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Dear Friends,

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

A few weeks ago, I had a unique spiritual experience, God slowed me down and gave me the gift of two hours

of quiet, uninterrupted meditation. Perhaps you have had a similar experience. I was in the orthodontist chair, on my back, my feet elevated and my head almost touching the ground. They placed an opening device into my small mouth (they had to find a "smaller" device in the children/youth area).

On this day, for medical reasons, it was time for me wear braces again (the last time I was teenager).

You need to know the dentist office: having someone place their fingers in my mouth and to not be able swallow as I wish creates major anxiety for me. My heart began to race, my breathing was deep and quick, my calf muscles cramped up - all in the first two minutes. The staff calmly asked me to "go to my happy place". I started with deep, slow breathing. Followed by a several Hail Mary's. Then back to intentional breathing again. And then I began to

pray for you. I don't have the directory memorized (more than 1,200 names), but my brain can recall almost everyone's face I have seen and shared the sacrament with in the past year. Slowly, starting the 9:30 a.m. healing service, then the 5 p.m., 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. service, I visualized your face and prayed.

The prayers then shifted to our summer at St. Bart's. What an amazing gift from God to gather in community each week and experience faith community in familiar ways – AND – to explore new relationships. One of my favorite memories at my last parish was summer

time, when families would "join the summer pick-up choir" for fun - together.

Indeed, when the dentist was finished, and I rose up from the chair, I was refreshed, relaxed. What blessing that was to me from God. I wonder if we can create such opportunities for you and your families this summer - to be restored, refreshed and connected.

The month of June, in the season "after Pentecost", we will transition each weekend into "summer church" with big celebrations: accomplishments of Christian Education, the ordination of Chris Harris, Bill Eichorn's last day of



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ministry and then by welcoming Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson. I have learned that this "new season" to arrive at the end of June, for our community, is a time embrace worship, music, exploration, learning, fellowship, hospitality, fun, servanthood in new and beautiful ways. To this end, the staff, pillar leaders and vestry have been planning for this summer for a few months now, as we are ready to roll it out. By the end of June, we will be fully operational (in summer mode).

Summer allows choir members to attend adult forum at 9 a.m.

Summer allows for anyone to "try-on" singing in our pick-up choir, each Sunday (warm up at 9 a.m.).

Summer allows for all ages to learn at the same hour: children, youth and adults will all have full summer offerings and curriculums.

Summer allows for shorter sermons (called homilies) and a summer preaching series (stay tuned).

Summer allows the clergy (not preaching on any week) to lead chapel time for our youngest children during the gospel/sermon at the 10:15 a.m. service.

Summer allows books groups to be formed and meet and share.

Summer allows for youth mission trips.

Summer allows for softball (The Believer's play most Sundays anyone over the age of 16 is welcome to play).

Summer allows for expanding our pastoral care: specifically our trained home visitors.

Summer allows for vacations and familiar faces to pray with us (Rev. Judith Allison).

Summer allows for Vacation Bible School - for children, youth (leaders) and adults to experience a vibrant and spiritual week.

Summer allows for servanthood - annual back pack drive, volunteering at the thrift shop, building homes in Mexico, serving meals in Escondido, etc.

Summer allows for hospitality - invite a family or person you have only met on the patio over for dinner.

Summer allows for more - keep an eye on our weekly e-news and weekly announcement sheet.

And finally, this summer I want to invite you to bring at least one friend or neighbor to church. Someone you know or suspect needs the Good News – needs St. Bart's. Summer is a wonderful time for people seeking community, healing, formation and fellowship to discover St. Bart's.

Faithfully yours, Mark+

Message from Dr. William Eichorn

It is hard to believe that I am now writing my very last article for the newsletter at St. Bart's. As I write this, I am also packing boxes holding 31 years of memories. Each time I put something in a box, I pause and look at whatever it is and remember people, sounds, services and hundreds of other experiences that come flooding forward. I am so very grateful to all of you who have allowed me to be an integral part of your spiritual life here these past three decades. What a privilege it has been for me to grow alongside you all on this journey together. I have learned so much about being a church musician here. I am so very, very thankful and grateful to all the many talented people who have come forth through all these years on this adventure in worship renewal and learning how best to honor and praise the God of our salvation. As I ponder what God has in store for me in the future, I must remember the saying I have had framed in my office for most of these years "Bill, I have everything under control" - Jesus. It is so easy to forget this important reminder that God is in charge, He is the sovereign One. I thank Pratt Green for these words: "When in our music God is glorified

- how often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound – Alleluia!" May God give us faith to sing always!

