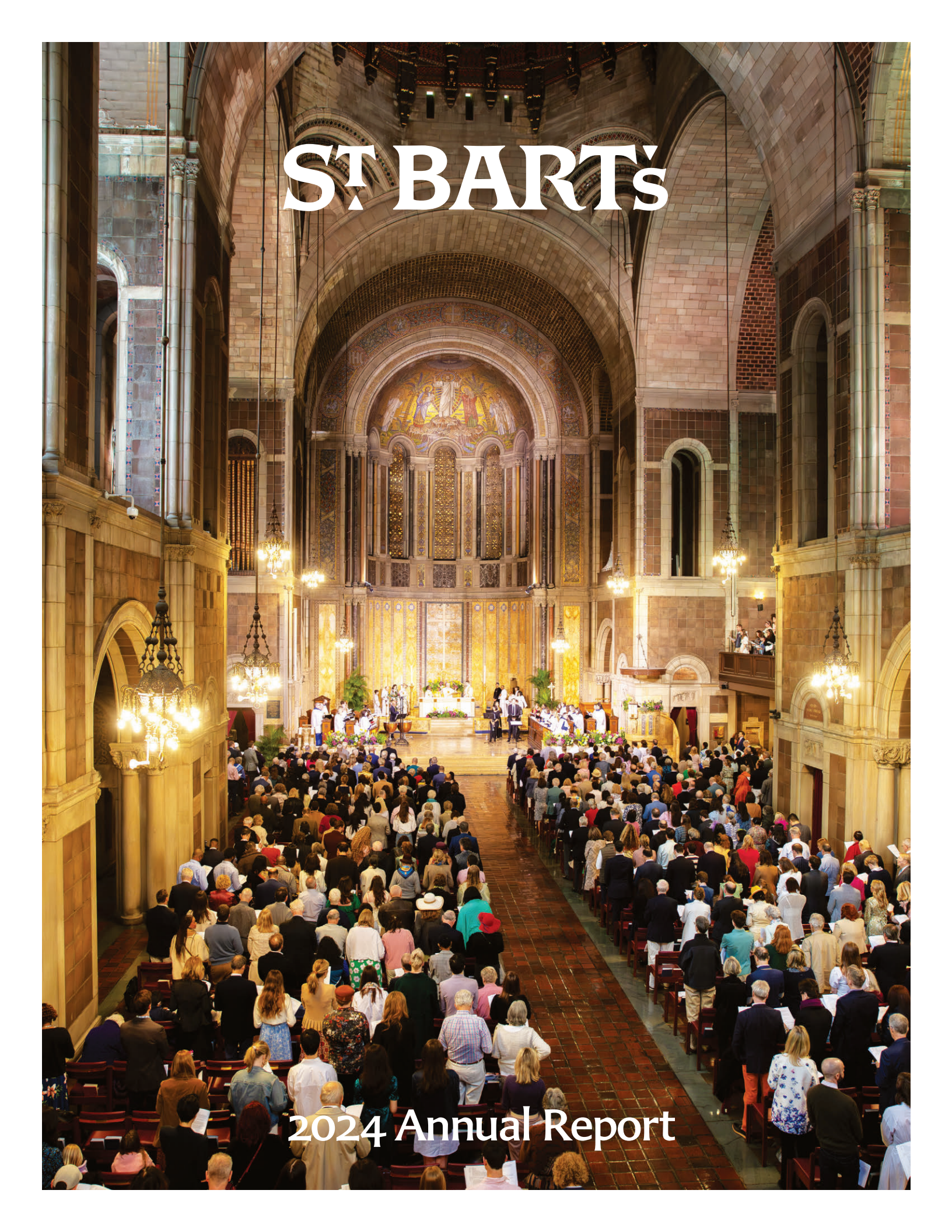


ST BART'S

A wide-angle photograph of the interior of St. Bart's church, taken from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the altar. The church is a large, historic building with a high, vaulted ceiling made of stone. The walls are also stone, with some sections featuring colorful mosaics and stained glass windows. The floor is made of dark, polished wood. A large, diverse group of people, mostly of middle and older age, are seated in rows of dark wooden pews, facing the altar. The pews are filled, and many people are holding white sheets of paper, likely hymnals or prayer books. At the front of the church, the altar area is brightly lit with warm, golden light. There are several people standing at the altar, possibly a choir or a group of volunteers. The overall atmosphere is one of a formal, religious service.

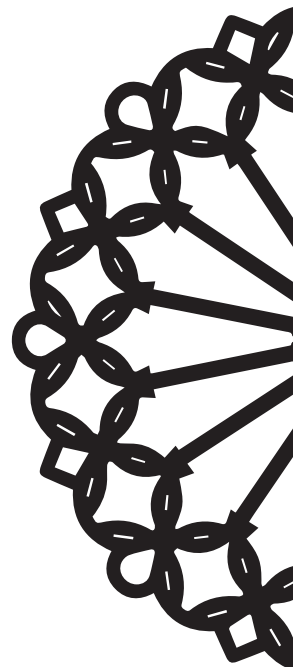
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Celebrating the ministry of the Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe & Ellen Frantz-Wolfe

In gratitude for their leadership
and love, we celebrate the journey
we've shared and the lasting
legacy they leave with us.





