



Christ Church Bronxville

PARISH
PROFILE

2021



Welcome

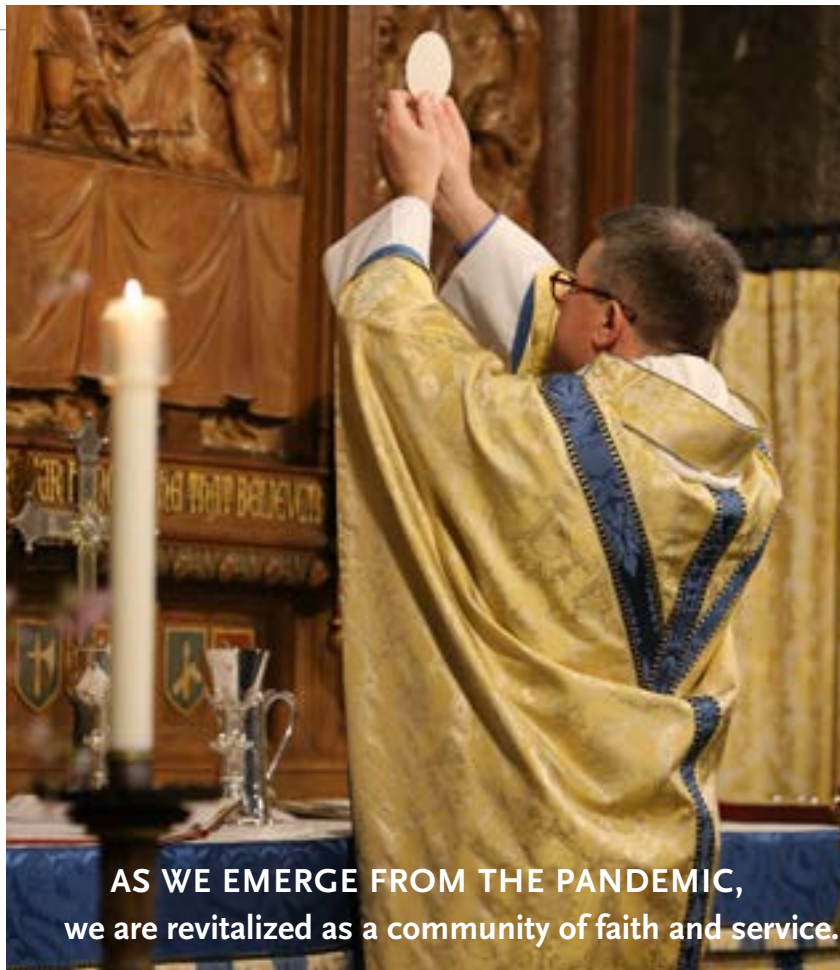
On behalf of the entire community at Christ Church Bronxville, we thank you for your interest in our parish. We hope our parish profile gives you a picture of who we are and who we aspire to be.

The people of Christ Church Bronxville have built a community based on the knowledge that God's love for humanity knows no bounds and that with God all things are possible.

We are committed to spiritual growth, a deeper understanding and expression of our faith, and service to others in the name of Jesus Christ. Christ Church Bronxville's racially, ethnically, and economically diverse congregation from Westchester and NYC embraces the Gospel's vision of hope, love, and profound acceptance in the name of Jesus Christ.

We believe God has called us together to reflect a better way of being in the world, and we challenge ourselves to fearlessly share Christ's love.





**AS WE EMERGE FROM THE PANDEMIC,
we are revitalized as a community of faith and service.**

We pray that our next Rector will:

PREACH the word of the Lord with grace, conviction, knowledge, and good humor;

EMBRACE today's challenges and help us forge a deeper bond with our church;

CREATE a holy space where all voices in our congregation are heard and honored;

ENVISION with our congregation how we can show our faith;

BUILD upon our diverse and generous church community;

STRENGTHEN our multigenerational families;

DISCOVER new ways for sacred and religious music to connect us;

ENGAGE with our congregation in a wide variety of church programs and events using available tech platforms with imagination and skill;

LEAD our relationship with Eliza Corwin Frost Child Center and our Young at Arts program;

VALUE our 120 years of tradition and shared faith;

INSPIRE us to discover where God is taking Christ Church Bronxville in the years ahead.



"We fill the space in that building; it feels like a community during the service."



WORDS FROM OUR PARISHIONERS



"I love Evensong, the concerts of spiritual music, and the educational events."



Our Story

Sitting at the edge of Bronxville, New York, Christ Church Bronxville's copper-clad, stone spire towers above the foot of the village business district and Metro-North's Bronxville commuter train station. Just 15 miles north of midtown Manhattan and a 30-minute train ride from Grand Central Terminal, the church's location offers a myriad of benefits with both urban and suburban advantages.

