



# 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

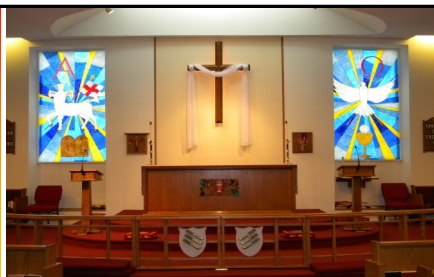
NOVEMBER 2015

### **THIS MONTH MARKS THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S!!!**

In November of 1955, 50 members from Advent Episcopal Church in Kenmore stepped out in faith to begin a new mission named St. Bartholomew's. Who knew that this tiny mission would flourish and grow into the strongest and most vibrant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of WNY? In 1965, Bishop Scaife appointed Fr. Russell Amend to St. Bartholomew's to be its third vicar. Many new families were moving in to the area and the Town of Tonawanda had one of the largest school districts in the state. Bishop Scaife knew that our mission needed an able leader to move it forward. It was under Fr. Amend's leadership that St. Bartholomew's went from a mission to parish status the following year, and thus he became our first rector in 1966. Through Fr. Amend's ministry of strong biblical preaching and teaching, and fidelity to the catholic faith, our parish grew and thrived into a congregation of over 1000 members.

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St. Bart's Web Information  
[www.stbartston.org](http://www.stbartston.org)  
Also see our Facebook page  
for more!



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## **(Fr. Ward's Message, continued from Page 1)**

In 1995, Fr. Amend called Fr. Ward, a young newly ordained seminarian, to be the next curate. After Fr. Amend's retirement in 1998, the Vestry asked Fr. Ward to succeed Fr. Amend as the parish's second rector. Under Fr. Ward's leadership St. Bartholomew's weathered the storm of an Episcopal Church that had turned its back on the authority of God's Word. In 2008, after five years of prayerful discernment and preparation, virtually the entire congregation agreed to separate from the Episcopal Church, while still remaining in the Anglican Communion. This decision meant leaving our beloved building and grounds at 1088 Brighton Road. But the Lord honored our faithfulness and provided a bigger and better building in the former Jewish Temple Beth-El less than a mile away! We also were able to join the newly formed Anglican Church in North America when Fr. Ward was present at its founding meeting in Ft. Worth, Texas in June of 2009. Since then we have been working with our fellow faithful Anglican brothers and sisters to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We have also partnered with other area churches who, though they may not be Anglican, are Christ-centered and Bible believing!

Now that we are entering our 61st year, we still have much work to do. The spirit of the antichrist and secular humanism has only intensified in our society. Many families continue to move out of Western New York. And yet, the light of Christ can shine even brighter in the deepest darkness. The key is to remain faithful to Jesus! My prayer is that all of us would not lose heart but that we would continue to follow the Lord and let His Holy Spirit show us how we can be more effective in sharing the truth and love of Christ. God has blessed us tremendously these last sixty years and I believe He will continue to do so as we seek FIRST His Kingdom and His righteousness!

Faithfully yours,  
Fr. Ward

# VESTRY NEWS

Grove Roofing is in the process of finishing roof repairs to the area above the sanctuary.

New Blinds in the 2nd floor classrooms and the downstairs youth room will be purchased and installed by *Budget Blinds*, courtesy of a memorial gift in memory of Lois Gizynski-Kipa. Doors will be replaced in two of the upstairs classrooms, too.

The retractable wall between the Fellowship hall and hallway will be replaced by a solid wall. The wall panels will be stored and used as replacements, if needed to repair other retractable walls in the building.

The Annual Church Election for FOUR new Vestry members will be held after services on Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th.



## BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD NEWS

Don't forget to check your Christmas decorations and bring those you haven't used for a few years to the Guild's Annual Christmas Sale before December 3rd. We will be setting up our sale on Friday, December 4. We will be having a baked goods sale, also, on Saturday, December 5th.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Dec. 5– Christmas Sale

Dec. 13– Cookie Ingathering (for our shut-ins)

March 5– Lenten Brunch

June 5– Spring Banquet



**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:** *ONLY 42 bags of food* were taken to the Food Pantry in October. Our total giving was down again this month. 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.**



**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.



Our Annual **THANKSGIVING DINNER** will be held Thursday, November 26, from 3 ‘til 8 pm, for small families and those who would otherwise be alone on Thanksgiving day. If you will not be attending, please consider donating a few cans of soup for the Food Pantry, in addition to your regular monthly donation. For more information, please see David Curtis.



**PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH** ministry will meet Monday, November 9th at 7:00pm. Please come join us to discuss how we can help those being persecuted. We will also have a time to pray for those suffering for the cause of Christ. They desperately need our prayers!!

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



We will once again be supporting **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**, through Samaritan's Purse, and collecting SHOE BOXES full of goodies for children all over the world who might not get a Christmas gift otherwise. Your donation of small toys, school supplies, hard candies, etc. (and \$7.00 to cover shipping), helps to shine the light of Jesus in their lives. **The LAST DAY to bring your *filled* shoe box to the church is Sunday, November 22.** Empty boxes and more information will be available in the Fr. Amend Hall. See Molly Sammarco if you have any questions, and ***please be as generous as possible.***

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear St. Bart's Congregation:

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26 at 9:25am, we will be presenting our **2nd annual YOUTH RECITAL**. Last year's recital was very successful.

If you have a child, ages 6—20 (or know of one that might be interested in performing) please let us know as soon as possible and we'll set up an audition. Vocalists, instrumentalists, duets, etc. are all welcome!

Please contact us at [mandtgamble@hotmail.com](mailto:mandtgamble@hotmail.com) or [jon.eileen@roadrunner.com](mailto:jon.eileen@roadrunner.com)

or by phone: 832-6327 ; 835-9162

and we'll go from there.

Terry Gamble & Eileen Arnold



**St. Bartholomew's Annual Christmas Pageant** will be December 13th, 2015 at 4pm. - In preparation for this year's pageant, we will again have **ONLY 2** rehearsals! Anyone (ages 3-18) who is interested in participating must attend both rehearsals, Sunday, November 22nd and Sunday, December 6th from 6 - 8pm in Father Amend Hall. Everyone will need to be at the full dress rehearsal on the pageant date at 1:30pm as well.

Also, we are seeking musically talented youth (under age 20) to play special music before and during the pageant. Please bring a completely prepared selection suitable for the season to the auditions on Sunday November 22nd at 4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Hillestad 876-1983, [usmasbc@aol.com](mailto:usmasbc@aol.com) or Lindsay Tobin at 507-3125.



# 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:

***Andrew Arway– US Army***

***Jason Driscoll– US Army***

***Jason Duffy– US Army***

***James Kerins– 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 need to be added to or deleted from this prayer list.

# NORTHTOWN PREGNANCY CENTER



Brenda Wisz and Debbie McGuire were just 2 of the many people who walked around Kenmore to raise funds for and bring awareness to the Northtown Pregnancy Center's many programs and services.





# LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY



Over 25 people from St. Bart's joined hundreds of other people from churches all around the area to bring awareness to the issue of abortion. They stood along Niagara Falls Boulevard carrying pro-life, anti-abortion messages.

# TRAVELER'S CLUB TRIP

## To Lancaster, PA



Over 50 people went to Lancaster, PA, September 22-24, and had a wonderful time. The first evening was full of laughter as we were entertained by Muriel Forte and Jim Thompson doing the Chicken Dance, while Jon Welkley stood

watch. We were then entertained by a ventriloquist and his many friends. Several people from St. Bart's got into the act. We were all amazed by the singing talents of Jim Thompson, MJ Brzeczowski, and Dick Volkert.

# TRAVELER'S CLUB, continued

The second day we went to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see a terrific adaptation of the story of "Joseph." Then it was off to the American Music Theater to hear a variety of music, accompanied by theatrical dance. By the time we returned to our hotel everyone was ready to relax.



Please consider joining us on our next adventure. ALL are welcome and you won't be disappointed!!



# TRAVELER'S CLUB, continued



Our day trip (10/17/15) to the Medina Railroad and Museum was great. We toured the museum first, then had an approximately 2 hour train ride to see the fall foliage and some of the sights of Lockport. We then went on to *Gordie Harper's* for lunch and a little bit of shopping. A **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to **Sharon Hughes** for organizing this fabulous day, and another big **THANK YOU** to **Mike Wisz** for being our wonderful photographer.