A Message from the Rector



THE RIGHT REVEREND DEAN E. WOLFE

Dear Friends,

All things excellent are as difficult as they are rare.

BENEDICT DE SPINOZA, 17TH CENTURY DUTCH PHILOSOPHER

What we have achieved at Saint Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York over the past eight years is very rare... and it has been difficult to achieve. The labor put forth by both the lay and ordained members of our parish has been extraordinary.

We have audaciously sought to **"Transform Lives, Transform the Church, and Transform the World"** and I believe there is irrefutable evidence that we have done much towards achieving these goals!

In our 191st year as a congregation, and in our 107th year on Park Avenue, we are still vigorously pursuing the objectives our founders held to make this congregation ever more vital, ever more relevant, and ever more faithful.

In theologian David Bentley Hart's seminal work, *Tradition and Apocalypse: An Essay on the Future of Christian Belief*, Hart argues, "The living Christian tradition is essentially an apocalyptic [one]: an originating disruption of the historical past remembered in light of God's final disruption of the historical (and cosmic) future. One might even conclude that the tradition reveals its secrets only



through moments of disruption precisely because it is itself, in its very essence, a disruption: it began entirely as a novum, an unanticipated awakening to something hitherto unknown that then requires the entirety of history to interpret.”

We are witnessing disruption in a variety of places in our lives and most of us do not really want or seek disruption. Economic and political disruption is disquieting. Changing jobs and moving to a new residence is unsettling. Yet, if Hart is correct and the “[Christian] tradition reveals its secrets only through moments of disruption” then disruption is not only important but essential to the Christian enterprise.

The mission of this church must be evaluated not only as it preserves the past, but as it anticipates the transformation of all things in God. We are not merely preparing for the next five or ten years. Ultimately, we are preparing for Christ’s return again in glory!

There have been thirteen Rectors of St. Bart’s and each one of them brought whatever gifts they had to the leadership of this congregation. It is an honor to be counted among these clergy, whom I respect and admire. This Annual Report tells the story of this year’s contributions and progress to the on-going journey of Saint Bartholomew’s Church. We are clearly navigating turbulent waters in a disruptive time. It is the calling of this parish to be awakened in these times of disruption and to proclaim the Good News of Christ to a world absolutely desperate to receive it.

I am delighted to be handing over the wheel to my colleague and friend, the Reverend Peter Thompson, who will serve as Interim Rector at St. Bart’s during the transitional period. I have every confidence in his leadership and in the leadership of the rest of our extraordinary team. I have never been more hopeful with regards to the future of Saint Bartholomew’s Church in the City of New York.

Faithfully,

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

A Letter from the Wardens



MIRIAM SCHNEIDER

2024 marked the continuation of the strategic plan implementation, an initiative approved by the Vestry in 2021. It was the first year of the new, new normal:

- No more pandemic funding from the Government.
- No incoming St. Bart's Preschool in the fall.
- A full complement of Sunday and weekday services including our weekday Imagine Worship offering, and,
- A hybrid in-person/online worship model for our 11am service of Choral Eucharist.

When looking at the St. Bart's by the Numbers, a statistical effort maintained by our Vicar, the Reverend Peter Thompson, our average Sunday attendance in 2024, for both in-person attendees and livestream viewers was 117% of 2019 pre-pandemic averages. For the second year in a row, baptisms outpaced funerals by more than 2 to 1.

The year was not without its challenges. In March we replaced our Chief Operating Officer, and in July our Development Director. The implementation of our new accounting software was not as smooth as expected, our 2024 Mission Plan indicated an operating deficit of \$3.1MM, and at year end the Wardens were made aware of our Rector's impending retirement.

We had our successes too: our new COO was able to quickly find a new tenant for the pre-school space. Our rentals began picking up. The restaurant lease was re-negotiated. Our talented clergy team continued to engage, inspire, and comfort our Parish. We received \$2.0MM in option payments for a pending sale of Transferable Development Rights (only about ten percent of which can be used by the Church for purposes other than restoring the exterior of the building.)



RAY VANDENBERG



The Vestry focus was on completing the initiatives in progress: fully implementing the new accounting software, moving past the design phase to upgrade to the building's heating, cooling, and electrical systems, and finalizing installation of new IT/AV systems in the church. We have a new production studio for our livestream services and the church now has Wi-Fi, both of which enhance our rental possibilities.

At year end the Wardens began the first conversation of many to come, with the new Bishop of New York, the Right Reverend Matt Heyd, regarding St. Bartholomew's place in the Diocese and the upcoming transition period following our Rector's retirement. Bishop Heyd recognizes that we have an incredibly talented team of clergy and staff and supported the Vestry calling the Reverend Peter Thompson as Interim Rector through our transition moment. Bishop Heyd observed that St. Bart's is an important congregation to New York, to the Diocese, and to the whole Episcopal Church. More about transition "next steps" to follow.

Mission Plan 2025

Just when we thought we had a Mission Plan for 2025, we were informed by the Rector of his retirement plans. We revised the Mission Plan. While still forecasting a loss, if we are able to achieve our operating budget goals we will reduce our loss in 2025 to \$1.4MM, which is less than half of our 2024 unaudited loss. Still a loss, and funded out of reserves, but it gives us hope for further success in cost control, increased stewardship, and revenue potential from rentals. Our Strategic Advisor and Chief Operating Officer, Phil Conte, summarizes the highlights of the 2025 Mission Plan in his report.