Bronxville is itself only one-square mile so the community of Christ Church Bronxville includes congregants from neighboring areas of southern Westchester County, New York City, and beyond. Residents of this greater Bronxville area come from backgrounds of considerable diversity in terms of economic and social privilege. Although there is a wide range of perspectives and traditions, we all are united in the belief that everyone should be accepted, loved, and affirmed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Over the decades, we have grown and transformed in response to the times and needs of

our community.

Our focus is twofold: to build up the spiritual lives of our parishioners and to reach out to serve the greater area. We strive to inspire with meaningful worship, sublime music, spiritual formation, and warm fellowship inside and outside of our buildings. Our service to surrounding areas seeks to bring Christ's love to others in concrete ways: food and clothing drives, visitation, choral and prayer events, and volunteerism on many levels. We are not afraid to engage in difficult conversations and self-reflection to meaningfully live out Christ's mission for us in the world.

Our beautiful liturgy and music, along with a tradition of strong preaching, attract parishioners and guests to Christ Church Bronxville and keep them coming back to worship.



Liturgy



At Christ Church Bronxville, we seek that delicate balance between formality and casualness. We adhere to meaningful tradition and ritual, but eschew grandiose or pretentious piety. We welcome all in the name of Christ with the hope that they will experience each service with full hearts, nourished by scripture, glorious song and meaningful liturgy.

Christ Church Bronxville has long been known for its Sarum or English use. Indeed, the beautiful and authentic Sarum Use was introduced in the United States by Reverend Harold F. Hohly, Rector of Christ Church Bronxville in the 1930's and is still used today. Some elements of this practice, including the processing of the Gospel into the congregation, became common practice throughout the Episcopal Church. For more about our Sarum Use liturgy see [American Sarum](#).

The parish is eucharistically-centered with three Sunday Eucharists. Pre-Covid the services were at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. The 8:00 a.m.

service is traditional Rite I; the 10:00 a.m. is Rite II, our principal service at the high altar with procession, choir, sung Eucharist, and incense; and the 5:00 p.m. service is a contemplative, Taizé-style Eucharist around a free-standing altar. Holy Week is solemnly observed with services daily and a full Vigil on Saturday evening, culminating with the First Eucharist of Easter.

While we deeply value our traditional services, we are open to new worship experiences. In recent years, we have hosted a bluegrass service and a jazz service, exploring how different traditions can contribute to our worship experience.



"I love the liturgy, the songs, the pageantry... the quality of the service."

"Christ Church's liturgy is beautiful and any efforts to maintain and enhance that beauty would be worthwhile. I think more sacred instruction for adults would be helpful to help facilitate a stronger sense of Anglican identity."

WORDS FROM OUR PARISHIONERS



"I love the music, chimes and incense—sharing sensual elements like those brings the congregation together."





Sacred Music

The Christ Church Choir is presently a group of 18 singers, both paid professionals and accomplished amateurs, who enhance our liturgical tradition with the glorious music for which our parish has long been noted. The choir leads our 10:00 a.m. worship each week, offers Choral Evensong monthly, and provides seasonal musical offerings. The choir's work is complemented by our extraordinary organ, built by Casavant Frères (Opus 3878) and dedicated in 2009. Christ Church Bronxville has three octaves of Malmark Handbells as a part of our collection of musical instruments, and our Handbell Choir plays several times each year, adding a new dimension of sound to our worship. Additionally, we have our very own timpani which lends an authentic and rousing sound to our Easter liturgies and other

special services. A small orchestra, brass ensemble, or special instrumentalist are often brought in to enhance Christmas and Easter services.

During the pandemic, our Director of Music returned to his home in England after six years with Christ Church Bronxville. We recognize the opportunity this moment offers. Among the new Rector's first tasks will be to appoint our next Director of Music—someone who can broaden the liturgical music program to include both adults and children. In a parish that cherishes the highest quality sacred music and has a long history of excellence, we hope to build upon this tradition.

See <https://www.ccbny.org/music> for more information about our choir, its music, and our church organ.





WORDS FROM OUR PARISHIONERS



“My head and heart soar when the hymns are sung, led by our gorgeous choir and organist...”



Youth Ministry



Christ Church Bronxville has a strong tradition of Christian formation from nursery school onward. Our active Church School and Episcopal Youth Community have helped to drive our growth as a parish. Our new Rector will work closely with the Youth Minister and Associate Rector to support our youngest parish members and help our teens grow into Christian adults with enduring values of empathy and openness.

Sunday School

In Sunday Church School, children aged 3-10 gather during Sunday service to learn the key stories of the Bible and begin their life-long christian education.

A dedicated core group of teachers leads a robust group of our youngest members in three classes during the 10:00 a.m. service: Godly Play (3 years old through 1st grade), Communion Class (2nd grade), and Godly Dialogue (3rd-6th grades). After their lessons, the children join their families in the Nave for the balance of the service. Children in this group also present our Crèche Service each Christmas Eve during the 4:00 p.m. service. In 2020, the Crèche Service was filmed around Bronxville and broadcast via YouTube on Christmas Eve. [\(Link\)](#) We are proud that despite competing commitments, our Sunday Church School is thriving.



