



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: *To see lives transformed through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

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The Chatter

FEBRUARY 2017

PLEASE JOIN US!!!! For a visit from Fr. Jerry Kramer and his wife, Stacy, missionaries to the Middle East FEB. 3-5, 2017.

Fr. Kramer, Anglican Priest and member of our diocese, spends most of his time with his family in both Africa (a nation there under persecution!) and Iraq. He has first hand knowledge of how the Gospel changes lives as he has planted a vibrant underground church in a region in Africa where there were no Christians! He currently is focusing on the refugee population in Iraq where he has visited eight times. He and his wife and their children will be moving there for the rest of the year after his visit to St. Bartholomew's the weekend of Feb. 3-5.

We have several events scheduled for their time with us. They are as follows:

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH EVENT: 7 pm Friday FEB. 3

"Learning How to Follow Jesus: Be a Disciple, Make Disciples.": 10 AM - 2 PM - LUNCH SERVED AT NOON - you can come to the AM and/or PM sessions.

Fr. Kramer and his wife Stacy will be at all four services on Feb. 4 & 5, as well.

I hope you can come and show your support for two of our own who are on the front lines of ministry to those who are persecuted and displaced.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ward

St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

Also see our [Facebook](#) page for more!



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VESTRY

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD!!!

As of January 3, 2017, 136 pledges totaling \$393,496.60 have been received. Last year, as of January 6, 2016, 143 pledges for \$419,966 were received. On January 5, 2015, 148 pledges for \$423,921.

Members of the Vestry were commissioned at the beginning of the January 22 services. They will also have badges, similar to the Usher's, so members of the congregation can rely any concerns to them.

The final total that was sent to each of the recipients of our Advent/Christmas offerings will be in the March Chatter.

YOUR 2017 VESTRY



Left to Right: James Hyzy, Tim Fildes, Jeff Westerman,
Susan Tobin, Jim Thompson (Jr. Warden), Robert Derrett,
Lori Abramo, John Hillestad II (Sr. Warden), M.J. Brzeczkowski,
Rich Heer, Jim Glownia, Diane Moyer

PRAY for those in the ARMED FORCES

**Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in
the Armed Forces in your prayers:**

Jason Driscoll– US Army

Jason Duffy– US Army

Matthew Fildes– US Marines

James Kerins– US Army

A.J. Matteliano– US Army

Anthony Prohaska– US Marines

Matthew Prohaska– US Air Force

Andrew Rebl– US Army

Brandon Schessl– US Army

Andrew Welkley– US Air Force



**Please let the church office know if there is anyone that needs
to be added to or deleted from this prayer list.**



BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

The total of the Gift Shop's Christmas Sale was \$350.00. Thanks to all donors and customers!

Our 2017 budget is posted on the Gift Shop door.

February 25-26: Soup Sale

March 11: Lenten Brunch. Speaker will be from the Historical Society

April 29: Exercise Class

June 1: Spring Banquet



BUNDLES FOR BABIES: Please bring new or gently used items to the Gift Shop and label for Cornerstone Manor. There is always a need for these items. We will deliver them.

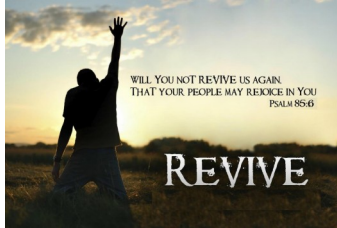
THREADS OF HOPE: Please bring any small household items, linens, etc., to the Gift Shop and mark them for Carol Siock.

Please continue to drop your DASH'S tapes in the bag on the Gift Shop door.





FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Prayer for Revival:

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 13, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we pray for the concerns facing our nation, our state, and our community.

YOUTH WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 11th, from 11am-1pm we are holding another youth worship workshop. All kids, ages 13 and up are invited to come and learn about different aspects of being on a worship team. We will be focusing specifically on vocals for those who want to learn more about singing, but we welcome anyone with any musical abilities.



Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study

Every other Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm

Our mission: To grow ever closer to the Lord through a greater understanding of His Word, with study, prayer and praise, and through fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

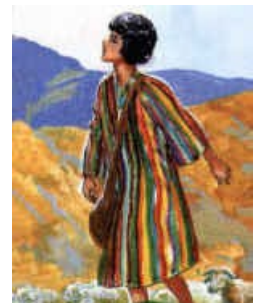
Beginning in February we will be doing a study of **JOSEPH**, from the Old Testament

(He of the multi-colored coat!)

February meetings are the 7th and 21st

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!! Study materials are provided. Bring your own Bible (a study Bible, if you have one) and a friend. All are welcomed for a time of study, prayer, fellowship and sharing.

Questions? Call Louise Jones (716) 874-0526



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



THANK YOU. We would like to thank the clergy and congregation of St. Bart's for all the prayers and cards and support we have received from you during a difficult time. Words cannot express how much your kindness and love has been appreciated. We pray God's blessings for you all.

Jan and Dick Smalter



Samaritan's Purse Movie/Documentary, "**Facing Darkness**" is about Dr. Kent Brantly's experience in Africa while taking care of Ebola patients, then coming down with Ebola himself. The movie chronicles the Ebola pandemic, Samaritan's Purse response, 2 team members becoming critically ill with Ebola and God's never failing promises to never leave us nor forsake us once we decide to follow Him. This powerful film features Dr. Kent Brantly, Franklin Graham, Nancy Writebol, and other Samaritan's Purse team members, who—with faith, determination, and prayer—witnessed God perform miracles!

The movie is showing **one night only, March 30th at 7:00 PM**, and only at the "Transit Center 18 Plus Imax Theatre" located at 6707 Transit Road in Williamsville.

FOOD PANTRY: 47 bags of food and personal products were donated in January. There is always a need, especially this time of year. Please continue to be as generous as you can.



Articles for the MARCH Chatter are due by February 21st.

Thank you.

February Birthdays

February 1 Joseph Albrecht Jr.

February 2 Allison Hillery, Mary Lawson,
Scott Suchy

February 3 Barbara Chiaravelle,
Samantha Crane, Brittany Wilkowski

February 4 Carol Brock, Dorothea Haase,
Janice Incorvaia, Constance Prohaska

February 5 Eric Brylinski

February 6 Eugenio Forte, Derek Wiertel

February 7 Anthony Brunner, Ann Camp,
Earl Farley, Jr.

February 8 David Saunders

February 9 Joseph Ackerman,
Michael Chiaravelle, Linda Doran,
Conner Moyer, Pamela Rusch,
Theresa Shipman

February 10 Judy Curtis, Winifred Gilham,
Lauren Gradzewicz,
Maddalena Prohaska,
Constance Sander

February 11 Colleen Reichard, Jason Simon,
Evelyn Stacks

February 12 James Borsellino,
Matthew Fildes, Mike Hilliker,
Nancy Hunter

February 13 Colton Machelor

February 14 Anthony Horvath,
Nicholas Slingerland

February 15 Emma Hillery

February 17 Michael Bergamasco,
Anthony Matteliano, Peter Militello Jr.