A Church in Transition

2025 will be a very important year for St. Bartholomew's Church. We will be calling our 14th Rector to succeed the Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe. Following +Dean's retirement on March 2, 2025, our Vicar, the Reverend Peter Thompson will step in to serve as the Interim Rector through the transition period that could take up to two years to complete. This is an important moment in the life of St. Bart's, and the Vestry has an important role to play. The Vestry is the body that calls the new Rector. The Vestry and the Bishop of New York are the authorities that coordinate and oversee the search process. It is not something to be rushed. The Right Reverend Matt Heyd, Bishop of New York, will be visiting St. Bart's on June 1st to meet with the parish and review the transition process and all that it entails. We will not begin the official formation of a search committee until after the Bishop's visit has occurred. Let us use Lent as a period of personal reflection, and Easter as a season of parish celebration to focus our hearts and minds on beginning the start of the journey to our next Rector, in the summer of 2025.

Gratitude and Hope

As we look forward to 2025, we extend heartfelt thanks to St. Bart's clergy and lay staff. They have worked hard to help us support each other in faith and build hope for the future of St. Bartholomew's. We give thanks for the work of our Vicar, the Reverend Peter Thompson, for his continued programming efforts to create and expand our online ministry opportunities and for his willingness to transition our parish to the next phase; for the work of the Reverend Zack Nyein for bringing Imagine Worship to St. Bart's and revitalizing our Children, Youth, and Family offerings; and for the compassionate pastoral care efforts offered by the Reverend Meredith Ward.

We give special thanks to the Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, our spiritual leader and Rector for the past eight years. His faith is inspirational. During his years of service as the Rector of St. Bart's, he has overseen the sale of Transferable Development Rights, which allowed St. Bart's to make more than \$20 million worth of badly needed renovations on our beloved National Historic Landmark church. He recruited what is arguably one of the finest large parish staffs in the Episcopal Church. He has presided over the development of a significant online congregation, and online programming broadcasting worship and educational events across the country and around the world. Under his leadership we continue to serve more than 5,000 meals per week through Crossroads Community Services. The parish has survived and even thrived through a pandemic, turbulent racial issues, financial pressures, and polarized politics. St. Bart's continues to produce transcendent worship, excellent Christian educational content, and cutting-edge social outreach initiatives; all efforts which are transforming this parish.

Prayers for the People

We ask your prayers for all those affected by any trial or adversity. We ask your prayers for the Vestry to be unified and diligent in their duties as caretakers and fiduciaries, stewards, and representatives in support of the parish and our clergy. We ask your prayers for the Reverend Peter Thompson, as he leads us through the coming transition period. We ask your prayers for the mission work of St. Bart's: transforming hearts and lives through the knowledge and love of God. And finally, we ask for your prayers for wisdom in discerning the calling of the 14th Rector of St. Bartholomew's. In addition to your prayers, we also ask you to consider supporting St. Bart's through planned giving and ongoing financial investments, by sharing your ideas and feedback as we strive to be faithful stewards of this parish, and by reading the weekly eNews, and continuing or becoming involved with the ministries of the church. We remain grateful for your faithful support.

▼ ST. BART'S CLERGY — EASTER 2024





Malachi 3:6 says,

For I am the Lord—I do not change.

Hebrews 13:8 says,

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and forever.***

Be present, O merciful God, during this time of the transition facing St. Bartholomew's Church, and guide us through the process of calling a new Rector, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may find rest and renewal in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Miriam Schneider *Ray Z. Vandenberg*

