners rebuild churches and community centers destroyed by German bombs during the Blitz. British volunteers began arriving on American shores in 1959.

The program is named for John G. Winant, the U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James in Great Britain during World War II and Rev. Philip "Tubby" Clayton, private chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II during the same period.

Maeve, 23, served as an assistant counselor in St. Bart's summer camp, helping campers of all ages.

Arwenna, also 23, was assigned to St. Bart's Community Ministry program and worked at the Breakfast Feeding Program, the food pantry and the shelter.

Before she volunteered, Maeve worked with the British Youth Council, an organization that lobbies Parliament about young people's issues. She graduated from Manchester University, and spent six months in China teaching English. When she returns to London, she hopes to work with a nonprofit dedicated to ending extreme poverty. The Winant-Clayton program has been a "perfect opportunity" to learn about the United States and non-profit work, she said.

Arwenna agreed. A psychology major at the University of Nottingham, she worked for a private company conducting government research before coming to the United States. When she returns to London, she will work for a non-profit looking at how to improve patient care in Britain's National Health Service.



*Arwenna Davis, above, a Winant-Clayton volunteer from London, prepares for dinner with guests at St. Bart's homeless shelter. Pictured at right is volunteer Maeve McGoldrick.*



*Arwenna and Maeve will share more of their experiences in the United States at the Rector's Forum, Sunday, August 5, at 10 am. For more information about the Winant-Clayton program, go to [www.winant-claytonvolunteer.org](http://www.winant-claytonvolunteer.org)*

### St. Bart's hosts town hall meeting about healthcare

More than 100 New Yorkers, including 20 St. Bart's parishioners, gathered in St. Bart's chapel July 17 to discuss the state of healthcare in the United States. Many of them left with a clearer picture of how they can affect the healthcare debate.

Dr. Mary O'Brien of the New York Metro chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program called for "single payer" healthcare for everyone from birth until death.

The current system of Medicare spends only 3% of its budget on administrative costs, while insurance companies spend 30% on administrative costs, Dr. O'Brien said. Universal coverage is economically possible, she said. "We have to make it politically possible."

Dr. O'Brien and representatives from Healthcare-NOW!, ACT UP and other organizations listened as a number of people recalled their experiences with health maintenance organizations and insurance companies.

The participants broke into strategy groups to discuss how to inform others about the proposed "single payer" system, or a system that pools all funds into one government-run organization and pays for everyone's healthcare through that organization.

To learn more about the proposed single-payer system, go to [www.pnhp.org/](http://www.pnhp.org/)



**Baptism class begins Aug. 20**  
Adults who would like to be baptized at the 9 o'clock service on September 16th are invited to take a class to prepare for the rite and learn what baptism means for full initiation into the body of Christ. The class will take place on three Mondays, August 20, 27, and September 10, from 6-7:30 pm. No class Labor Day (Sept. 3rd). The final class will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, September 15. Contact the Rev. Elizabeth Garnsey with questions, and sign up at St. Bart's Central.

**Info session planned Aug. 29 for Habitat trip to Louisiana**  
August 29th marks the second anniversary of the Hurricane Katrina disaster. As news reports continue to show, national and state government relief efforts are still hampered by bureaucratic nightmares and the glacial pace of Washington politics. Volunteer relief work, however, continues to build momentum. Churches, including St. Bart's, have been a significant part of this effort.

In February, 13 volunteers from St. Bart's Habitat for Humanity group traveled to St. Bernard Parish, next to New Orleans, to support relief efforts in that area. This fall we plan to send two teams of volunteers back to the region: another team of Habitat volunteers to New Orleans the week of October 28 and a team of young adults over a three-day weekend to support the work of the Diocese of Louisiana and Episcopal Relief and Development.

Join us Wednesday, August 29th at 7 pm for an information session on these two trips and to hear recollections of our February journey.