February 18 Jillian Meacham, Mark Rieman

February 19 Shirlley Fell

February 20 Mary Gray, Sharon Tarapata,
Corrine Welch, AnnaLee Wilkinson

February 21 Marie Crosby, Minor McCorkle

February 22 Tyler Delisanti, Brooke Ganci,
Russell Kopp, James Lobdell

February 23 Laina Morgante, Lorna Williams

February 24 Heather Kopp

February 25 Kristopher Attwood,
Brenna Luckoski, Robert Small

February 26 David Uptegrove,
Deborah Zurzuski

February 27 Scott Socha

February 28 Sonia Delisanti, Jessica Passino

February 29 Fr. Patrick White





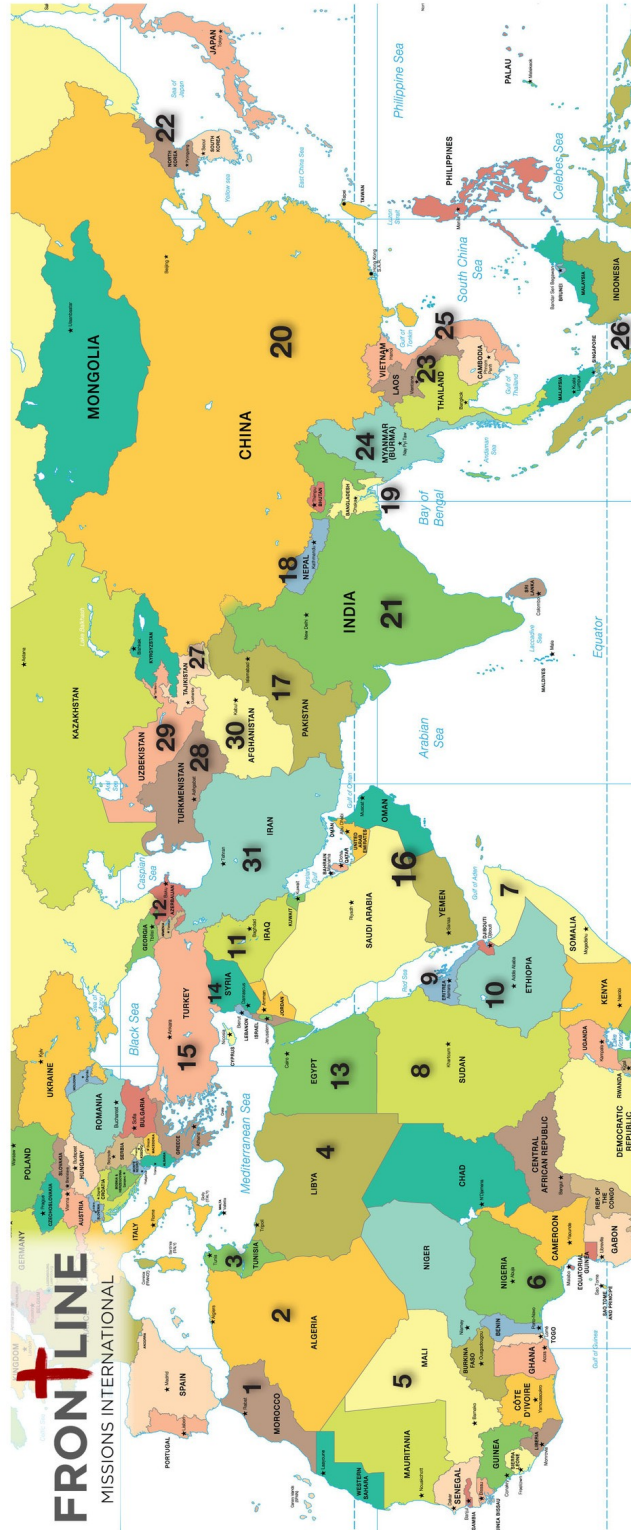
FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Members' Class</p>	<p>6 6pm Pizza & Movie Night</p>	<p>7 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 7:00pm Vestry</p>	<p>1 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 5pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Youth Group NO Sr. Choir</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7pm Persecuted Church Event with Fr. J. Kraemer</p>	<p>4 10am - 2 pm with Fr. Jerry Kraemer 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE</p>
<p>12 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study Bishop Scaife Guild Soup Sale 1pm New Members' Class</p>	<p>13 7pm Prayer for Revival</p>	<p>14 6:30pm Men's Discipleship</p>	<p>8 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 8:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 10:30am Conf. class 11am-1pm Youth Worship Workshop 4:30pm HE Bishop Scaife Guild Soup Sale</p>
<p>19 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Members' Class</p>	<p>20 President's Day Office closed 7am Youth Group/SKI TRIP 7pm BARRA</p>	<p>21 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship</p>	<p>15 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 5pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE</p>
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PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

