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Letter from the Rector

Friends, I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits.

Whenever I travel on a mission or pilgrimage, whether it be domestically or internationally, I always place my rosary beads in my pocket. They are made of smooth and heavy stone. I can't recall all the words of the prayers. I use them to pray with my hands, with my mind and with my heart. As I repeat the mantra "Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee ...", I am meditating on the words of Gospel of Matthew, the 25th chapter starting at the 31st verse. (see page 2). Jesus articulates clearly for us how to be obedient to the Great Commandment despite our many differences. In doing so, God is present to us and will guide us through with strength and compassion.

This rosary was a gift to me when I took respite for three years at an amazing Roman Catholic Church in Sharon, Massachusetts. The late Fr. Bullock had blessed the beads and taught me it was possible to embody the teachings of Jesus Christ to all of God's people. You see, at the time the town of Sharon had seven synagogues, one mosque, one Unitarian Church, an Episcopal Chapel

and one Roman Catholic Church. This Catholic church building was small compared to most in the Archdiocese of Massachusetts, and somehow it was one of the top ten supporters of the Archdiocese. What makes that even more remarkable is that one-third of the families in the parish had one parent

who was an active Jew and the other an active Christian. The Hebrew Scriptures in mass were often read by Jewish family members attending.

I found refuge in this church, not because I felt comfortable with all the teachings of Catholicism, but

because I never had to abandon my Episcopal identity. I found refuge in this parish because I quickly learned, "All were welcome, no exceptions." I learned this not by the words of the members of the church, their political leanings, nor by the social club activities. I learned that this faith community was extraordinary in its commitment to stand united in the face of bigotry, racism, sexism, terror, hatred, bullying and most every form of evil and unite in times of difference.



Letter from the Rector

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About a month after I moved to Sharon, I read in the daily paper that there was a candlelight vigil at a local cemetery. The evening before, a swastika has been painted on a gravestone. Months later, another vigil took place outside one of the synagogues after bullet holes had broken windows above their sacred scrolls of scripture. Another vigil was held at the high school after a student had been beaten. It was Fr. Bullock would go out and pray in silence. Within hours, hundreds of people, from all walks of life, would join him. These gatherings were remarkable. People of all faiths, political views, all generations, and various ethnicities gathered.

The deeper truth I learned is that to act in solidarity with others made it more difficult for bigotry, hatred, fear, racism to breathe and grow. The citizens of this small town learned not to be silent, for to do so would mean that everything they valued would be lost. Taken away not necessarily all at once, but slowly eating away at what makes us different as citizens of God, our country, our towns and our faith communities. Matthew 25 comes when the disciples and followers of Jesus tried to understand how they could possibly fulfill the great commandment. In much the same way, we too struggle today, for clarity on how to love God in unity, when our political, legal loyalties, family systems, and life experiences draws to see what makes us all different - differences that challenge our ability to be united in a collective response to the only God we serve and worship. How many of us grew up reciting the pledge of allegiance to our nation's flag? Everything comes second to our commitment to God. Matthew 25 teaches us what do - how to stand with God, and to do it together. Faith becomes an action verb. Love God by feeding the hungry, offer water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, visit those in prison.

Matthew 25 does not tell us which political party is right, which religion is best, which ethnic group is most holy, which gender should be in charge, which language to speak, what tax rate we should pay. Matthew 25 directs us all to embody the solidarity as citizens of God by simply standing up, standing together, feeling the pain of the victims and the pain of God in the wake of human failings. Together, we will make this world a better place. I know it's messy. But it's God's work.

St. Bart's continues to build upon our history of standing together in times of difference and tension: Jews and Palestinians, Muslims and Orthodox Christians, Sudanese and Syrians, blacks and whites, Irish and Native American, Mexicans and Koreans, republicans and democrats, liberals and conservatives, rich and poor, straight and gay, active duty and homeless marines, atheists and living saints, young and old. The list goes on and on. St Bart's will continue to embody the truth that the Episcopal Church embraces such solidarity.

Let us continue to stand together and strengthen our ability to stand with all of God's people in the face of all forms of bigotry, racism, sexism, terror, hatred, bullying and most every form of evil.