### Bring it on home!

The church, that is. This September we are re-launching the parish-wide St. Bart's @ Home program, small groups that meet regularly for prayer, study and ongoing fellowship, because we believe that small groups who pray, eat, study and serve together become the strongest centers of mutual care, support and friendship within a church the size of St. Bart's. The open house launch, where you can find out more about this program and sign up for a home group, will take place September 19th at 6:30 pm at St. Bart's. Save the date!

But first, the Rev. Elizabeth Garnsey hereby invites you to consider becoming a host (one who makes



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their home the site of a new group) or a leader (one who facilitates bible study and discussion). Hosts and leaders are commissioned for this ministry after a mutual discernment meeting with the clergy. Find out more by emailing Elizabeth at [garnsey@stbarts.org](mailto:garnsey@stbarts.org), by September 5th.

### **CAC Job search course begins Sept. 18**

St. Bart's Career Assistance Center will offer its 12-week seminar, "Strategies for an Effective Job Search," from 6:30 to 8 pm Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 18. More than 125 job seekers have participated in the course, and many graduates have used their new-found skills to find new jobs.

Cost is \$395; space is limited to 25. Scholarships are available. Sign up at St. Bart's Central at (212) 378-0222 or [central@stbarts.org](mailto:central@stbarts.org).

### **CAC session helps you find your voice**

The Career Assistance Center continues its monthly strategy sessions 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 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. 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)

### **I believe . . . ?**

Having trouble with the Creed? You are not alone. One of the most frequent comments heard around the church is that people can't believe everything they say when reciting the Nicene Creed. In this class, we'll open up discussion on these three ancient paragraphs over three weeks, taking a fresh look at how we can keep saying the Nicene Creed as 21st century Christians—and why we should. Sundays, September 23, 30, and October 7, at 12:30 pm.



*The Rev. Kevin D. Bean and The Rev. J.D. Clarke prepare for worship in Madison Square Park Sunday, July 22. More than 20 parishioners from St. Bart's participated in the service and distributed food afterwards to homeless men and women in the park.*

## **St. Bart's leads "street church" for homeless in Madison Square Park**

More than 20 members of St. Bart's shared a meal and a message with homeless men and women in an outdoor service in Madison Square Park Sunday, July 22.

The meal featured peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. The message featured encouragement.

While several homeless men and women joined the circle of parishioners, participated in the service and shared in the communion, a number of others watched from the benches near the pebbled area where the service was held. At least 40 men and women accepted the bag lunches made the day before by St. Bart's families and distributed after the service.

The service was part of a new outreach to the homeless of Manhattan sponsored by Ecclesia Ministries, which began in 1994 on the streets of Boston and recently expanded to New York. Since early June the interdenominational group has been holding a "street church" every Sunday at 2 pm in Madison Square Park as part of its goal to help homeless people living in and around the park to form their own spiritual community. The ministry plans to meet year round and eventually expand to Bryant, Battery, Tompkins and Central parks.

Each week a different "housed" congregation takes responsibility for the service and the meal. On July 22, it was St. Bart's turn.

The Rev. Kevin Bean, who led the service, said St. Bart's participation in Ecclesia fits well into the spectrum of St. Bart's ministries to the homeless

in the city. "It is right for us to do this now," he said.

Rebecca Barnes, a parishioner who coordinates St. Bart's team effort for Ecclesia and who has volunteered regularly in St. Bart's Community Ministry Programs, said this new effort "shares the gifts of the church, taking them out into the world."

Twenty-five members of St. Bart's have volunteered to help in the Ecclesia effort, and they do everything from making sandwiches to reading the lessons during the service. They also visit the park during the week to talk to members of the homeless community, which may be the most important part of the ministry, Barnes said.