Confirmation and Episcopal Youth Community

Under the guidance of our remarkable Youth Minister, teens grow in their faith and build leadership skills in the community. They progress and prepare for Confirmation in the 7th and 8th grades, and students are traditionally confirmed in the spring of 8th grade. Two classes of teens were just confirmed in September of 2021, after a long wait during Covid. Starting in the 9th grade, they join the Episcopal Youth Community (EYC). At this time, the teens begin to deepen their understanding of the Gospels and develop their sense of fellowship, service, and the group's Rule of Life.

Service efforts include regular Midnight Runs where our teens serve those experiencing homelessness on the streets of NYC. Pre-Covid, teens also took part in the Sleep Out to End Youth Homelessness for Covenant House. [\(Link\)](#)



THE EYC MAKES ANNUAL PILGRIMAGES to Taizé Monastery in France and have traveled on mission trips to Cuba and Puerto Rico. These travels have provided critical spiritual and leadership development experiences. We look forward to continuing these traditions in future years. Scholarships are available for these trips so that all who are interested may participate. Indeed even the fundraising efforts offer opportunities for fun and fellowship. One of our successful fundraisers for the EYC included “flocking,” (below left) when a donation to the program would entitle the donor to nominate a local lawn to be adorned for a day with a flock of pink plastic lawn flamingos courtesy of our stealthy teens. Our new Rector will work closely with the Youth Minister and Associate Rector to support our youngest parish members and help our teens grow into Christian young adults with enduring values of empathy and openness.



Adult Education



Adult Christian formation is an important goal of Christ Church Bronxville. Most recently, a mainstay of our adult Christian formation has been the Sunday Shorts series held after the 10:00 a.m. service. Past series, each lasting three or four consecutive Sundays, have addressed particular topics, including Romans, the Psalms, Corinthians, and Interfaith poetry. During the pandemic, Zoom workshops have focused on meditation and Christian mystics such as Simone Weil.

During Advent in 2018, a group of twenty four of our parishioners and clergy joined a congregation from St. Louis for a tour of the Holy Land. Walking the Via Dolorosa at dawn, renewing our Baptismal vows in the River Jordan, and learning about peace efforts and humanitarian work were memorable highlights that made it an extraordinary experience for all who attended. Following on the success of this tour, future pilgrimages for our Women's Group and Young Adult Group are in the planning stages.

Adult Christian formation is a priority for our congregation and is an area with great opportunity for growth and development. We seek a new Rector who will develop new programs to enhance spiritual learning and growth.



WORDS FROM OUR PARISHIONERS



"The spiritual life at Christ Church has a strong foundation..."

"I want our parishioners to feel able to share their faith, how they've experienced Jesus in their lives, with each other and their friends in the world..."



Special Programs

Christ Church Bronxville is very proud of two exceptional programs in our community that we have carefully fostered over the years. Our new Rector will oversee these programs to ensure that they continue to thrive as integrated auxiliaries of Christ Church Bronxville.

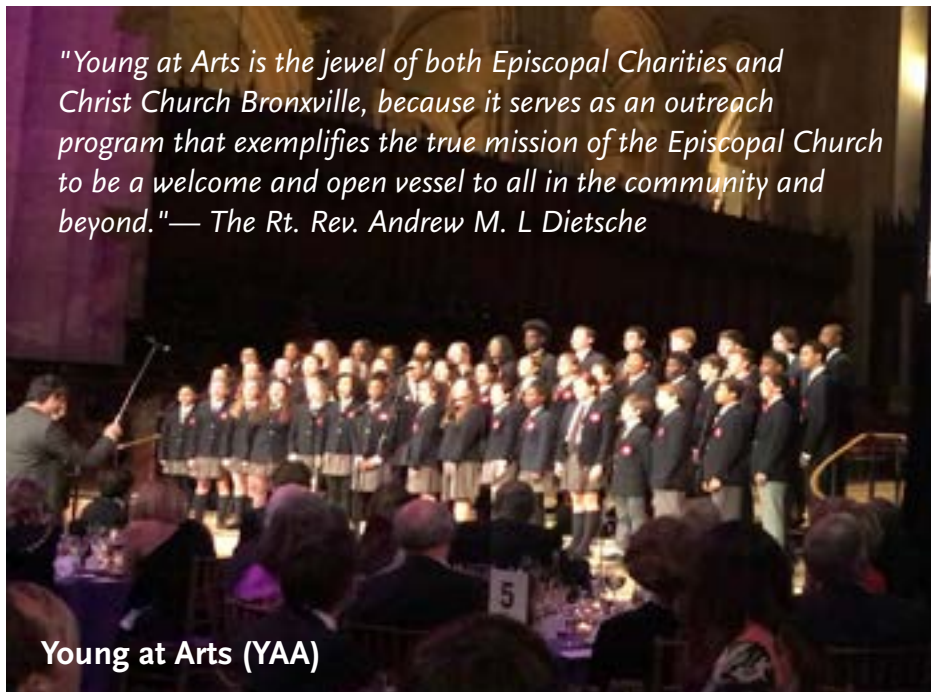
Eliza Corwin Frost Child Center (ECF)

Opened in 1973, Eliza Corwin Frost Child Center provides children from ages 1-5 with a solid foundation for social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development through dynamic, play-based learning experiences and partnerships with parents and the community. The Associate Rector is the Director of ECF, and the Rector is an ex-officio member of ECF's steering committee.