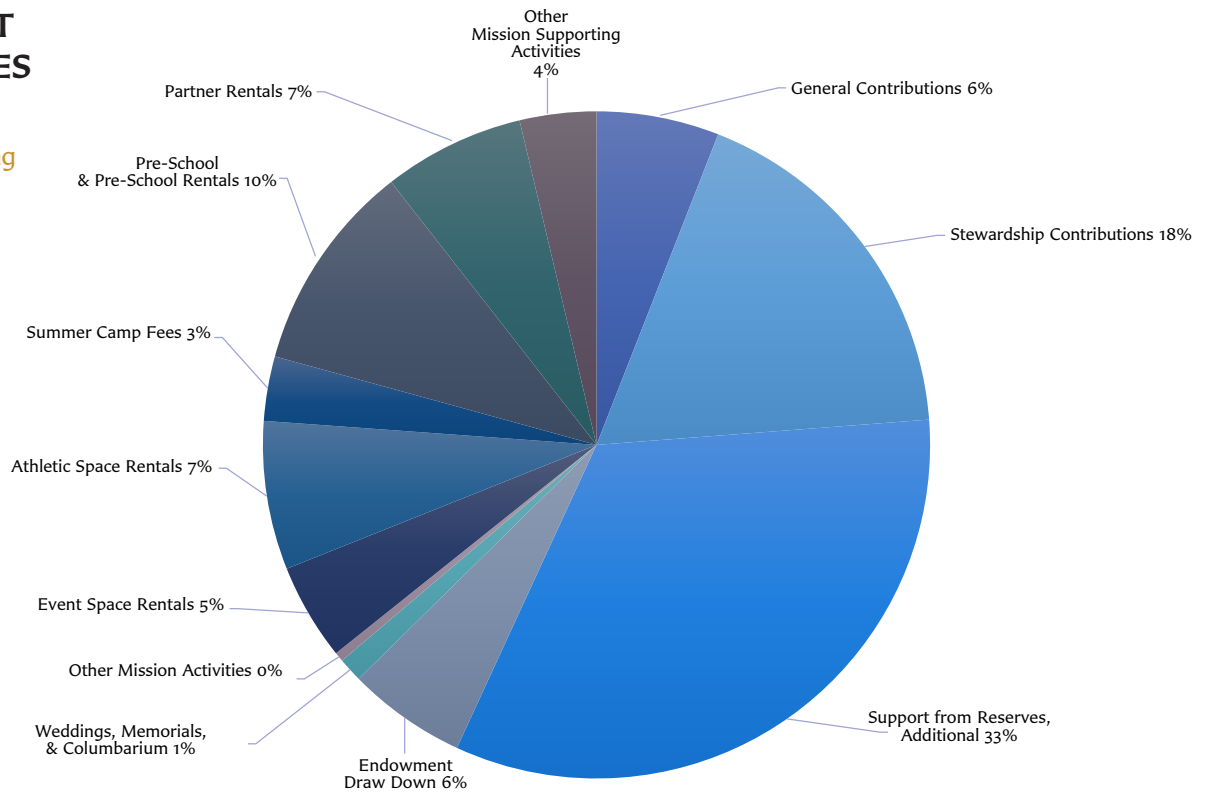
Miriam Schneider and Ray Vandenberg, Wardens

Financial Report

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REVENUES

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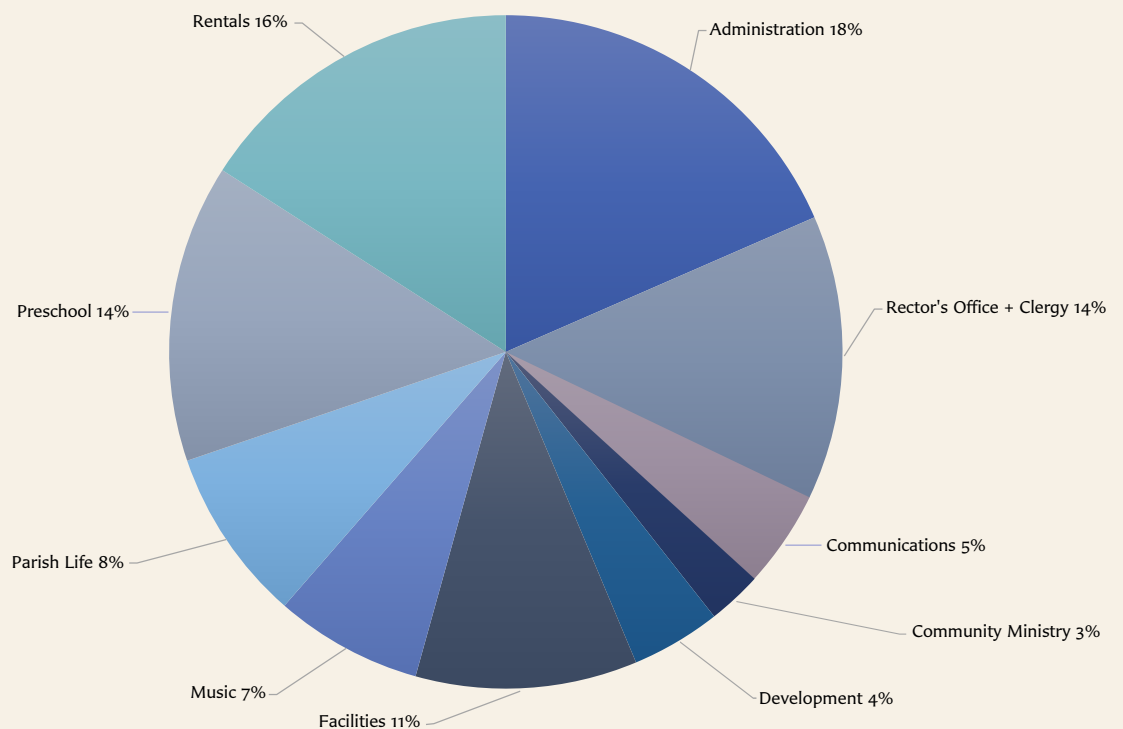