Sing on!

Dr. William J Eichorn Minister of Music and the Arts

Celebration of Ministry

Dr. William Eichorn
Minister of Music and the Arts

Sunday, June 19 10:15 a.m. Service Reception Follows

Bishop Mathes Blesses the Legacy Society

St. Bartholomew's Legacy Society was resurrected with a truly marvelous event! Bishop Mathes presided at our regular 5 p.m. service on Saturday, April 30 with special mention of the importance of our Legacy Society at many points. The service ended with each member family present coming into the chancel to receive the Bishop's blessing and a beautiful icon of St. Bartholomew for their home. It was very moving.



The group then moved into the decorated Parish Hall, joined by clergy and other interested members of the parish for a reception with about forty attendees. Wonderful food was lovingly prepared and presented by Sumner and Nancy Rollings and beverages were provided by Roberta Sharpe-Martin. The group ate, drank and visited in good company. We listened to brief remarks from Chris Harris, Pat Blair, Bishop Mathes and Fr. Mark McCone-Sweet. All emphasized the importance of and the church's gratitude for the Legacy Society members. It was a memorable evening for all of us.

Anyone can join the Legacy Society. If you have remembered St. Bart's in your will or other estate plans in any way, you already are a member! Simply let us know so that we can include you in our roll and invite you to our next event. If you have questions about getting started or updating your will or trust, please contact Pat Blair at patshome@sbcglobal.net or Chris Harris at the parish office at 858-487-2159.

More Images from Bishop Mathes' Visit to St. Bart's



Bishop Mathes with first communicants



Bishop Mathes visits St. Bart's Thrift Shop





Sainthood and Doubting our Faith

On various occasions I have mentioned that it's OK to doubt. That doubting is a sign of a mature faith. And we are often surprised to find out that Mother Teresa of Calcutta doubted her faith quite a bit.

While no one knew it at the time, 1951 was a pivotal year for her, the start of a private battle for the tiny nun millions hailed as a living saint.

"When we talk about Mother Teresa we celebrate her victories and all the good works she accomplished in her life. But what

do we know of what she had to overcome? That's an important question," said journalist Kenneth Woodward, author of "Making Saints: How The Catholic Church Determines Who Becomes A Saint, Who Doesn't, and Why."

"We often miss this spiritual warfare component in the lives of the saints, that whole element of struggle and grace. With Mother Teresa, this just has to be there or her story is not complete."

It was in 1928 that 18-year-old Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu left her family in Macedonia to join the Sisters of Our Lady of Loreto, first working as a teacher in Calcutta.

Then, on September 10, 1946, Sister Mary Teresa experienced a vision of Jesus calling her to move into the slums while serving the poorest of the poor. After this "call within a call" she created the Missionaries of Charity, beginning the work that produced waves of support for the Vatican to proclaim her a saint – which will occur on September 4, 2016 at the Vatican. The eve of the anniversary of her death on September 5, 1997.

But another story was unfolding that remained a secret for decades.

It was in 1951 that Mother Teresa prayed that she be allowed to share the pain and loneliness that Jesus suffered on the cross. Her private letters made it stunningly clear that this prayer was granted. Her visions stopped, replaced by silence.

"Lord, my God, who am I that you should forsake me?", she asked her spiritual director in 1957. "The one – you have thrown away as unwanted – unloved. I call, I cling, I want, and there is no one to answer. Where I try to raise my thoughts to heaven, there is such convicting emptiness that those very thoughts return like sharp knives.

"I am told God lives in me – and yet the reality of darkness and coldness and emptiness is so great that nothing touches my soul."

In addition to hearing glowing details about her work and selfsacrifice, it's crucial for Mother Teresa's admirers to learn about this "dark night of the soul," according to the popular Jesuit writer Father James Martin, author of *My Life with the Saints*. The most powerful part of her story is that she remained faithful and continued her ministry even though she doubted.