For information on enrollment and programming at Eliza Frost, [click here](#).



"Young at Arts is the jewel of both Episcopal Charities and Christ Church Bronxville, because it serves as an outreach program that exemplifies the true mission of the Episcopal Church to be a welcome and open vessel to all in the community and beyond."— The Rt. Rev. Andrew M. L Dietsche



Young at Arts (YAA)

Founded in 2005, Young at Arts is a high-quality performing arts educational organization located inside Christ Church Bronxville dedicated to helping young people expand their horizons, build character, compassion, and commitment through music, drama, and movement. Funding for YAA is made possible through grants from Episcopal Charities, Arts Westchester, Sing for Hope, program tuition and donations from supporters. Many YAA students attend the program with significant scholarships, and numerous alumni of the program have earned scholarships to prestigious colleges and universities. Since inception, YAA has served over 7,500 children ages 4-18, and has become a model arts program for southern Westchester community and beyond. The Rector of Christ Church Bronxville is a board member of YAA. [Click here](#) for more information.





Ministries



Altar Guild

The altar guild supports all of our liturgical celebrations—setting up everything necessary for the Eucharist and any other sacraments such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals. The guild also cares for the vestments and sacred vessels. Under the direction of the Rector, members work “behind the scenes” to perform essential tasks such as preparing the altar, changing the vestments and frontal to fit the season or occasion, setting out vessels for worship, laundering, repairing, and ironing altar and worship linens, and cleaning up after services.

Christ Church Bronxville Antiracism Initiative for Healing and Transformation

Carrying on a long tradition of social engagement, the Christ Church Bronxville Antiracism Initiative for Healing and Transformation is a recent initiative by members of the Christ Church Bronxville community. Deeply moved by the May 2020 killing of George Floyd and the social uprisings across the country that followed, a group of parishioners felt called to join the national conversation on race and racism in our society. [Click here](#) to read more about the spiritual work of this new group at Christ Church Bronxville.

Guild of St. Raphael

Our Guild of Saint Raphael is a ministry of healing prayer whose members pray daily for our confirmation students, and those on the church’s prayer list and the Guild’s private prayer list. As needed, members administer Holy Communion to the homebound and provide meals and comfort.





Outreach

Christ Church Bronxville has a vibrant food ministry supporting two local hunger relief efforts. We began monthly collections to benefit St. James Church Fordham in 2019. In the spring of 2020, we began a second monthly collection to benefit the food ministry at Grace Episcopal Church in White Plains. Monetary donations were also accepted so that parishioners who did not feel comfortable shopping and delivering food items during the pandemic could participate. Approximately \$25,000 has been raised for these efforts since their inception. Funds

are used to buy much-needed staple items to supplement the generous food donations.

We regularly support Midnight Run, distributing food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to those experiencing homelessness on the streets of NYC. Our middle school students participate in this effort distributing meals, clothing, and personal care kits to those experiencing homelessness and hunger.

[Click here](#) to read more about the generosity of our parish with members of our greater community.





From making sandwiches for Midnight Runs, to installing solar panels on a church roof in Puerto Rico, to entertaining the parishioners in San Juan (accompanied by NY Yankees star, Bernie Williams), our EYC is a big part of outreach at Christ Church Bronxville.



Fellowship



The members of Christ Church Bronxville gather in fellowship regularly throughout the year. Our most regular form of fellowship is our weekly gathering for coffee hour after the 10:00 a.m. service. Fellowship hour is hosted by a dedicated group of volunteers. During the summer months, social hours are held outdoors over iced tea and lemonade.

In addition to these routine gatherings, there are several other opportunities for fellowship at annual gatherings. Parish Picnics mark the beginning and end of the church's program year. The children's Christmas Party includes a festive meal, games, arts and crafts, and a special chance to have a photo with Santa. The Chili Cook-off, which brings together parishioners who want to showcase their culinary skills, features taste-testing and prizes. Mardi Gras celebrations have ranged from casual pancake suppers prepared by our Men's Group and highlighted by rousing games of Lent Madness to a catered dinner party, complete with a band. Most of our gatherings take place in Taylor Hall or the Undercroft, both wide-open, wonderful spaces to gather, eat, and perform.