Total Revenues, including draws from reserves of \$3.25M, = \$9.8M

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

EXPENSES

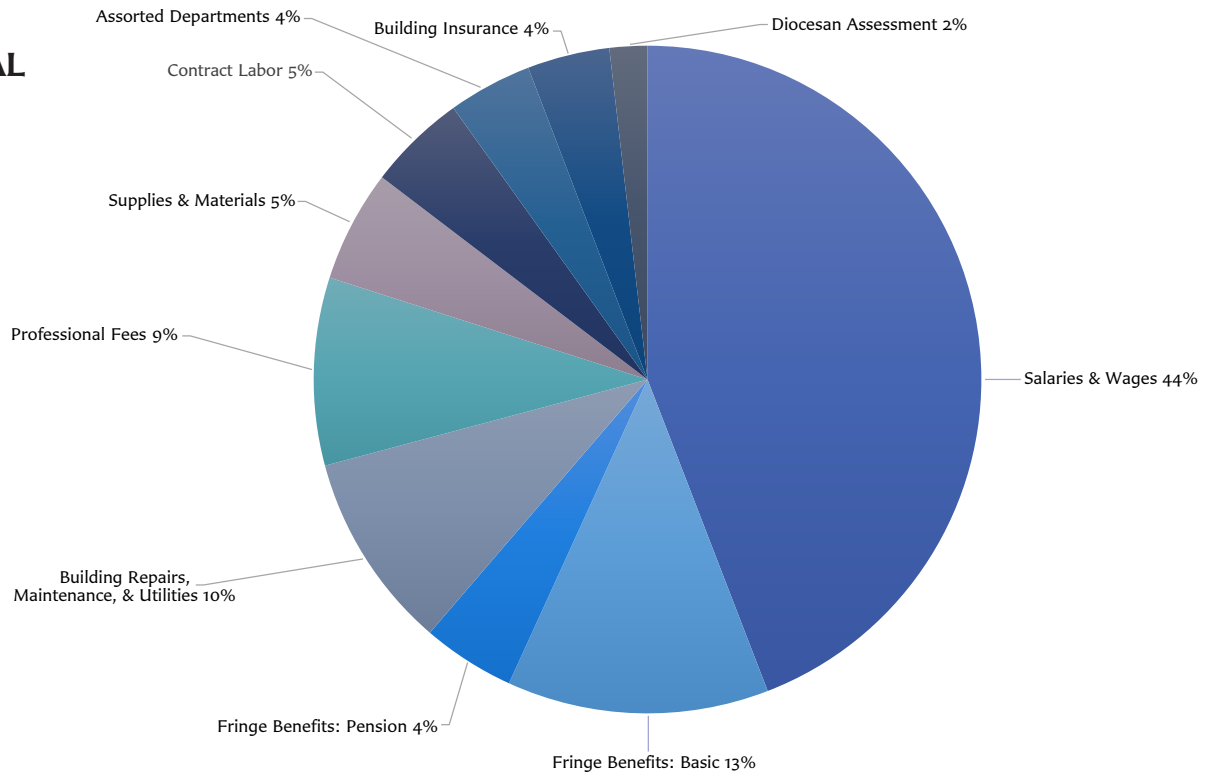
Fiscal Year Ending
12/31/2024



Total Expenses by department = \$9.5M

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Fiscal Year Ending
12/31/2024



Total expenditures by functional area = \$9.5M.
Personnel expense make up 61% of expenditures

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2024

Treasurer's Report

	Unaudited 12/31/2024	Audited 12/31/2023
Total Operational Funds	\$ 920,998	\$ 1,125,757
Total Endowment Funds	\$ 11,457,879	\$ 10,789,388
Total Reserve Funds	\$ 4,467,440	\$ 7,242,431
Total Building Funds	\$ 3,770,252	\$ 3,461,262
Total	\$ 20,616,569	\$ 22,618,838
Total Funds in Bank Accounts	\$ 1,589,073	\$ 1,126,783
Total Funds in Investment Accounts	\$ 19,027,497	\$ 21,492,055
Total	\$ 20,616,570	\$ 22,618,838

Unaudited for Management and Internal Use Only

Grace in Community Transforming Lives

Faith, compassion, and community flourished at St. Bart's in 2024. Through Adult Education, Pastoral Care, Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, and Parish Life programs, we provided space for reflection, learning, and meaningful connection.

In 2024, The Forum at St. Bart's, hosted by the Reverend Peter Thompson, continued to serve as a space for thoughtful engagement with faith, culture, and pressing social issues. Each Sunday at 10 am, a diverse lineup of esteemed speakers—from theologians and clergy to artists, scholars, and journalists—offered insightful discussions that deepened our understanding of spirituality and the world around us. Highlights included interfaith conversations on building bridges in divided times, reflections on social justice in the arts, and explorations of ancient and modern eucharistic traditions. We addressed topics such as migration, climate change, Black history, LGBTQ+ justice, and the ethics of war, while also delving into personal and communal self-reflection through our Lenten series. Fall sessions explored the intersection of healthcare, spirituality, and ethics through expert perspectives on end-of-life care, the role of prayer in medical treatment, and the professional formation of hospital chaplains.

Throughout the year, smaller groups and classes also sustain the intellectual and spiritual life of our community. Offerings included Sacred Looking, an interfaith program with Central Synagogue, and Rejoicing with the Saints in Philippi, a Lenten study with Seminarian Nathan Peace. Professor Larry

Welborn from Fordham University also led a class on the politics of early Christianity. Newcomers learned about St. Bart's in EXPLORE, and those interested in being confirmed or received continued their journey of faith in Pathfinders: Taking the Next Step in Christian Community.

▼ **THE FORUM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** WITH JULIAN WAMBLE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.