At the end of each mission trip, as I pray, I wonder if I lived fully into my baptismal covenant. If I fulfilled my ordination vows and whether I served Christ in all people - as described in Matthew 25. I know I can do better and every morning I ask God's help to have the courage to do more.

Will you stand and pray with those who see or experience hate, racism etc.? Maybe you will not be alone.

~The Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet

The Gospel of Matthew 25: 31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

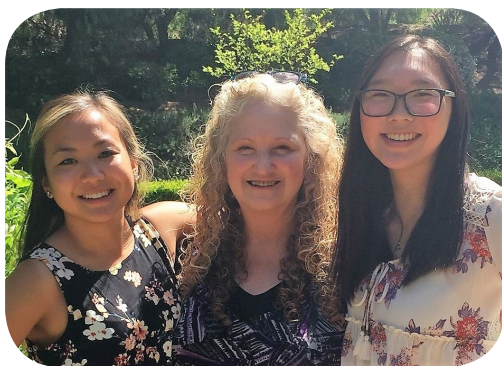
⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Introducing St. Bart's Storytellers

Our Christian Education teachers take on many roles in the classroom, including that of Storytellers. They share the story of Jesus, his life and how St. Bart's children can live Jesus' teachings every day. Get to know a few of our Storytellers.

Teaching Sunday School is such an honor and I enjoy it so much. I currently teach four and five-year-olds. At this age, children are still learning about our Jesus Christ, so being the first to share these wonderful stories is such a blessing. I love listening to their stories and their comments about the lessons. They always crack me up. I have dreamed of being a teacher since I was five years old and teaching Sunday School has motivated me even more to want to teach in the future. Coming to church and seeing children point to me happily and say "That is teacher!" to their parents melts my heart and gets me excited for the future. I'm so blessed to be part of this ministry at Saint Bart's and to be able to teach younger children about Jesus Christ.

-Kara Miller



My name is Mary Alice Mitchell and I have been working with the children at St. Bart's Sunday school for the last 4 years. I



have two wonderful daughters, Willow (13 years) and London (8 years) who were my motivation for helping out in the classroom, which lead to teaching. This past summer, I had a wonderful opportunity to attend training for the "Godly Play" classroom. My girls always seemed to look forward to attending "Godly Play" which drew my interest to learn more about it. Now that I teach in the classroom, I appreciate and understand how it works. I consider myself more of a storyteller than a teacher. Since children love stories, they pay attention more and have a sense of calmness in the classroom. With the calm and safe environment, I enjoy watching the children explore and grow in their teachings and beliefs. It is a wonderful program which I wish I had when I was young. I feel blessed to be able to get to know the young children at St. Bart's. Being of service through helping in the Sunday school has brought great joy to me.

~ Mary Alice Mitchell

A Closer Look at the Aumbry

The Tabernacle or, as it is usually called when put on the wall, the Aumbry was dedicated on December 5, 1982. Designed by Horace Judson, St. Bart's Aumbry was given as a Thank Offering by Horace and his wife, Blanche. Most of you know that the Judson Studios designed our beautiful windows. The Tabernacle door is a mosaic, made in Italy, of two peacocks, the symbol of resurrection and eternal life. Notice also the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet symbolizing God as the beginning and end of all things. The Chi-Rho in the center is the first two letters of the name of Christ in Greek. Immediately underneath is a baptismal shell symbol of our life in Christ. On top of the Aumbry is a crown and inside the crown has been set a sanctuary light, a symbol of Christ's presence in the outward form for bread and wine.

Next time you have a few moments to yourself before or after worship, take a closer look at the Aumbry and all it represents.

~Ruth Lewis



**Special thanks to Ruth for sharing this information about the Aumbry. She discovered, among her treasures, the original leaflet from the December 5, 1982 service where the Aumbry was dedicated and shared it with St. Bart's.*

How Religion is Changing in America

And What Can We Do About It?

Nearly a century after German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche first proclaimed “God is dead,” *TIME* magazine released a controversial cover on its April 8, 1966 edition with the related provocative question: “Is God dead?”