There are also several affinity groups that engage in regular fellowship and acts of service together. Among these are the Young Adults Fellowship Group for individuals in their 20s and 30s; the LGBTQ+ & Friends Fellowship Group; the Men's Group; the Women's Fellowship Group; the Women's Spirituality Group; and the Women's Guild, which is one of the most active fellowship groups at Christ Church. Click here for more information about the specific focus and activities of each of these groups. [\(Link\)](#)





Our Clergy, Staff and Vestry

The Clergy of Christ Church Bronxville includes both the **Rector and Associate Rector**. The Rev. Jennifer Brown currently serves half-time as Associate Rector and half-time as the Director of Eliza Corwin Frost, an integrated auxiliary of Christ Church Bronxville. As Associate Rector, Mother Brown leads our pastoral care efforts, oversees the Sunday school program, and regularly welcomes new parishioners. Her warmth makes parishioners feel accepted, valued, and loved, and her blessings and hugs are legendary.

An Interim **Music Director** has been appointed to serve half-time beginning September 2021 for a period of 12-18 months. The interim, a previous Associate Organist at Christ Church Bronxville, will be on staff during our Parish's transition as the new Rector joins our community and conducts a meaningful search for the next Director of Music.

Our full-time **Youth Minister** leads several aspects of our youth programming, including organizing regular gatherings and events for our high school EYC members, and leading their annual pilgrimages and service trips. Our Youth Minister also co-teaches the weekly 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation class alongside our Rector.

We have a full-time **Communications Director**, who is responsible for parish communications as well as those of our integrated auxiliary ECF, a part-time **Office Manager** responsible for bookkeeping for the parish and our integrated auxiliaries, and a full-time **Assistant Sexton** responsible for maintaining our buildings and grounds.

Christ Church Bronxville is governed by a **Vestry of two Wardens** and an additional **12 members**. Wardens are elected by the parish to serve two-year terms and are not term limited. Members are elected for staggered three-year terms, and may be re-elected once. The Vestry elects a Treasurer and a Clerk.

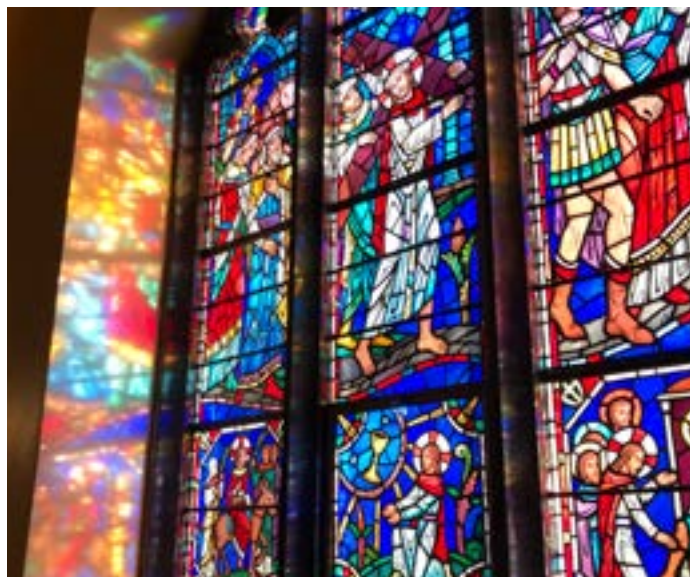
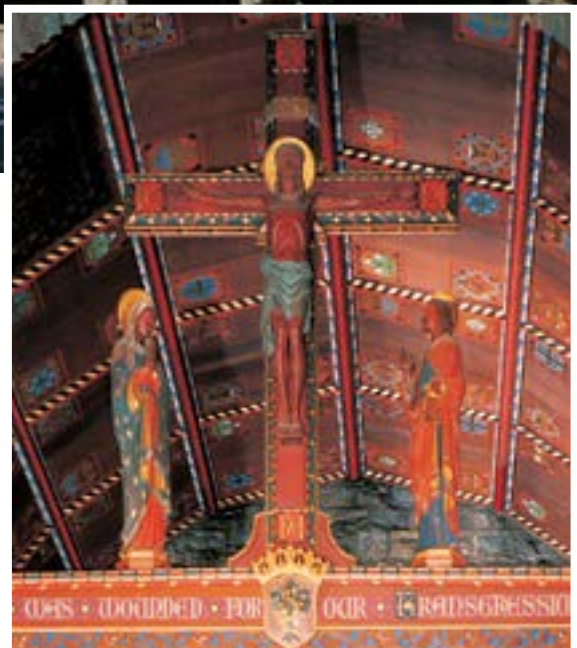
Currently, the Vestry consists of seven men and seven women. The members of the Vestry represent different age groups, live in several of the surrounding communities, and are involved in varied aspects of parish life. Five current Vestry members are serving their second terms. To learn more about the Vestry members, please [click here](#).





