



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Mission: To proclaim the truth and love of the Lord Jesus Christ in word and deed by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God the Father.

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The Chatter

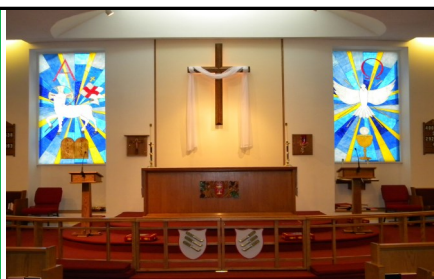
DECEMBER 2015

Legacy Giving and the Church: During the last year and a half, two of our long time members, Donald Schauf and Lois Gizynski-Kipa went home to be with the Lord. Both included St. Bart's in their estate giving. Don left 10% of his estate and Lois had taken out a life insurance policy for the church. They had indicated to me how they felt it important to remember St. Bart's and to give back to the Lord when He called them home. We are certainly grateful for their generosity as we are for the generosity of all our members. However, their example led me to seriously think about the continued blessing we can be, even after our work on earth is done. A legacy is something of value we leave behind for others. During my sermon series celebrating our 60 years as a parish, I spoke of the godly legacy that has been St. Bart's. Literally thousands of people's lives have been impacted for the good as a result of our church's existence these many years.

During the seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas we are reminded of how much we truly have been blessed as Christians and Americans. In response to God's blessings we are called to give back. Most of the time, however, we think that such giving is merely for the present. But our present giving does indeed impact the future, and our estate giving does so as well. So I simply share this as something to pray on and consider when you plan your will. I look forward to seeing you this Holy Season as we anticipate and celebrate the Lord's Coming and Return!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Ward

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VESTRY NEWS

Fr. Ward did a two-part sermon series looking at the SWOT results and sharing how the congregation can participate in discerning God's vision, purpose, and plan for our parish. It was in the context of looking back at the last 60 years as we celebrated our 60th anniversary last month.

New shades, in memory of Lois Gizynski-Kipa, have been installed in all the second floor classroom windows, the downstairs Fellowship Hall and smaller Youth Room. It was decided to also replace the blinds on the rest of the first floor in memory of Donald Schauf.

The annual church election for four Vestry members will be Saturday and Sunday, December 5 & 6.

The Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas offerings will be distributed to Kairos Prison Ministries, Buffalo City Mission, Fr. & Mrs. Marc Jacobson, Anglican Missionaries-Philippines, and Edu-nations.

The corner wall on the center entrance way side of the Fellowship Hall will be replaced in the same fashion as the other moveable wall on the far side across from the kitchen was replaced.

BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD NEWS

The Guild's Annual Christmas Sale/Baked Goods Sale will be Saturday, December 5th. Please bring any Christmas items to the church by Thursday, December 3.

Sunday, December 13, boxes of cookies will be made for our shut-ins. Please bring your cookie donations in on Saturday, December 12, and leave them in the kitchen marked "Cookie Ingathering," so they do not get used for coffee hour. Please check the hallway by the Gift Shop on Sunday, to see if you can deliver any of the cookies.



BUNDLES FOR BABIES: Please bring donations of new and slightly used baby items to the Gift Shop. Please mark them for Cornerstone Manor because we occasionally have donations of baby items for the Gift Shop.

THREADS OF HOPE: Bring items in good condition- towels, sheets, dishes, pots and pans, etc. to the Gift Shop and mark them for Carol Siock.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR **DASH'S RECEIPTS** - DEPOSIT THEM IN THE BAG ON THE GIFT SHOP DOOR.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Please let the church office know if you have a change of address, or if you are away and changing your address temporarily or stopping mail. Thank you , from the church secretaries.

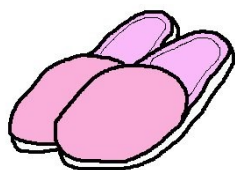
FOOD PANTRY: HOORAY!! SEVENTY (that's 70)

bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in November. Please try to remember this vital outreach to our community every month. Please bring your items on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** so that our "Food Pantry Delivery Angels" only have to make one trip. Thank you.



Please remember that the group hosting the Thanksgiving Dinner is collecting **SOUP Cans** to give to the Food Pantry. They will be taken to the pantry on December 7th.