Both Nietzsche and *TIME* were exploring the prominence of God in people’s lives, and whether religiosity was on the decline in America. Fifty years later, religion experts are still grappling with that question, including me, though the context has drastically changed.

By many measures, religious practice and affiliation has greatly declined in the United States in the last 50 years. Yet spirituality, religion’s free-spirited sibling, appears to be as strong - if not stronger - than ever.

Here’s a look at some of the ways religious practice and beliefs have changed in the U.S. over the last 50 years, and the trends that may continue to evolve:

Belief in God has wavered.

In 1966, some 98 percent of Americans said they believed in God. When Gallup and Pew Research surveyed Americans in 2016, the number had dropped to 84 percent and 88 percent respectively. Among the youngest adults surveyed by Pew, those born between 1990 and 1996, the share of believers was just 79 percent.

Some researchers argue that the number has decreased simply because Americans are more comfortable now than they were in the 1960s admitting that they don’t believe in God. Maybe so. But we also hear that when speaking about a loving God, the God of the Hebrew Bible and God’s wrath does not stack up. How can God be loving and be so embedded in the killing of the Gentiles in the land of the Israelites. A fair but difficult question our Wednesday morning study class of more than 60 folks often struggles with.

Christianity has declined.

In 1948, Gallup found that about 91 percent of Americans identified as Christian. That number took a big dip in subsequent decades and continues to decline in recent years. From 2007 to 2016, the percentage of Americans who identified as Christian fell from 78.4 percent to 70.0 percent.

A new “religious” group has emerged.

Nearly one in three Americans under 35 today are religiously unaffiliated, meaning they do not identify with any formal religious group. As a whole, these “nones” comprise the second largest religious group in the U.S. behind evangelical Protestants.

Spirituality has taken center stage.

The term “spiritual but not religious” has emerged in recent years to describe how more and more Americans identify. Yes, religious affiliation has declined, but feelings of spiritual peace and well-being and wonder about the universe have significantly increased in the last decade across religious and nonreligious groups. Even among the unaffiliated and those who say religion isn’t particularly important to them. Spiritual sentiment is strong and growing. More than half of atheists say they regularly feel a sense of awe and wonder. Between 2007 and 2016, the percentage of atheists who said they felt a deep sense of wonder about the universe on a weekly basis rose a full 18 points from 37 percent to 55 percent. Quantum physics and our understanding of the cosmos plays a big role in these views.

Non-Christian faiths have grown.

Islam, Hinduism and a number of other non-Christian faiths have risen in the U.S. in recent years. Pew Research predicts that by 2050, Muslims will surpass Jews as the second largest organized religious group after Christians. Hindus are also projected to rise from 0.7 percent of the U.S. population to 1.2 percent in 2050.

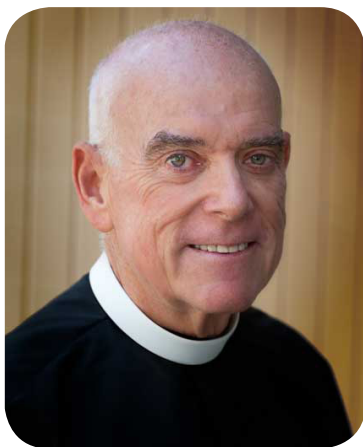
The spirituality marketplace had exploded.

From spiritual gurus, to self-help books, to wellness retreats, the market for spirituality in the U.S. has perhaps never been so robust. The self-help industry, which often include alternative modes of spirituality along with motivational

books and life coaching, brings in \$13 billion a year in the form of books, retreats, classes and more. With more than 20 million practitioners in the U.S., meditation and mindfulness were quick to follow and gain fans among major companies like Google, General Mills, Aetna and Goldman Sachs.

The New Atheists became a religion unto themselves.

Non-believers have always been part of the American demographic, but atheists and humanists have perhaps never been as organized, prominent and vocal as they are today. Though many of the largest organizations - American Atheists, American Humanist Association, and Freedom from Religion Foundation - were established decades ago, the New Atheists emerged in the 2000s with a righteous, anti-religious fervor.



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Outreach: What's ERN?