Buildings and Grounds

The Christ Church Bronxville “campus” consists of three interconnected buildings on a roughly three-quarter-acre, triangular plot. The sanctuary was constructed in 1925 to a design by Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue, one of the leading architects in the country, known for national landmarks such as the Nebraska State Capitol building in Lincoln and the Los Angeles Central Library. As an ecclesiastic architect, he also designed St. Bartholomew’s Church and St. Thomas Church in Manhattan. The interior of Christ Church Bronxville is in the English country Gothic style, reflecting Goodhue's artistry, and his close ties with the American Arts and Crafts movement of the early 20th Century. Its gilded and beautifully painted



wooden ceiling offers amazing acoustics for our extraordinary organ. Many parishioners have shared that the beauty of our church originally drew them to visit the parish.

The structure on the north side was constructed originally in the 1920s as a rental apartment building. It was acquired by Christ Church Bronxville in the 1950s, and currently houses the Eliza Corwin Frost Child Center (ECF), as well as the church offices and several apartments on the upper floors. The central courtyard also serves as a playground for ECF and is level with the main floor of the sanctuary. Directly below the courtyard and adjoining Crispell Lounge, is Taylor Hall, our main auditorium, which has a direct entrance to Kensington Road. Taylor Hall is a multi-use space that hosts ECF students for playtime during the



Taylor Hall



day and becomes a state of the art theater with professional quality sound and lighting for use by the YAA students after school. During Covid, Taylor Hall was used by community artists as rehearsal and recording space. We believe such use of our buildings may offer income sources as we look to the future. The downstairs also includes the intimate Chapel of the Guardian Angel, a spacious Undercroft, choir rehearsal and robing rooms, a kitchen, a library, and a conference room.

To the south of the church building is the garden and columbarium, with hundred-year-old oak trees and established plantings. This is a place for contemplation and rest as well as our location for outdoor services.

The façade of the building at 17 Sagamore Road was reconstructed in a Modernist Gothic style to harmonize with the church itself, and a cloister was built to connect the two structures. We completed significant maintenance and upgrades throughout our space following a \$1.8 million capital campaign in 2016. The physical plant is in superb condition, and little deferred maintenance remains. Nonetheless, as with all older buildings, the upkeep of our physical plant remains a constant challenge.

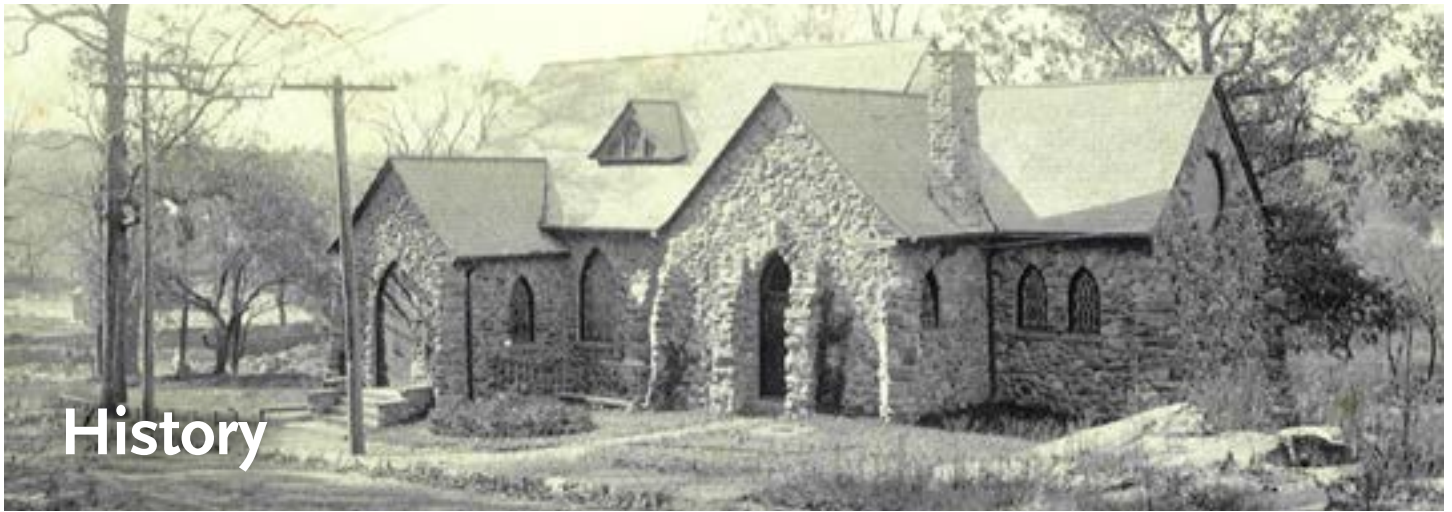
The church rectory is a recently renovated, four-bedroom single-family home located a short distance from the church, near the school, Village Hall, and Bronxville Library. A Rector's "commute" to the church is just a short walk through the bustling Bronxville business district. Adjacent to the church is the Bronxville Metro North stop to catch the train into Grand Central station. Spouses of our past rectors have regularly commuted to jobs in NYC.