In October, led by the Reverend Peter Thompson and parishioner Robert Radke, members of St. Bart's embarked on a pilgrimage, walking the last 130 miles of the Camino de Santiago and sharing their reflections and experiences through a dedicated blog.

Several community groups have met year-round for many years and continued to do so in 2024, gathering for a range of purposes—including Bible study, book discussion, prayer and spiritual practice, support through life transitions, knitting and crocheting items to donate to those in need, and fostering friendships over brunch and happy hours. The St. Bart's Connects small group initiative again attracted record participation in 2024, with new groups launching in spring and fall.

St. Bart's Players and Great Music at St. Bart's (presented by the Mid-Manhattan Performing Arts Foundation) enriched our community with a full season of theatrical productions and concerts. The LGBTQ+ Community at St. Bart's attended the St. Bart's Players production of *The Laramie Project* and organized their annual Christmas Party to precede the Joyous Christmas Concert in the Great Music at St. Bart's series.

▼ **LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS-A SERVICE OF HOPE**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024



▼ **FALL LAUNCH PARTY FOR ST. BART'S CONNECTS GROUPS**
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



Larger community events, such as Mardi Gras, summer wine-and-cheese receptions, St. Bart's Fair, Día de Los Muertos, and Twelfth Night: A Gathering for Epiphany Eve, provided opportunities for the parish to come together on a broader scale.

Pastoral Care remains a central ministry for the St. Bart's community. St. Bart's clergy offer care to those dealing with illness, loss, loneliness, isolation, or the challenges of everyday life. Our team of lay pastoral care associates continues to provide care, support, and companionship to fellow parishioners under the guidance and supervision of the clergy.

Light in the Darkness: A Service of Hope, held on the longest night of the year, offered a sacred space to acknowledge grief and seek comfort amidst the holiday season and in February and October, the Reverend Meredith Ward hosted Death Over Dinner, a unique gathering that transforms conversations about end-of-life priorities into moments of deep engagement and insight.

St. Bart's is a place where children, youth, and families can grow in faith, ask big questions, and build relationships in a welcoming community. On Sunday mornings, led by the Reverend Zack Nyein, Associate for Next Generation Ministries Effie DiPrenda and Youth at the Center leaders Julie and Steve Ross, children and youth explore Bible stories and spiritual practices in an engaging and age-appropriate setting.

Throughout the year, we hosted a number of catalyst events, aligned with the liturgical calendar and intended to offer the wider community a chance to come and see what St. Bart's is all about. These included our Palm Sunday Fête, Easter Kids' Church and Egg Hunt, Splash into Summer Party, Back to the Block Party, St. Francis' Day Art Farm Experience, and the Come-As-You-Are Christmas Pageant and Angel Choir.



▲ CHORISTERS SINGING ON SUNDAY MORNING



▲ FIND YOUR VOICE CAMP — AUGUST 8, 2024

▼ CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE 2024





▲ TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT:

BLESSING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES LYALL BERAT, GIACOMO CECCARELLI, AND KYLER SIMON ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024 • **KIDS' CHURCH** • **YOUTH AT THE CENTER** • **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2024**

In the summer, in partnership with Summer Camp at St. Bart's, two free special camps were offered: Creative Arts Camp from Children, Youth, and Families and Find Your Voice Camp from St. Bartholomew's Choristers. Designed to welcome and attract new kids and families to our ongoing programs, these camps were a great success and provided an entry point for children to sing, pray, craft, learn, play, and act in church.

St. Bartholomew's Choristers doubled in membership in 2024 and focused on ensemble

singing with confidence and learning new music at an increased rate. In September, St. Bartholomew's Choristers Director Alexander Pattavina launched Little Voices for younger children to learn about and listen to music and develop an appreciation for sacred arts.

This year's Christmas Pageant was a highlight of the year and attended by more than 400 adults, youth, and children from New York and around the country.

Foundations and Futures

Transforming the Church

Thanks to the hard work of our clergy and staff and the dedication of hundreds of volunteers, St. Bart's worship life remained vibrant in 2024. St. Bartholomew's Choir, St. Bart's Singers, and St. Bartholomew's Choristers led our services with music of the highest caliber. Our *A Choral Feast* series, including a performance of Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem, Op. 9* with orchestra, received enthusiastic acclaim.

We welcomed notable guest preachers at our Sunday 11 am service, including the Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine (Associate Rector of St. James's Piccadilly in London), the Reverend Dr. Chloe Breyer (Executive Director, Interfaith Center of New York), the Reverend Dr. Andrew McGowan (Dean and President, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale), and the Reverend Dr. Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas).

▼ **THE PEWS IN THE CHAPEL WERE PLACED IN STORAGE** FOR A ONE-YEAR EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD WHILE CHAIRS SERVE AS A MORE FLEXIBLE OPTION FOR SEATING IN THE CHAPEL. THIS CHANGE ALLOWS THE CHAPEL TO SERVE AS A MORE FITTING OPTION FOR OUR 9 AM EUCHARIST IN THE ROUND ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AND OUR THURSDAY EVENING IMAGINE WORSHIP NYC SERVICE.