The Episcopal Refugee Network of San Diego (ERN) was founded in 1996 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the North Park area of San Diego. ERN provides support services to refugees during their years of adjustment to life in the United States. The Network guides new families through the bureaucracy of immigration, education, employment, and welfare issues with transportation and translation services. The goal is to help them become productive citizens of the United States. The majority of the refugees reside in City Heights, El Cajon, North Park, and Linda Vista.



ERN helps newly arrived refugees as they learn to become self-sufficient in San Diego. Core services consist of case managers, food distribution and after school tutoring programs. ERN case managers fill in the gaps in services provided to

refugees by other agencies, helping them navigate the medical, educational, and welfare systems that can bewilder new arrivals. The tutoring program helps the children improve their school performances. For middle school and high school students the

tutoring classes have saved many from dropping out of public schools when they have insufficient English language skills to learn in their subject classes. ESL programs have limited effect as they tend to be geared to Spanish speaking children. The Network has a casework client base upwards of 254 families. The food distribution program currently serves over 150 families each week, comprising around 500 individuals. Over 100 children participate in the tutoring program.

The success of the organization is due, in large part, to the tremendous support from parishes like St. Bart's and individuals throughout the diocese. Volunteers are needed in the tutoring programs on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and at the food distributions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Services take place at in City Heights, North Park and St. Alban's church in El Cajon. The Network is currently collecting gently used sheets and blankets (no king please), jackets (all sizes) and kitchen wares – especially stock pots. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Lisa DuMolt, (858) 335-3678.1

~Lisa Dumolt

Begin Lent with a Pancake Supper

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday on February 28 with a pancake supper hosted by the youth and assisted by Cursillo parishioners. Come learn about the tradition of making (and eating!) pancakes on the day before Lent. After supper we will have a brief (10 minute) service where we will burn any leftover palms from last Palm Sunday to create ashes that we can use on Ash Wednesday. As the branches die in the fire and are changed to ash, we are reminded that we will be called in Lent to die to our sins and to be changed and made new.



Are you at Risk for Heart Disease?

During the month of February, Americans see the human heart as the symbol of love. February is also American Heart Month - a time to learn the risks for heart disease and stroke. It is the month to remember how important it is to stay “heart healthy” for yourself and your loved ones.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) which includes heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure, is the number one killer of women and men in the United States. It is the leading cause of disability preventing Americans from working and enjoying family activities.

We encourage you to be proactive about your health. Here are some reminders on how to get on track to lower your risk of heart disease:



- Quit smoking and avoid second-hand smoke
- Monitor your cholesterol levels
- Maintain a healthy blood pressure and check it frequently
- Be active
- Follow a heart healthy diet by eating foods low in fat and cholesterol
- Understand your risks – family history and age should be considered
- Seek a healthy weight and don't consume more calories than your body burns
- Manage stress and anger
- Stay informed

As you make changes in your life for better “heart health” keep in mind that these lifestyle changes need to last your lifetime. As you know the human heart is a symbol of love and your efforts to take care of your heart will be appreciated by your loved ones.

~Health & Wellness Ministry

How Religion is Changing in America

Spearheaded by prominent British atheists Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens, as well as American atheist Sam Harris, the New Atheists have gained a large following eager to read their books, watch their debates and attend their conventions.

So what must change?

At the heart of America's faith evolution is what religion journalist Krista Tippett calls a “proliferation of ways to engage in spiritual practice.” Yes, you'll still find Bibles in hotel rooms ,(although less than half now do) but you'll also see the Quran, yoga and meditation rooms in some airports and Muslim prayer spaces on many college campuses. What it means to be spiritual — and how that looks in practice — is rapidly changing and diversifying. But rather than diminishing Americans' faith, this transformation is also crystallizing certain core values, like service, community and connection to something greater than ourselves.

The changes that are taking place provides a great opportunity for the Episcopal Church and St Barts. We have a beautiful liturgy that can lift peoples hearts. Just consider our Celtic

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Service on Saturday night. We offer a safe place for our Pre-School and Sunday School kids. We are building a school in Haiti. Everyone is welcome there.