Nave



Rectory



History

Christ Church Bronxville (CCB) enjoys a long and illustrious history dating back to 1898 when a few Episcopalians began meeting, just as the Village of Bronxville was incorporated by its community of 300 people. By 1902, Christ Church Bronxville had built its first church, a small fieldstone building that seated 100 parishioners. To date, nine rectors have served our church.



CCB is founded and original sanctuary built. ————— **1901**



1926 ————— New sanctuary is completed for growing parish.

Rev. Harold Hohly, 3rd Rector of CCB introduces Sarum Use to our parish, a tradition still used today.



————— **1933**



1955 ————— CCB acquires apartments and builds spaces now known as Crispell Lounge and Taylor Hall.



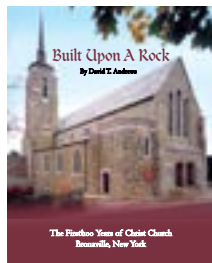
Eliza Corwin Frost Child Center of CCB opens. ————— **1973**

Arrival of Rev. Charles Minifie as 8th Rector revitalizes our parish.



1995 —————

To honor our first 100 years of rich history, CCB produces and publishes a 170-page history book. Read **Built Upon A Rock.**



————— **2001**

2004 —————



Rev. Michael Bird becomes 9th Rector of CCB bringing energy to liturgy, music, youth ministry, and outreach.

Covid-19 and departure of our Rector spur discernment of our future. ————— **2020**

2021



Looking to a bright future with our next Rector.



Finances and Stewardship

Christ Church Bronxville routinely runs on a breakeven basis; except for 2019 when we had to request relief from the Diocese on our calculated apportioned share to resolve our deficit. We have since returned to breakeven operations.

Income	2018	2019	2020	2021 (budget)
Number of Pledges/ Donations over \$1,000	148	129	119	
Total # of pledges and donations	238	239	241	
Total Plate, Donation, Pledge	\$891,000	\$826,000	\$891,000	\$775,000
Rental Income	\$137,000	\$112,509	\$115,000	\$199,500
Investment Income	17,000	19,000	0	\$15,000
Expenses				
Salaries/Benefits	54%	53%	56%	46%*
Office/Audit/ Insurance	16%	18%	19%	19%
Buildings	16%	20%	15%	19%
Apportioned Share	11%	5%	9%	14%
Other	3%	4%	1%	2%

*Christ Church Bronxville had significantly reduced personnel costs this year due to its lack of a full time Rector and the transition of the Associate Rector to part time status.

Financial Notes

Christ Church Bronxville's endowment is \$1.073 million, of which approximately 50% is unrestricted. Each year the investment committee can allocate up to 5% of the unrestricted balance for use. The remaining 50% is restricted to organ maintenance, improvements to Taylor Hall (multi-use and performing arts space) and a youth travel fund. A trustee holds a \$90,000 fund for the maintenance and improvement of the Crispell Lounge, Christ Church Bronxville's gathering and meeting space.

In 2016, Christ Church Bronxville raised \$1.8 million through a capital campaign, the majority of which has been utilized. Campaign funds were used to restore stained glass windows, renovate staff apartments, install state of the art lighting and sound systems in the sanctuary, install 115 new windows, restore the Lady Chapel and repair exteriors and roofs.

Our 2021 giving numbers have declined, which is not unexpected. Some traditionally generous members have left the area, and others have reduced their giving. We recognize that our stewardship goals cannot be achieved solely with annual drives. We know that our donor base is changing. We need to increase membership and turn to other income sources, such as coming up with ways to rent our spaces to maintain required income levels.

[Links: A Community of Pilgrims Stewardship Campaign](#) and [2020 Annual Report](#)



Our Community Tradition

Since Bronxville is at once a small village and a metropolitan area just north of New York City, there really is "something for everyone" here.

What makes Bronxville most unique are the people who live, work, and travel through our village. Many families move to Bronxville for its close-knit community, the walkability of the Village, and its vibrant downtown with shops and restaurants. The village of Bronxville is a wonderful place to raise children. The school system is consistently ranked as one of the top in the country and was one of very few which successfully and safely offered in-person

education for its students throughout the pandemic. Past rectors at Christ Church Bronxville have been actively involved in town events and have sent their children to the Bronxville School.

Residents are deeply engaged in school and village traditions that bring the whole town out into the streets: Homecoming Weekend, the Halloween Parade, the Memorial Day Parade, and Walk-to-School-Week. Each winter, our teens and tweens take part in the ecumenical Village Christmas Pageant. In June 2020, a large group of teens from our EYC marched in Bronxville's first Unity Walk.