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1 Andrew LaDuca,  
Margaret McCarthy

November 2 Brianna Hayes, Jason Urbanski

November 3 Patricia Emmons,  
Sarah McCarthy, Paul Wydro

November 4 David Kisloski, Mark LaDuca,  
Riley McAndrews, Cathy Reitz,  
Renee Szymanski

November 5 Karen Dolce, Larry Miller,  
Carrie Ann Wiser

November 6 Hunter Hayes, Sharon Lukacz

November 7 Cayden Burr, Anthony Martin

November 9 Robert Brunner,  
Channing Seymour, Dorothea Volkert

November 10 Autumn Bush, Lou Cabello,  
Marilyn Commins, Judy Karnuth,  
Norma Passino

November 11 Muriel Forte, Russell LaDuca,  
Caitlyn Siegel

November 12 James Glowonia, Diane Hyzy

November 13 Pamela Austin,  
Janelle Chiaravalle, Tami Decker,  
Patrick McHenry

November 14 Robert Boyle, Nancy Brylinski

November 15 Madelyn Brompton

November 16 Michael Hillary

November 19 Robert Brunner, Alice Csont,  
Paul Faust, Helen Hill, Michael Scuto,  
Lee Sullivan

November 20 Ella Burr, Justin Johnson,  
Wendy Knapp, Joan Luczak

November 21 Lisa Borzilleri, Jean Lipinoga

November 22 Jacob Bush, Irene Scranton

November 23 Louis Oliveri Jr.

November 24 John Calabrese, Diane Merrick,  
Caiden Socha

November 25 Ronald Derrett

November 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November 27 Aubrey Bailor, Andrew Hillary III

November 28 Holly Milewski, Thomas Passino,  
James Weiser

November 29 Dee Borzilleri, Isabel Gradzewicz,  
Isabel Luckoski, Melissa Sammarco

November 30 Jay Blake, Krista Clontz,  
Skye DeLuca, Thomas Houston,



# THANKSGIVING INVITATION

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
TOWN OF TONAWANDA, NY

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

REQUESTS THE HONOR  
OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AT A DINNER

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**TO BE GIVEN IN HIS HONOR**

THANKSGIVING DAY  
November 26, 2015  
8:00AM and 10:00AM

Remember the first invitation in  
Matthew 22:1-14?

OUR THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES are at 8 & 10 am.  
Remember to give thanks to Almighty God for His benefits to us  
this past year. Emphasize the spiritual benefits of the day by  
including your company in your celebration at church as well as  
sharing food at your table at home. Receiving Holy Communion  
on this holiday is an appropriate way to honor our Lord Jesus, as  
well as gathering together our families with our church family.

PLAN ON ATTENDING THE "YOUTH RECITAL" at 9:30am  
before the 10am service on Thanksgiving Day. You will be  
blessed!

CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS FOR YOUR PLEDGE-  
TITHE FOR OUR 2016 BUDGET.

THE ADVENT-ENVELOPE is included in your packet of offering  
envelopes with the hope of returning the true meaning of Advent  
as a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ into our  
hearts in our Christmas Communion. You may return the Advent  
envelope to church or place it in the alms basin anytime during  
the Advent/Christmas season. Advent offerings will be distributed  
to the needy and other Christian ministries. Thank you!

FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR may be given as  
memorials or thank offerings. Please use envelopes provided in  
the pews. Deadline is December 6.

THE ANNUAL PARISH ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON  
DECEMBER 5 & DECEMBER 6. Voting will take place after all  
four services. Photos and information about all candidates will be  
available before the election. Please see Father Ward if you are  
interested in being a candidate for Vestry.

PLEASE REMEMBER to pick up your 2016 calendar from the  
box on the table in Fr. Amend Hall.

CHURCH SCHOOL MANGER SUNDAY is December 13.

CHECK PARISH LIFE inserts found in the Sunday bulletin for  
announcements regarding the upcoming *Annual Christmas*  
*Pageant, Bishop Scaife Guild Gift Shop Christmas Sale, The*  
*Christian Education Ministry (CEM), Men's Discipleship*  
*Breakfasts, The Bishop Scaife Guild Holiday Cookie Ingathering,*  
and many other events and ministry opportunities.

PLEASE REMEMBER your commitment to the renewed "Let Us  
*Arise and Build*" campaign to raise money for a new parking lot.  
Thank you!