I believe we are on the right track to address the changes we see in religiosity in the nation. We may not always get it right, but we are not afraid to try on new things and to listen. I believe that is a good first step. In the following months, I will offer more food for thought on building a positive case for the historical Christianity and Jesus!

~The Rev. Bill Zettinger

The Gift of Stewardship

I have clients who come to me for help with their estate planning, and I hear two different stories from them. Some clients tell me they want a trust established because that is what their own parents had, and the trust administration made their lives so much easier. On the other hand, I've heard other clients recount the nightmares they had to go through due to the lack of their parents' planning. Do you want to give the ultimate gift to your family? Although most of you would answer "yes" to this question, statistics show that more than half of the people who die in this country have no plan for how their estate will be handled after they die.

You may think that your estate is not large enough to matter. However, you may be surprised to learn that in California, if your estate is valued above \$150,000, you should generally have a minimum of a revocable trust. The primary advantage of a revocable trust is that assets transferred to the trust before death are not subject to probate proceedings, which are costly and time consuming. Probate fees for both the executor or personal representative and attorney are set by statute. Probate Code Section 10800 provides as follows:

- 4% of first \$100,000
- 3% of next \$100,000
- 2% of next \$800,000
- 1% of next \$9 million
- 0.5% of next \$15 million
- if over \$25 million, a reasonable amount to be determined by the court

Example: If probate estate worth \$200,000, the executor/personal representative commission is \$7,000 and attorney's fees are also \$7,000, in addition to court fees and costs.

Example: If probate estate worth \$1 million, commission is \$23,000 and attorney's fees are also \$23,000, in addition to court fees and costs.

If you own property in California, it's probably worth a lot more than you think. The fact that you may have a loan on the property is not taken into consideration in a probate proceeding. In other words, if your property is worth \$800,000, but you've got a \$400,000.00 mortgage on it, it's still valued at \$800,000, and that's the amount by which the commission and fees are determined. Of course, when you start adding other assets, such as vehicles, personal belongings, and household contents, your estate may well be worth over \$1,000,000.

Responsible Christian stewardship of your own estate dictates that you preserve your assets for your heirs and give generously to God. Making a charitable gift to the church is easy to do through a trust or a will. Take a first step today by deciding to establish a plan for yourself and your family. Don't end up like many famous people who failed to protect their heirs by not having an estate plan in place. Having no plan resulted in a legal mess for the families as Abraham Lincoln, Pablo Picasso, and Michael Jackson. Give your family the gift of your good stewardship.

If you have questions about this or any issue related to Planned Giving, please contact Pat Blair, patshome@sbcglobal.net or (858) 414-2067, or Chris Harris at the parish office, (858) 487-2159.

~Alison Hout, Esq.

Alison is a long time St. Bart's parishioner and member of our Planned Giving Ministry. Her legal practice is almost exclusively in estate planning and trusts.



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Treasurer's Report – Year 2016

This report is intended to accompany the financial statements of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Poway, CA, for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Operating income in December was \$129,861 and was less than forecast by (\$14,846) or 10.3%. For the year 2016 operating income totaled \$1,098,552 and (\$30,918) or 2.7% less than forecast. Operating expenses for the month were \$95,797 and (\$1,999) less than our revised budget. Operating expenses for the full year were \$1,102,511 and (\$32,757) or 2.9% less than budgeted. The operating surplus for December was \$34,064, (\$12,847) less than forecast. For all of 2016, St. Bart's recorded an operating loss of (\$3,959), \$1,839 or 31.7% better than forecast.

Pledge receipts for 2016 represented a 9.5% increase over 2015. Income from all sources increased 17.5% over 2015 spurred by special on-time gifts and increased facilities use fees from other organizations like the SamMul Korean Church.

The General Operating Fund balance sheet reflects liquid assets totaling \$145,969, payables of \$4,951, a reserve for major repairs and replacements of \$14,551 and advanced 2017 pledge and non-pledge gifts of \$40,517. Therefore, our actual cash reserves total \$85,950 including trusts and bequests. Committed cash totals \$99,295. This means we have non-liquid reserves totaling \$13,345.