Through Difficult Times

Church Bronxville joined together to create opportunities for worship in a safe and socially distanced way. Our community rallied to bring the ministry to parishioners at home.

+ We livestreamed noonday prayer with musical meditation each weekday as well as Sunday services with congregants joining locally and from locations as far away as Canada, the United Kingdom, the Caribbean, and even Australia. ([link to youtube musical meditation here](#))

+ Our church set up numerous cameras near the altar so that services could be filmed. Music was recorded for a wider audience. In December, our traditional Christmas Eve Christmas Crèche Service was produced as a video that was streamed at the time the service had typically been held on Christmas Eve.

+ Our choir—recording both from their own homes and from inside the church—sang hymns via Zoom.

+ Our staff singers—masked and distanced—joined livestreams of Sunday Eucharist beginning in September 2020 and resumed monthly Evensong in January 2021.



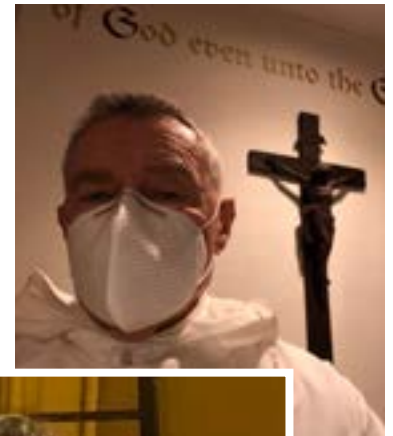
+ We offered Sunday School “to go,” providing Church School in a Box, with lessons and videos that could be completed at home.

+ Although we did not gather during services, good work for the food insecure went on. Food ministries supporting St. James’ Fordham

and Grace Episcopal in White Plains were active two weeks out of every month.

+ A stalwart group of parishioners did personal grocery shopping and delivery to elderly residents when doing so felt like a risky endeavor.





+ Blessing of the Animals in October saw parishioners in the Columbarium with their pets for this beloved tradition.

+ EYC continued to meet virtually and support the teens of the parish even as much of their world contracted during the pandemic.

+ Young at Arts was able to reimagine its program and meet using outdoor space, social distancing, and plexiglass dividers. The church and YAA produced three filmed musicals during the most solitary days of the pandemic as well as instrumental and vocal performances.

+ We returned to in-person worship celebrating Easter Sunday outdoors in our Columbarium, and in-person worship in the church resumed after Easter.

How Christ Church Bronxville reacted and responded to Covid-19 reflects exactly how we care and tend to each other during the most difficult and the most celebratory times. We expect that our new Rector will continue with outreach to our neighbors and to ourselves. We must connect and offer pastoral care no matter what the circumstance.

Visit our website and social media to gain even more insight into the vibrant Christ Church Bronxville community that we share. www.ccbny.org



What we seek in a Rector, in the words of our Parishioners:

“Someone who can translate liturgy into everyday living and fosters prayerful daily living would be a strength...a charismatic speaker, and homilist.”

“Work collegially with others, and encourage the ministry of others to meet the many needs of the parish and beyond.”

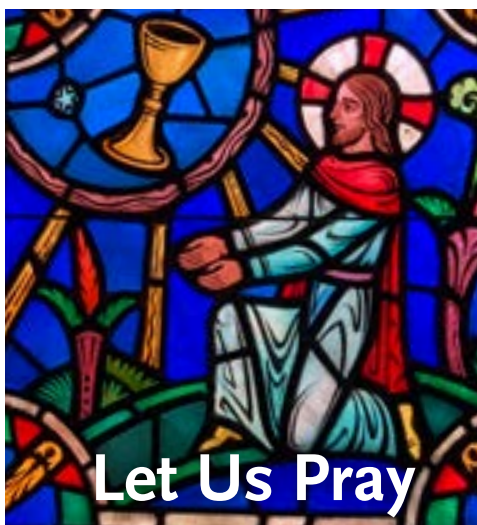
“Provide sophisticated guidance and inspiration on real world issues like parenting, helping parents, marriage, politics, building community, volunteering, and trying to be a better person.”

“Be organized and proactive about attracting new members from the community...find a new way to communicate the importance of annual giving.”

“Be very knowledgeable about the changing future of the Episcopal church to educate and activate our congregation to keep us relevant and vibrant and an example for other churches.”

“We need a Rector who is dynamic and will make his or her presence felt in the community from Day One, who wants to reach out to people and draw them in.”

If you are moved by the words you have read, and you see in yourself the spirit of our congregation, we invite you to apply to become our next Rector.



Almighty God, who knows the needs and desires of this parish; bless us with your direction and understanding in finding the next Rector for Christ Church Bronxville.

Instill in us the gifts of listening, wisdom, patience, strength, and a collaborative energy with our fellow parishioners, Vestry members, and extended community.

May we discern your will to help our parish fulfill its vision and mission together, listening for the ever-present guidance of the Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, we pray:

AMEN.