News reports about her upcoming canonization skipped this crisis of faith, but "I think that's because it's so confusing and many in the secular media wouldn't know what to make of her 'dark night,' " he said. In fact, when her private writings were first published, "most commentators completely misread it, and

even concluded that she was an atheist."

Truth is, many saints including you and me experience similar spiritual challenges. But while other saints – at least those who left journals – described episodes in which they felt spiritually attacked, Mother Teresa's struggles appeared through her entire public ministry.

In another letter, Mother Teresa reflected on the source of her suffering: "I am afraid I make no meditation, but only look at Jesus suffer and keep repeating: Let me share with you this pain! If my pain and suffering, my darkness and separation, give you a drop of consolation, my own Jesus, do with me as you wish. That's true faith!

"Many saints did what she did – lead a holy life, worked with the poor, founded a religious order," but none however, did so facing complete interior darkness for such an extended period of time. That makes her, in my estimation, the greatest saint of modern times and her doubt is something we should all keep in mind as we wrestle with our own doubt. So I guess the bottom line is this, "If it's ok for Mother Theresa to doubt it's OK for you and for me." What do you think?

The Rev Bill Zettinger

Newly Trained LEM/LEVs

Congratulations to our newly trained Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Visitors!



Chuck Andrean
Anne Dixon-Pruitt
Sandra Morrison
Sally O'Dell
Sue & Ted Osborne
Linda Roleson
Ann Witte

If You Are Over 70 1/2, Please Read On!

When you filed your taxes a few months ago, did you notice the effect taking your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) had on your taxable income? You most likely have to take an RMD from your IRA (or other similar retirement accounts which require an RMD). If so, please consider donating some of this money to St. Bartholomew's, rather than paying more taxes on your income. You can do this by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to St. Bartholomew's. Recent tax and budget legislation made this provision "permanent". If you feel challenged to meet your pledge for 2016 or later years, this may be a way to achieve an ambitious goal or even increase your giving. At this time of year, you have the opportunity to do some tax planning and help out St. Bart's at the same time.

Simply put, the funds taken as an RMD from an IRA (but not all retirement accounts), if sent directly to a qualified charity (St. Bart's), are not` included in your taxable income for that year. As you may know, there can be many advantages to keeping your taxable income as low as possible. You should be aware that no charitable deduction applies for this contribution; counting it twice would be too much frosting on the cake! Of course, we can't give you tax advice; you should consult your own tax professional about this decision and the details of paperwork, etc. Your IRA custodian will very likely have a special form you need to complete, but it is very easy to do. It's certainly something to consider!

There are two related issues (Social Security benefits and Medicare premiums) which may benefit you if you make a QCD directly to St. Bart's rather than first withdrawing the funds and then making a donation to St. Bart's.

Taxing Social Security Benefits

As of 2015, as an individual below \$25,000 of total income, your Social Security benefits are NOT TAXABLE. You will pay tax on up to 50% of your benefits if you make between \$25,000 and \$34,000 in benefits and other income (INCLUDES YOUR RMDs), and up to 85% of your benefits are taxable if you make more than \$34,000.

A married couple filing jointly below \$32,000 of total income pays no income taxes on Social Security benefits. With a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may see tax on up to 50% of your benefits, and up to 85% of your benefits are taxable with an income greater than \$44,000.

Tax Implications

So, if you have total income below \$44,000 before any RMDs, then making a direct transfer (QCD) from your IRA to St. Bart's reduces your "other income" reported for determining what portion of your Social Security benefits are taxed (versus taking your RMD and then separately donating to St. Bart's).

Medicare Premiums

The 2016 monthly Medicare Part B premium for most individuals is either \$104.90 or \$121.80 unless your total income is over \$85,000 as an individual or \$170,000 for a married couple filing jointly. Those with higher total incomes may pay a premium of as much as \$335.70 per month. Your Medicare premium is based on your total income from two years ago (e.g., 2016 premiums are based on 2014 total income). The total income includes any RMD you receive. However, a QCD directly from your IRA to St. Bart's is NOT included in your total income. So making a QCD to St. Bart's may keep your Medicare payment lower versus withdrawing the money first and then making a donation to St. Bart's.

If you do decide to take a closer look at the QCD option, please be sure to consult with your tax professional to see that it is a good choice for you and correctly done. Thanks so much for considering this.