SLIPPERS FOR CHRISTMAS: We will be collecting slippers for



the women and children of **Cornerstone Manor** in the large box in the Fr. Amend Hall until December 3. Any size, large or small, boys or girls, is greatly appreciated.



The **Altar Guild** will be cleaning the church for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 12, beginning at 9:00am. Bring some cleaning supplies and elbow grease and join them.



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Articles for the JANUARY Chatter are due no later than **DECEMBER 20**.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St. Bartholomew's Annual Christmas Pageant will be December 13th, 2015 at 4pm. We have ONLY 2 rehearsals left, Sunday, December 6th from 6 - 8pm in Father Amend Hall and the full dress rehearsal on the pageant date at 1:30pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Hillestad
876-1983, usmasbc@aol.com or Lindsay Tobin at 507-3125.



St. Bart's Angels: As winter approaches in western New York we find ourselves digging out clothing suitable for colder temperatures. Unfortunately not all of our Brothers and Sisters have that luxury. Many will be cold.

Over the past decade St Bart's Angels have tried to remedy this problem. With the help of volunteers who have sewn, knitted, crocheted or donated supplies and money, we have donated hundred's of warm items to various organizations that deal with the less fortunate.

Over the past few years our numbers have decreased and our donations have as well.

To date we have delivered 100 hats, 17 blankets, 24 scarves, 7 pairs of slippers and 5 pairs of gloves.



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If you feel that God is calling you to help His people in this way please contact Diane Heer at 716-692-3649 or by email at bubagram@gmail.com

God Bless you this Christmas Season

Diane Heer & the St.Bart's Angels

To our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Tom and I would like to
"THANK YOU" all for the cards, phone calls, and most of all, your
prayers while Tom was in the hospital.

Yours in Christ,

Tom and Kathy Houston



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

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.

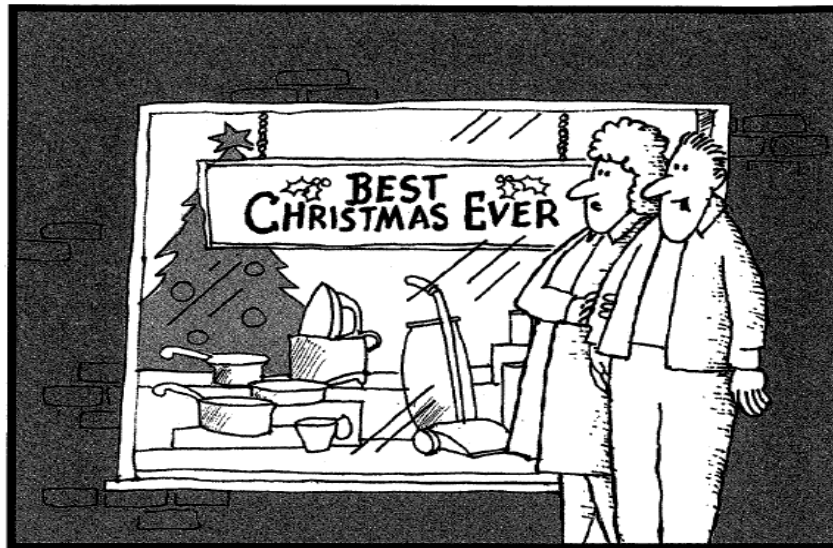
A Little Humor Goes a Long Way

Standing in front of the inn, the young Sunday schooler playing Joseph in the Christmas program forgot his lines. From the side of the stage, his teacher prompted him, saying, “Remember, you and Mary have traveled a long time, and you’re tired and thirsty. What do you say to the innkeeper?” The boy brightened and shouted, “Excuse me, sir, but can you give us some lemonade?”



(From “Hey! Christians Have a Sense of Humor, Too!” P. Mitchell)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:



“I thought the first one was.”

UPCOMING CONCERT

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23, for a night of music by Chris Wilson. Chris will be entertaining us with the style and music of John Denver, as well as many contemporary Christian songs. It will be an evening you will NOT want to miss!!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD was a HUGE success. This year we collected a record 82 shoe boxes, each filled with love which will help to share the love of Christ with children all over the world. Thank you for your very generous support of this project.