1. **Morocco** | 32.3 million people
99% Muslim, 1% Christian
2. **Algeria** | 35.4 million people
99% Muslim, 1% Christian & other
3. **Tunisia** | 10.7 million people
98% Muslim, 2% Christian & other
4. **Libya** | 6.7 million people
97% Muslim, 3% other
5. **Mali** | 14.5 million people
90% Muslim, 9% indigenous, 1% Christian
6. **Nigeria** | 170.1 million people
50% Muslim, 40% Christian, 10% indigenous
7. **Somalia** | 10.1 million people
100% Sunni Muslim
8. **Sudan** | 34.2 million people
70% Muslim, 25% indigenous, 5% Christian
9. **Eritrea** | 6.1 million people
48% Muslim, 47% Christian
10. **Ethiopia** | 93.8 million people
44% Orthodox, 34% Muslim, 19% Protestant
11. **Iraq** | 31.1 million people
97% Muslims, 3% Christian & other
12. **Azerbaijan** | 9.5 million people
94% Muslim, 6% Christian & other
13. **Egypt** | 83.7 million people
90% Muslim, 10% Christian
14. **Syria** | 22.5 million people
90% Muslim, 10% Christian
15. **Turkey** | 79.7 million people
99.8% Muslim, 0.2% Christian
16. **Arabian Peninsula** | 64.2 million people
98% Muslim, 2% Christian & other
17. **Pakistan** | 190.3 million people
95% Muslim, 5% other
18. **Nepal** | 29.9 million people
81% Hindu, 11% Buddhist, 8% other
19. **Bangladesh** | 161.1 million people
90% Muslim, 9% Hindu, 1% other
20. **China** | 1.34 billion people
Officially atheist, 3-4% Christian
21. **India** | 1.2 billion people
80% Hindu, 13% Muslim, 2% Christian
Religious activity almost nonexistent
22. **North Korea** | 24.6 million people
Religious activity almost nonexistent
23. **Laos** | 6.6 million people
67% Buddhist, 1.5% Christian
24. **Burma** | 54.6 million people
89% Buddhist, 4% Christian, 4% Muslim



25. **Vietnam** | 91.5 million people
81% none, 9% Buddhist, 7% Christian
26. **Indonesia** | 248.2 million people
86% Muslim, 9% Christian
27. **Tajikistan** | 7.8 million people
90% Muslim, 10% other
28. **Turkmenistan** | 5.1 million people
89% Muslim, 9% Orthodox, 2% unknown
29. **Uzbekistan** | 28.4 million people
88% Muslim, 9% Orthodox, 3% other
30. **Afghanistan** | 30.4 million people
99% Muslim, 1% other
31. **Iran** | 78.9 million people
98% Muslim, 2% other

This prayer calendar focuses on many countries known for having the worst persecution and the least Gospel light. It is designed to provide a means of specific intercession for grace and boldness for our brothers and sisters in the world's difficult places and a way to day-by-day take up the instruction of Hebrews 13:3, "Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them."

31 DAYS

CIA World Factbook 2012

Laughter is the best medicine!

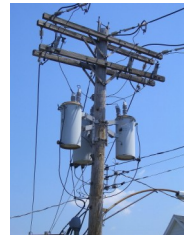
If olive oil comes from olives and corn oil comes from corn then where does baby oil come from?



If quitters never win and winners never quit, then why do we say 'Quit while you're ahead?'



The Sunday School class listened as their teacher described how Lot's wife looked back on the destruction of Sodom and turned into a pillar of salt. Meg's hand went up. "My mom looked back once while driving," the girl announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

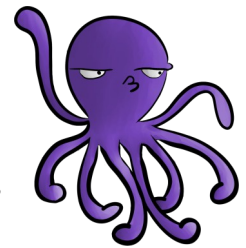


A boy went into a pet shop and asked the manager: "Do you have any puppies going cheap?"

"No, son, I don't," replied the manager. "All of the puppies here go woof, woof."



The baby octopus complained to the Creator about being an octopus. God asked, "What's so bad about being an octopus?" The octopus replied, "Do you have any idea how long it takes me to wash my hands before dinner?"



What did the pony say when he woke up with a sore throat? Nothing because he was a little hoarse.



Don't let stress get you down! Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