From a numerical perspective, in 2024 average Sunday attendance improved by 17% over 2023 levels (compared to an 8% increase the previous year), realizing approximately 85% of pre-COVID figures. Attendance at Easter and Christmas services also rose, with Easter attendance 27% greater and Christmas attendance 3% greater than 2023 levels. Our Candlelight Carols service on the Sunday before Christmas attracted 668 in-person attendees, its largest crowd ever.

Our online congregation continues to include a major portion of our community. On any given Sunday, approximately one-third of our 11 am worshippers are watching live on YouTube or Facebook. We continued to expand our reach on social media with a 44% increase in total followers across Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok.

On Monday, June 10, the pews in the chapel were placed in storage for a one-year experimental period while chairs serve as a more flexible option for seating in the chapel. This change allows the chapel to serve as a more fitting option for our 9 am Eucharist in the Round on Sunday mornings and our Thursday evening Imagine Worship NYC service.

▼ **A CHORAL FEAST** FEATURING MOZART'S *MISSA BREVIS* IN C MAJOR, K. 259 WITH ORCHESTRA, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



2024 IN-PERSON WORSHIP STATISTICS



361
AVERAGE
SUNDAY
ATTENDANCE

UP FROM 309 IN 2023

1,626
EASTER VIGIL & DAY
ATTENDANCE

UP FROM 1,285 IN 2023



1,729
CHRISTMAS EVE
& DAY ATTENDANCE

UP FROM 1,667 IN 2023



21
BAPTISMS

7 ADULTS, 14 CHILDREN



9
BURIALS

14
MARRIAGES

13
CONFIRMATIONS



9
RECEPTIONS

Imagine Worship NYC, with Mark Miller as lead musician, expanded from a two-season to a four-season schedule, with a highlight of the year being the Ascension Day celebration with guest preacher Bishop Rob Wright of Atlanta, gospel artist Jason McGee, and visiting clergy from across the country attending the 2024 Episcopal Young Clergy (40 and Under) gathering in New York City.

St. Bart's was selected as one of 33 worshipping communities across the United States and Canada to receive a 2024 Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan and funded through the Lilly Endowment. This prize, in the amount of \$25,000, supported the continued growth and development of our Thursday evening Imagine Worship NYC community.

We introduced a new service for Holy Week "Stations in the City: Journeying the Way of the Cross in Midtown." Modeled after the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows) in Jerusalem, participants reflected on Jesus' final journey to the cross during a meditative pilgrimage through the neighborhood.

2024 marked a year of both expanding our parish family and nurturing future church leadership, demonstrating St. Bart's commitment to building a vibrant, sustainable future for our community. On Sunday, April 28, during our annual Bishop's visitation, 22 people were confirmed or received into the Episcopal church, and on Welcome Sunday, December 8, we welcomed 58 newcomers into our congregation. Additionally, at The Forum on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, four members of the St. Bart's community exploring a possible call to ordained ministry (Kate DiTullio, Nathan Peace, Bailey Regan, and Teagan Sage) reflected on how they hear the Spirit's call.



St. Bart's was well represented at The Episcopal Church's 81st General Convention June 23-28, in Louisville, Kentucky. The Reverend Zack Nyein and Tivaun Cooper assisted the Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers in planning Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's last Revival before retiring. The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe participated in the House of Bishops, which elected the Right Reverend Sean E. Rowe as the next Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Tivaun Cooper was elected to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop, a body that is elected to ensure readiness in the event that the Presiding Bishop is unable to complete their term between General Conventions.

▼ **WELCOMING 58 NEWCOMERS** INTO OUR CONGREGATION AT THE 9 AM, 11 AM AND 5 PM SERVICES ON WELCOME SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8





▲ TOP TO BOTTOM:

ST. BART'S COMMUNITY MEMBERS KATE DITULLIO, NATHAN PEACE, BAILEY REGAN, AND TEAGAN SAGE SHARE THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS TOWARDS ORDAINED MINISTRY AT THE FORUM, PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

CANDLELIGHT CAROLS—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

BISHOP SHIN AND ST. BART'S CLERGY WITH NEWLY RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION —SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

Building Bridges of Grace Transforming the World



▲ ST. BART'S AND ST. JAMES'S PICCADILLY CLERGY
CROSSED THE ATLANTIC TO PREACH, TEACH, AND BUILD CONNECTIONS



In 2024, our partnership with St. James's Piccadilly in London deepened through rich exchanges of clergy, ideas, and shared ministry. Throughout the year, clergy from both parishes crossed the Atlantic to preach, teach, and build connections between our communities. A highlight was the Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine's visit to St. Bart's, where she led programs connecting faith with art and architecture, while our own clergy—Bishop Wolfe, the Reverend Zack Nyein, and the Reverend Meredith Ward—enriched the St. James's community through preaching and teaching. Together, our parishes collaborated on innovative programming exploring spirituality in art, celebrating Pride, and marking significant moments in our shared Anglican heritage. This

growing relationship continues to expand our understanding of what it means to be church in our respective global cities.