St. Bart's Travelers Group



A large group of St. Bart's members and friends attended a BPO concert featuring the music of Simon and Garfunkle. The concert was preceded by coffee and donuts in their fellowship hall. It looks like they all had a great time. Thank you to Brenda Wisz for organizing this event, and to Mike Wisz for taking pictures.

The group also went to see a production of "Camelot." Thank you to Sharon Hughes for coordinating this event, and again, to our resident photographer, Mike Wisz.



FOOTSTEPS



Several of our youth recently attended a FOOTSTEPS retreat in Erie, Pa. Footsteps is a three day retreat run by high school students for high school students, to help them grow in their walk with Christ.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1 Marcia Brock, Khloe Kibby
December 2 Lucas Fish
December 4 Thomas Slayton, Carolee Waite
December 5 Richard Hermann, Lindsay Tobin,
Carol Woeppel
December 6 Thomas MacLaey
December 7 Judith Vine
December 8 Audrey Dryja,
Jennifer Guggemos, Kathleen Ward
December 9 Debra Allen, Marilyn Alliger
December 10 Dorothy Bamberg, Joan Brown,
Patrick Dake, Lois Metcalf,
Alexandra Zanni, Karen Zuefle
December 11 Russell Ballaro, Amanda Daniele,
Susan Tobin
December 12 Scott Calhoun, Robert Fish Jr.,
Catherine Hawthorn, John Hillestad II,
Jeremy Merrick
December 14 Joan Amend, Jim Hubbard,
James Kibby, Peter Passino
December 15 Peter Passino, Louise Jones,
Corey Richner
December 16 Ronald Horvath, Patricia Schreier
December 17 Richard Fahs, Kathy George

December 18 Frances Ballaro, Jeremy Moyer,
Emily Small
December 19 Krista Glowonia, Jean Houck,
Linda Pollino
December 20 Benjamin Henneberger,
Joshua Merrick
December 21 Justin Dibble, Jennifer Marcinelli,
Caitlin Reed
December 23 Renee Weber
December 24 Carol Krieger
December 25: OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST
December 26 Ann Miller
December 27 Janina Heacock, Kristie Kibby,
Margaret Wahl
December 28 Madeline Wahl
December 29 David Buckley, Molly Delisanti,
Sarah Delisanti, Nicholas Jones
December 30 Anne Karam, Diane Lobdell
December 31 Lisa Boyle, Julie Ciccarelli,
Marietta Lipomi, Edward Reichard



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

The Very Rev. Fr. Arthur W. Ward, Jr.
The Rev. Fr. Richard Molison
The Rev. Fr. Patrick White
The Rev. Dn. John Reitz

TOWN OF TONAWANDA, NY

Dean & Rector
Assisting Priest
Assisting Priest
CEM Director

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES December 24, 2015

4 PM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST

At the 4:00pm service we will have our special Sunday School Childrens' Program for Pre K through 4th grade *upstairs* in the resource room.

7 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

A SACRED MUSIC RECITAL WILL BE PRESENTED AT 10:30PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

11 PM MIDNIGHT HOLY EUCHARIST

Note: 4PM, 7PM & 11PM services will have incense.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10am Friday, December 25, 2015
No choir or incense.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016.

THE HOLY SEASON OF CHRISTMAS LASTS FOR 12 DAYS! - from December 25 - January 5, and is called the Twelve Days of Christmas. As the somber reflection and joyful expectation of the Advent Season ends, the members of Christ's Church are to break out with exuberant rejoicing and celebration in knowing that God has visited us in the Lord Jesus Christ! Remember Christmas does not end on December 25, it only begins!

THE ADVENT OFFERING ENVELOPE may be returned at any time during the Advent/Christmas season through any of the Christmas services, 12/24 - 12/27/15.

ARE ALL YOUR PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2015 TURNED IN?

Each unused envelope is a loss of anticipated revenue pledged to God, which will have to be made up by someone else.

BUDGET FOR 2016. Please turn in your pledge card if you haven't already done so. Offering envelopes for 2016 will be mailed directly to the homes of all who turned in a pledge card. Thank you!

BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD COOKIE INGATHERING will be held on December 12th & 13th. See Chatter for more details.

ADVENT MANGER SUNDAY is scheduled for December 13. Children are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for needy children in Western New York.

ADULT NEW MEMBER CLASSES will begin January 24th at 1pm on Sundays. Please see Fr. Ward if interested.