Parishioner Nathan Harkins is part of St. Bart's team and attended the July service. "I believe we are called to do for others what the disciples failed to do for Christ—to stay awake, to be present. Being present for others is at the center of Ecclesia," he said. "Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Schiori wrote recently that demonstrating through our actions what a relationship with God looks like can, in itself, be baptism, living water to those around us. I think Ecclesia is an excellent example of what Matthew 25 and 28 mean in a modern urban context."

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*St. Bart's will help lead worship in Madison Square Park again, Sunday, August 19, at 2 pm, followed by serving a meal. For information or to sign up, contact parishioner Rebecca Barnes at [r\\_barnes36@hotmail.com](mailto:r_barnes36@hotmail.com) or clergy staff members Kevin Bean or J.D. Clarke.*

## On the march



Dozens of St. Bart's parishioners walked in the Gay Pride March Sunday, June 24.

Photo by Tim Martin

### 2007 Annual Fund

## So what's the right number?

By Ann Hall Kaplan

"I love St. Bart's and want to generously support the mission here but don't know how much to pledge." Does this reflect how you feel? Most nonprofits list their annual fund donors by giving levels so it's easy to see what people give. Here, pledging is considered to be a private communication between the donor, God and St. Bart's.

Instead of listing how much people give, we stress proportional giving—and not only is this different for each person but it can change greatly from one year to the next. Some find it helpful to know that the national pledging average for Episcopalians is 2.6% of income, but this percentage is a bit confusing because it does not distinguish between pre-tax or after-tax donations. We encourage people to pick a percentage of income that is challenging but doable and then try to increase that percentage each year.

And the needs and expectations of each parish are different. Due to large and steady annual income streams from endowments or real estate holdings, many other large New York City Episcopal churches are not dependent on donations from congregants. St. Bart's does not have that safety

net. In order to raise at least half of the annual operating budget each year, we need to rely upon the generosity of each and every person who comes here.

And to add to the confusion, the range of 2007 pledges goes from less than \$100 to several hundred thousand—the average pledge is approximately \$3,500. Even though it helps us to plan for our budget if you pledge early, please know that pledges do not have to be paid until the end of the calendar year and can be easily increased or reduced—no questions asked. Whatever you decide, each and every pledge is extremely important to St. Bart's and greatly appreciated.

You can find pledgevelopes throughout the church and narthex or contact Ann Hall Kaplan at

- (212) 378-0278
- kaplan@stbarts.org

Or make your pledge directly at

• [www.stbarts.org/shop/](http://www.stbarts.org/shop/)  
(look on the left at "make a pledge")

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### From the guest book

"Last week was my first week here. The service was amazing and everyone was so welcoming that I decided to come back." *A visitor to the 11 o'clock service*

### From the parish register

#### Baptisms

July 15  
Elisabeth Hatab  
Barbara Chaney  
Alexander Fairbairn  
David James Parouse  
Tyler Weston Parouse

#### Weddings

June 16  
Meghan E. Fenn and Thomas J. Vogt

June 23  
Sharon Y. Park and K. Steve Lee

June 30  
Jennifer L. Weidner and John Scribner  
Rosette E. Fernandez and Peter Loughlin

July 7  
Christine L. Clark and Edward B. Gomeau  
Erika M. Stuht and Timothy K. Millet  
Michelle F. Medford and Steven E. Kouroupakis

July 14  
Yoko J. Kudo and John M. Horner

#### Departed

George Kaplan

#### Funerals

June 22  
Elisabeth Blua

### So far in 2007:

- Number baptisms: 14
- Number of confirmations and receptions: 88
- Number of weddings: 35
- Number of burial and memorial services: 13
- Daily Office services (Morning and Evening Prayer): 280
- Weekday Eucharists: 140
- Sunday Eucharists: 98

## 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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0210; J.D. Clarke, Deacon: 378-0229.

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.

- Questions, sign-ups, event tickets, and general information: St. Bart's Central at 212-378-0222 or [central@stbarts.org](mailto:central@stbarts.org).
- Psychotherapy and Spirituality Institute, 212-935-5023.

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