Pat Blair

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You Are Invited

God willing and the people consenting The Right Reverend James R. Mathes Bishop of San Diego will ordain

Christopher Ross Harris

to the Sacred Order of Deacons on the Feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle

> Saturday, June 11, 2016 10:00 a.m.

> Saint Paul's Cathedral 2728 Sixth Avenue San Diego, California

Your prayers and presence are requested Reception to follow



Sunday School News

Communion Classes Conclude

Seven of our parish's children finished their study for communion recognition. They were "all very attentive during the classes and a bunch of great kids" according to their teacher, Ken Baxter. As well as completing the written work and reading, they toured the sacristy and saw the room where the altar guild hangs out and prepares before every service. Carla Morrisey was kind enough to show the children all the linens and vestments and told them the fancy names of many of the Holy things used during service. She even showed them how the Chalice was veiled for the Eucharist, this was their favorite part.

Another part of one of their lessons was that the children wrote their own collect. I will share it with you here:

We believe in God in heaven.

We believe in Jesus' love.

We believe in the Spirit too.

Come to teach us what to do.

We pray for people who are sick or sad or poor.

We pray for people who don't have homes or enough food to eat.

We pray for our families, friends and pets.

We pray for St. Bart's and Father Mark.

We thank you for all of our blessings.

Amen

They all recited this prayer at their recognition banquet. After the meal, each child explained their banner to classmates and parents, teachers and Father Mark. They did a beautiful job on their banners.

On May 1, while Bishop Mathes was visiting St. Bart's, the children had their Communion Recognition Service. Before the service, they met with the Bishop and discussed what they had learned over the past six weeks in class. They showed their banners to the Bishop and explained the meanings to him. After that there was a photo op to help maintain wonderful memories of this special day for the kids and their parents.

The children processed into the church with their banners.

Their Sunday School friends were present in church to support them on their big day. Bishop Mathes gave an amazing sermon about the Velveteen Rabbit and how to "become real". It was a very meaningful homily. Afterwards, the children received



communion surrounded by their families. The whole service was quite touching.

Congratulations to the Communion Class of 2016!

Mother's Day Fun

On Mother's Day, we celebrated our mother's, grandmothers,

and everyone that is like a mother to us. The children and youth helped to set up a spread of tea sandwiches, tarts, cake pops and cookies for a Mother's Day Garden Tea Party. Everyone got



to enjoy the goodies and as an extra surprise there was a photo booth. It was a big hit! How much fun would it be to have your picture taken with your mom while you dress up in silly props? It was so much fun! Thank you to the Maw family for bringing their photo booth and setting it up for all the parishioners to have a cool photo as a precious memory of the day!

VBS Registration is Open Now! Time to Sign Up For Fun!

Online registrations are being taken now for an awesome

Vacation Bible School that will be held the week of August 8-12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

You can register your children ages K-5th grade (going into these

Deep Sea

grades in the Fall) to participate in an awesome time at Deep Sea



Discovery VBS. Youth going into 6th grade or higher may participate as youth volunteers. Please still register youth volunteers as Children, just select grade completed.

Adults are also needed to volunteer. What a rewarding experience! Please register all adults under Volunteer. All can be done on-line at www. vacationbibleschool.com/stbarts.

The Early Bird Registration has been extended until June 10, so hurry! Save \$5 per child and guarantee your child a cool t-shirt!



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Announcing our Interim Director of Music

Our prayers have been answered. We have extended a call to Nathan Costa to serve as our Interim Director of Music. I received a unanimous recommendation from the search committee and an affirmation by the entire vestry/officers earlier this week. Nathan has since accepted the call to join us in ministry.

Nathan will begin his ministry on July 11, 2016 for the program year. As for offerings in the fall, Nathan will lead and direct the: Coventry Choir, Schola, Voices 8, Psalm Singers, Hand Bell Choir, Camerata's Strings and our instrumentalists. In addition, Nathan has affirmed his passion to weave in specific individual offerings (solos, flute, French horn, trumpet, etc.). Finally, Nathan will build our youth and children's choristers with parental support.

Nathan received his B.A. from Yale University, in Classics, majoring in the study of Latin and earned an M.A. in Theology with honors from St. John's University School of Theology-Seminary and an M.A. in Liturgical Music (Organ).