MANY THANKS TO the soloists and choirs for all the beautiful music throughout the year! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SING WITH US for the Advent and Christmas season, please speak to Mr. Gamble. We would love to have you!

DECEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm Vestry	2 9:30am HE 6:00pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	3	4	5 10:30am Conf. Class 10am Guild Christmas & Bake Sale 4:30pm HE followed by Parish Election
6 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS Parish Election 6:00pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	7	8 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	9 9:30am HE 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	10	11	12 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
13 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS Guild cookie Ingathering 1:30pm Rehearsal 4:00pm Christmas Pageant	14	15 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	16 9:30am HE 6pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes NO Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	17	18	19 Altar Guild cleaning and Conf. breakfast 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
20 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS	21 6pm BARRA	22 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	23 NO HE NO Youth Group	24 4pm SS Birthday Party for Jesus 6:30 & 10:30pm Carol Sing 4, 7 & 11pm HE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10am HE	26 NO Conf. Class NO 4:30pm HE
27 8, 9:15 & 11am HE No SS today	28	29 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	30 NO HE NO Choir rehearsals NO Youth Group	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

DECEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 AZERBAIJAN Pray that believers will not be affected by the widespread corruption.	2 NORTH KOREA Pray for Kim Jong Un.	3 MALDIVES Pray for weekly radio programs that broadcast the gospel in this very closed nation.	4 JORDAN Pray that Islamic movements sweeping the area will not hinder Jordan's relative religious freedom.	5 MINDANAO (PHILIPPIN Pray for believers who are driven out of their homes and threatened by rebels.
6 BURMA (MYANMAR) Pray for Christians who have fled to the jungle to avoid military abuse.	7 CHIAPAS (MEXICO) Pray for Governor Manuel Velasco Coella.	8 ISRAEL Pray for peace in Israel and for the wisdom of its leaders.	9 CUBA Pray for evangelical Christians, who face discrimination, harassment and government scrutiny.	10 LAOS Pray for new Hmong believer Qhua Xiong, who is being persecuted by his family.	11 KUWAIT Pray for the underground church as it grows and becomes more public.	12 SENEGAL Pray for Senegalese Christians, who are sometimes beaten and even poisoned because of their faith.
13 IRAQ Pray that Christian broadcasting will remain an effective tool for reaching Muslims in Baghdad, Basra and Mosul.	14 MOROCCO Pray for VOM's ongoing work with persecuted Moroccan Christians.	15 INDIA Pray for Pastor "Caleb" and other pastors who have been attacked and beaten for proclaiming the gospel.	16 BURMA (MYANMAR) More than 3,000 Christian villages have been burned in the last 10 years. Pray for those affected.	17 TURKMENISTAN Pray for President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov.	18 BANGLADESH Pray that Christians will stand strong amid persecution from Muslims and Buddhists.	19 OMAN Pray for creativity in ministry to children, as all schools require Islamic teaching.
20 JORDAN Pray for the VOM-supported indigenous evangelistic and discipleship network.	21 JORDAN Pray for the growth of new believers like "Rashid" who face family persecution.	22 INDIA Pray for VOM's work providing Bibles, literature, leadership training, evangelistic films and projectors.	23 NEPAL Pray for Abheek, Shichung and Chhedar, who were persecuted because of their Christian witness.	24 PAKISTAN Pray that members of the Taliban and Muslim extremist groups will hear and believe the gospel.	25 VENEZUELA Pray for President Nicolas Maduro Moros.	26 AFGHANISTAN Pray for those who participate in Christian activities, which are deemed un-Islamic by the Taliban.
27 LEBANON Pray for President Michel Sulayman.	28 UZBEKISTAN Pray for the strength of Christians who are tortured when they refuse to renounce their Christian faith.	29 PAKISTAN Pray for "Qabil Matar," who ministers in a dangerous area near the border with Afghanistan.	30 SENEGAL Pray for outreaches to street children, who are forced by Muslim leaders to beg.	31 COLOMBIA Pray for Pastor "James" and his four daughters. The pastor's wife was shot to death by FARC guerrillas.	1	2

Add Christian believers in restricted and hostile nations to your Christmas list. Provide a Christmas Care or Village Outreach pack this month at www.vombooks.com.



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