Associate for Community Engagement and Outreach Teagan Sage led a Lenten series based on Christine Valters Paintner's book, *A Different Kind of Fast* which integrated contemplative justice practices and hands-on opportunities for advocacy and service. We welcomed diverse voices from The Catholic Worker, Community at the Crossing, Society of St. Francis, Crossroads Community Services, The Center for Spiritual Imagination, and The Interfaith Center of New York. Their spiritual and secular wisdom challenged us to fast from complacency and move toward

meaningful advocacy. In April, we deepened our environmental commitment through Allegra Lovejoy’s “Earth Stations of the Cross,” a contemplative study of our Christian call to planetary stewardship. This exploration continued with the launch of our “Learning Liberation” series—a monthly gathering integrating prayer, study, and action for social justice.

In times of conflict, St. Bart’s created spaces for dialogue and understanding. We hosted listening circles and prayer services for peace in Israel/Gaza in May and June and provided a platform for Israeli hostage families to share their stories in July. We marked the twenty-third anniversary of September 11th with a service of remembrance alongside our fire department neighbors, continuing our tradition of bearing witness to both grief and hope.

Our fall program theme, “For the Healing of the Nations,” provided a spiritual framework for our community as we navigated conflicts both global and domestic—from international wars to our own civic divisions during a contentious election season. Through five voter mobilization events between July and September, parishioners wrote over 3,400 postcards to voters in eight states. We surrounded the 2024 election with prayer, from our Election Eve vigil through Election Day prayer services and post-election listening circles that created space for our community to discern together what following Jesus means in divided times.

▼ POSTCARD WRITING DURING COFFEE HOUR



▼ ASSEMBLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF WELCOME BACKPACKS





▲ TOP TO BOTTOM:
ST. BART'S MONTHLY DINNER SERVICE WITH COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS
ST. TABITHA'S GUILD NEEDLECRAFT MINISTRY
ST. BART'S PARISHIONERS GATHER BEFORE HEADING TO THE PRIDE MARCH, SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024



▲ IN SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

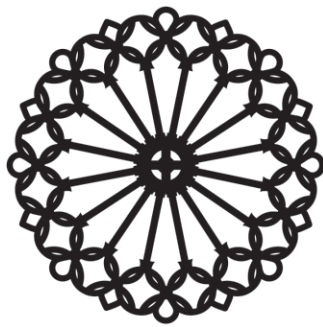
Our local partnerships continued to flourish through direct service and advocacy. The monthly dinner service with Coalition for the Homeless brought our community together in regular acts of care. When our city faced a migrant crisis, we responded over Labor Day weekend by assembling 100 backpacks for children in shelters. Our partnership with the Translatinx Network continued with our annual hosting of the Trans Day of Remembrance service in November, and St. Bart's was honored to receive their 2024 Cris Award recognizing our community partnership.

As the year drew to a close, St. Tabitha's Guild continued their ministry of warmth and care through their Tree of Gifts initiative and year-round needlecraft ministry. In 2024, they created and distributed an impressive 681 handmade items to our neighbors in need—including 348 hats, 184 scarves, and 102 pairs of gloves and mittens. Their loving handiwork reached patients at Jamaica Hospital (including newborns and hospice patients), mariners through the Seaman's Institute, and Crossroads Community Services.

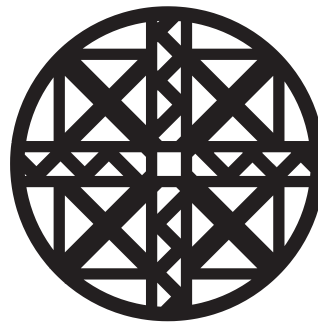
From London to New York, from climate justice to local service, St. Bart's continues to build bridges of understanding, justice, and grace, living into our call to transform the world through active love.

**EVERYBODY
NEEDS
A PLACE**

**We invite you to make
this place yours.**



∴SAINT∴
**BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH**
IN THE CITY OF
∴NEW YORK∴



CLERGY

Rector The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, D.D.
Vicar The Reverend Peter D. Thompson
Senior Associate Rector The Reverend Zack Nyein
Associate Rector for Pastoral Care The Reverend Meredith E. Ward
Assistant Rector The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins *
Assisting Priest The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank +
Assisting Priest The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers +
Deacon The Reverend Deacon John F. Wirenius *

MUSIC

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon
Associate Organist and Choirmaster Mr. Alexander Pattavina
Administrative Associate for Music Ms. Olivia Greene

PARISH LIFE

Associate for Parish Life Ms. Veronica Shea
Associate for Community Engagement and Outreach Mr. Teagan Sage
Associate for Next Generation Ministries Ms. Efthemia DiPrenda +
Seminarian Mr. Nathan Peace ++
Seminarian Mr. William Margraf ++

DEVELOPMENT

Director, Development (Consultant) Mr. Jim Buggy +
Manager, Development Mr. Brian Van Steen

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Director, Marketing and Communications Ms. Kara Flannery
Manager, Branding and Creative Design Mr. Ben Castellanos

ADMINISTRATION

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Director, Marketing and Events Ms. Heather Bond
Director, Athletic Facilities Mr. Barry Warner
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Director, Finance (Interim Consultant) Ms. Faye Huang +
Director, Accounting Ms. Maria Torres
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Supervisor, Facilities Mr. Curtis Bryant
Supervisor, Security Mr. James Thrapp (Retired)
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Mary Kate Wold †

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Patrick MacMurray

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