The Preschool shows a cumulative 2016 operating surplus of \$7,891 and net assets of \$178,370. The pre-school contributed \$12,000 towards the 2016 operating budget.

The Outreach Fund received \$40,000 in transferred proceeds from the Thrift Shop in 2016 and raised \$59,999 in the Haiti fund. Major donations from the Outreach Fund totaled \$74,490. At year end the fund's net assets totaled \$155,129 including \$18,537 in Thrift Shop operating surplus, \$30,423 in a truck sinking fund, \$51,614 in scholarship funds, \$13,371 in the Haiti fund and \$33,278 in general outreach funds.

The Endowment Fund has a balance in cash and investments of \$729,004. The total is comprised in part by permanently restricted funds of \$78,500 and board restricted (unrestricted) and temporarily restricted funds totaling \$650,504. Endowment income for the year totaled \$62,093 including \$44,274 in gains on investments. A total of \$20,000 has been contributed to the 2016 operating budget in accordance with our plan for the year.

For 2016 the Columbarium had income of \$20,585 and expenses of \$8,483 which included major re-landscaping and irrigation improvements. Net assets total \$106,954 at year's end.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Angus, Treasurer

Regular Meetings

SUNDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) - Merle's Place

4-6 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Contact Jill Henderson at 760-807-8445.

Daughters of the King

Third Sunday at 9:15 a.m., Room 3E

MONDAY

Boy Scouts:

7 p.m., Parish Hall

Health and Wellness Ministry:

First Monday at 5:30 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

Hand Bell Choir

Mondays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

TUESDAY

Centering Prayer:

5 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry:

Tuesdays (except fifth Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m., Quilt Room

WEDNESDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS):

Serve breakfast, fourth Wednesday at 6:00 a.m.

Contact Denny Walters at 760-432-8518.

Thrift Shop Work Night:

Last Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., Thrift Shop

Schola

Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m., Choir Room

String Ensemble

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

THURSDAY

Book Guild:

Fourth Thursday, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room

B.P.U.S.A. - Bereaved Parents:

Fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

P.A.S.S. - Parent Advocates Seeking Solutions:

Third Thursday, 7 p.m., South Parish Hall

Choir

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Music Room

AA MEETINGS:

Sundays, 6 p.m. - Conference Room

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. - Parish Hall (Women only)

Tuesdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - South Parish Hall (Women only)

Wednesdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. - Parish Hall

Thursdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall (Beginners)

Fridays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

AL-ANON:

Mondays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

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Nathan Costa Named Director of Music

We are excited to announce that Nathan Costa has been appointed the Director of Music at St. Bartholomew's. Nathan has served as St. Bart's Interim Director of Music since last July. If you've experienced Nathan's passion for music during liturgy, you know he is a wonderful asset to St. Bart's.

The Rev. Mark-McKone-Sweet said, "Nathan will continue to build St. Bart's recognition for exceptional music programs for our church and our community. Our music enhances our clergy, staff and member response to God's call to spread the Good News to all people. We are proud to welcome Nathan to a community where 'All are welcome, no exceptions.'"

Costa's impressive music and educational experience includes his most recent position as Organist and Choirmaster at St. Andrew's School and Coordinator of Liturgical Music at St. Joseph Parish, both located in Middletown, Delaware. In addition to his musical role at St. Andrew's, Costa served as academic dean, director of studies, girls' basketball coach and taught in the Department

of Classical Languages for 17 years. He directed and led the St. Andrew's Choral Scholars on their performances in the U.S. and on concert tours to Cuba and Eastern Europe.

Since arriving at St. Bart's, Nathan has organized the Great Music Series to showcase guest artists including Greater San

Diego Music Coterie Orchestra and Chorus and, recently, The Musica Vera Duo from Yale University. Monthly Choral Evensongs and special seasonal music gatherings, including Advent Lessons and Carols and a Candlemas Procession, bring together St. Bart's with its surrounding community in music.

Costa said, "I have enjoyed getting to know the clergy, parishioners and, most of all, the talented musicians at St. Bartholomew's during my interim period. I look forward to building on the tradition of great music at St. Bart's with enhanced programs, including a choral ministry for children and youth."