He is Organist / Choirmaster at St. Andrew's School, a coeducational boarding high school in Middletown, Delaware,



where he has directed the St. Andrew's Choral Scholars. The choir serves as the chapel choir and main performing ensemble for the School and also sings Evensong and other services in churches throughout the mid-Atlantic. In recent years Nathan has led the Choral Scholars on concert tours to Cuba, Eastern Europe, and

the southeastern United States and has conducted repertoire including the Requiems of Fauré, Duruflé, and Rutter, Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb, Purcell's Dido and Aeneas, Vivaldi's Magnificat, and Bach cantatas, as well as sacred and secular music from the Renaissance to the present day. In addition to his musical duties at St. Andrew's, Nathan has also served as academic dean, director of studies, and girls' basketball coach, and has taught in the Department of Classical Languages for 17 years.

Nathan also currently serves as Coordinator of Liturgical Music at St. Joseph Parish in Middletown, where he collaborates with liturgical teams, a choir director, organist, and other instrumentalists, and a contemporary ensemble in helping to lead six weekend liturgies at two worship sites. He has degrees in liturgical music and theology from St. John's University School of Theology in Collegeville, Minnesota, where he studied organ with Kim Kasling and David Jenkins. He has also served as assistant director with the Yale Russian Chorus and St. Andrew's School Choral Scholars.

I am very much looking forward to joining the dynamic array of music-making at St. Bartholomew's this summer and to working with the talented and committed musicians of the parish. I enjoyed everyone I met during my visit to St. Bart's and was humbled by both your welcome of me and your generous sharing of hopes and dreams for the parish and the place of liturgy and music in your communal life. I look forward to getting to know each of you and to cultivating the roles each of us has in building on the tradition of great music-making at St. Bart's.

~Nathan Costa

The Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet

Sunday School News

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Summer Sunday School

Our summer Sunday School will begin on Sunday, June 12. This summer we are "trying on" something new. A new time! Sunday school will be held during the Learning Hour 9-10 a.m.

We will be starting a new summer curriculum called Hands-On Worship. As in past summers, we will combine classes for 10 weeks. Hands-On Worship is designed as a multi-age children's church program for K-5th grade. Hands-On Worship will help

the kids understand God's Word and develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Older kids help lead younger kids through weekly Bible adventures. This will help grow the next generation of servant-leaders.



The preschoolers will be exploring another new curriculum called Hands-On Bible. This curriculum will show the teachers how to teach the children like Jesus taught. The Bible gives us lots of examples of how Jesus taught using everyday objects like coins, fish, and plants to help people remember the truths he shared with them. Hands-On Bible does the same thing. With the use of "gizmos" the teachers will use objects to help the kids to understand important Bible truths.

We are looking forward to a summer of learning and having a great time in Sunday school. Make sure your children join in on all the fun!

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

Choristers

11:30 a.m., South Parish Hall

MONDAY

Boy Scouts:

7 p.m., Parish Hall

Health and Wellness Ministry:

First Monday at 6:30 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

Salisbury Hand Bell Choir:

7 p.m., Education Building, 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

Camarata Strings:

7 p.m., Education Building, Choir 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 Cantamus:

5:15 p.m., Education Building, 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

Coventry Choir:

7 p.m., Education Building, Choir Room

SATURDAY

Psalm Singers:

Third Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

AA MEETINGS:

Sundays at 6 p.m. - Conference Room

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

Tuesdays at 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

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

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

Fridays at 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

AL-ANON:

Mondays at 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

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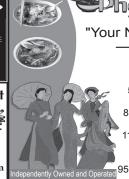
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Geoffrey Connie	2019
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Jeffrey LaBerge	2017
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Nancy Petersen	2019
Mike Richardson	2019
Cathie Roy	2018
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Saints' Luncheon Marches to Success!

We are proud to proclaim that the annual Saints Alive! Luncheon filled the Parish Hall with laughter, smiles, and clean plates after a delicious lunch for 70 people. Thanks to all the volunteers that put on this shindig. It was truly a joint effort of many ministries. We had a "tie" for the honor of who has lived the most life so far, Cicely Tyree and Betty Brill. Our guest speaker, Richard Lederer, was greatly entertaining, and we all felt a little smarter after hearing him pontificate. Keep this event in mind for next May. We are hoping to have even more of our eldest parishioners in attendance.