THE MONTHLY COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR THE PANTRY  
located in North Tonawanda is the first Sunday of the month.  
Thank you for your continued, generous support of this ministry!

# PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

## NOVEMBER

2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 ALGERIA</b> Pray for the estimated 200,000 Muslim-background believers who face ongoing threats.	<b>2 CHINA</b> Pray for Pastor Zhang and 23 others who were arrested from an approved church in Henan province.	<b>3 KENYA</b> Pray for pastors and churches along the coast and in northern Kenya, where they are under increased attack.	<b>4 NIGERIA</b> Pray for Pastor John and Christians whose families have been killed by Fulani radicals.	<b>5 SAUDI ARABIA</b> Pray for creative evangelism to Muslims who come to Saudi Arabia on religious pilgrimage.	<b>6 SENEGAL</b> Pray for President Macky Sall.	<b>7 VENEZUELA</b> Pray that guerrilla groups using Venezuela for safe haven will be exposed to the gospel.
<b>8 LAOS</b> Pray that villagers entrenched in animism will find eternal life in Jesus Christ.	<b>9 TUNISIA</b> Pray that Christians will remain bold in their faith as government pressures increase.	<b>10 SAUDI ARABIA</b> Pray for increased religious freedom in this country where citizens are required to be Muslim.	<b>11 COLOMBIA</b> Pray for an aviation ministry that distributes Christian materials in remote areas of Colombia.	<b>12 SOMALIA</b> Pray for the families of Christian martyrs like "Abdikhani Hassan."	<b>13 SIERRA LEONE</b> Pray for the safety and growth of Christian converts, some of whom have been poisoned and attacked with stones.	<b>14 BELARUS</b> Pray for a VOM project that involves printing literature for Belarus.
<b>15 OMAN</b> Pray for evangelists, who may be pressured for sharing the gospel with Muslims.	<b>16 TANZANIA</b> Pray for the families of Christian martyrs.	<b>17 ERITREA</b> Pray for President Isaias Afewerki.	<b>18 LIBYA</b> Pray for the safe and effective distribution of Christian materials, which must be brought in secretly.	<b>19 BANGLADESH</b> Pray for VOM's safe house, vocational training centers and Christian broadcasts.	<b>20 CHIAPAS (MEXICO)</b> Pray for Christians persecuted for refusing to participate in syncretistic community religious events.	<b>21 QATAR</b> Pray for Qatar's leader, Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.
<b>22 UGANDA</b> Pray for President Lt. Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.	<b>23 BURMA (MYANMAR)</b> Pray for VOM's work settling displaced Christians, rebuilding churches and providing Christian tools.	<b>24 EGYPT</b> Pray that new Christian converts from Islam will be transformed by the renewing of their minds.	<b>25 NORTH KOREA</b> Pray for Mr. "Yu" and his ministry of sending Scripture leaflets to North Korea.	<b>26 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b> Pray for the wisdom and safety of evangelists, who must reach out to Muslims in secret.	<b>27 BHUTAN</b> Pray that Bhutaneese, who are required to wear traditional dress, will find their identity in Christ.	<b>28 VENEZUELA</b> Pray for the spiritual growth of new believers and for their strong Christian witness.
<b>29 SYRIA</b> Pray that "Samar" and "Lena" will continue to be lights for Christ and draw many to faith.	<b>30 SIERRA LEONE</b> Pray for President Ernest Bai Koroma.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

Action Packs provide help and hope to hurting or displaced persecuted Christians. Your family can fill an Action Pack. Details and order information are available at [www.persecution.com/actionpacks](http://www.persecution.com/actionpacks).

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# NOVEMBER 2015 CALENDAR



## November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 7pm Vestry	<b>4</b> 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Family Movie Night: "The Princess Bride"	<b>7</b> 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
<b>8</b> 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:00pm PPC Ministry	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 8:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible study 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Light Supper & Movie Night	<b>14</b> 8am Men's Breakfast 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
<b>15</b> 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	<b>18</b> 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Footsteps weekend - Erle, PA -to 11/22	<b>21</b> 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
<b>22</b> 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 4th Sunday: NO SS 9:15am Bible Study 6:00pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b> NO HE 6:45pm Youth group fun night	<b>26</b> THANKSGIVING DAY 8 & 10am HE 9:30am Pre-service recital	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 4:30pm HE
<b>29</b> 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS	<b>30</b>					