



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

April 2016

A BLESSED EASTER SEASON TO ALL!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia! What wonderful words to begin the Easter season. Christ's resurrection confirms the entire witness of Holy Scripture as the Truth of God. His resurrection demonstrates that we are in fact, created by God in His image and made to not only inhabit the earth but to inhabit eternity. Christ's resurrection also directs our world to the reality that He is coming back to earth to establish the Kingdom of God forever. Until that day, Christ calls His Church to engage in the work of His kingdom. If we are not actively engaged in our local church we are losing sight of what it means to seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness. We are missing out on what the Lord has for us. Just as the prospect of Spring lifts our hearts and inspires us to get active, so too the joy and reality of Easter should do the same for our spirits. So I encourage you to get involved in the life of our parish family.

Two special events in the coming weeks will include a **Bible Prophecy Seminar with the Rev. David Siriano on Saturday, April 9, from 10am -2pm.** A lunch will be provided for \$5 per person. Pastor Siriano returns to us from his home in Rochester, NY. Recall that he spoke to us at a joint women and men's breakfast on Mother's Day last year. He has been a pastor and teacher of Bible Prophecy for over 50 years and has traveled the country extensively sharing what God's Word has to say about the time and age of Christ's Return. **Two weeks later on Friday, April 22, at 7 PM we will be hosting a Prayer for the Persecuted Church event.** Pastor Moses, an Iraqi Christian and pastor here in the Buffalo area will share how God is miraculously working in Iraq despite the severe persecution that is going on in that nation. Only a few months ago he was in Iraq visiting family and friends where he ended up having to travel through ISIS controlled territory! Please join us to learn more about the Body of Christ in other lands and to show support for fellow believers who are enduring persecution.

In Christ,

Fr. Ward

St. Bart's Web Information
www.stbartston.org
Also see our Facebook page for more!

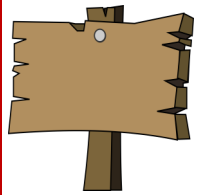


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VESTRY NEWS

As of 2/29/16, 165 pledges for \$486,399 have been received, compared to 170 pledges for \$471,556 on 3/3/15.

The new water main is in and the back parking lot has been repaired. A leak in our gas line was found and has been repaired by National Fuel.



A larger sign on the Sheridan Drive entrance is being pursued.

Purchasing a folding machine for new Sunday bulletins was approved.

Fr. Ward will be attending a meeting of the Standing Committee of our diocese in Dallas, TX, March 30-31.

The Northtown Pregnancy Center's 3rd Banquet will be at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo on May 5, 2016.

BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

We enjoyed delicious food and an interesting program by Megan McCarthy from the Buffalo Historical Society about the Erie Canal at our annual Lenten Brunch on March 5.

On Thursday, June 2, 6:00pm at Banchetti's by Rizzo, 550 N. French Rd., Amherst, we will have our annual Spring Banquet. Please check out the poster and sign up sheets that will be available in the Fr. Amend Hall in May.



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Coming Events:

June 2– Spring Banquet at Banchetti by Rizzo.

Fall date to be announced– Soup Sale

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



THREADS OF HOPE: Kitchen items, small appliances, towels and sheets (especially twin size) in good condition are always needed. Please bring them to the Gift Shop and mark them for Carol Siock.

Don't forget to save your **Dash's receipts** !! A bag for them is on the Gift Shop door.



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



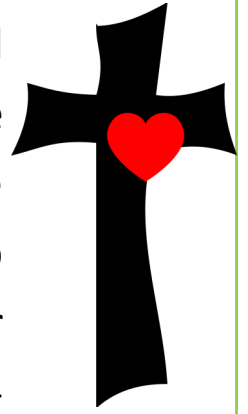
**Please let the church office know if there is anyone that needs
to be added to or deleted from this prayer list.**

**Please keep the 14 members of the 914th Aero Medical Staging Squadron in
your prayers as they continue their medical mission in Afghanistan. The troops
are members of my former Air Force Reserve Unit on a 6-month deployment,
and are scheduled to return home in July. Please pray for their safety as they
care for the wounded and complete their mission.**

Thank you and God Bless- Muriel Forte

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THANK YOU to all who helped with the **Sunday School Cross Picture Frame Wreath project**. Rich Heer made the wooden frames; others donated picture frames; the Sunday School children used ribbons and 'BLING' to decorate; the high school students assisted the younger children; the teachers sacrificed fingers to hot glue everything together, and help things run smoothly, and the members of the church gave generously so that we were able to give Northtown Pregnancy Center approximately \$375.00. It was an all-around team effort to show our faith!!



PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH **EVENT**



Please mark your calendars and join us for a very special evening. On Friday, April 22nd, at 7:00pm, our featured speaker will be Mouhannad Moses. He will share his experiences with us about how the Christian churches in Iraq and the Middle East are coping with the recent waves of persecution from ISIS and other forces. We will allow ample time for questions and open discussion. There will be light refreshments at the end. Do not miss this opportunity to learn more about our persecuted brothers and sisters first hand. They need our prayer and support.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please let the church office know if you have a change of address, or if you are stopping mail temporarily. Every piece of mail returned to us costs the church money needlessly.



Thank you , from the church secretaries.



FOOD PANTRY: 33 boxes and bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in March. **THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY each and every month.**

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

We are currently doing a study on the life of Samson. This should prove both interesting and worthwhile— adding to the knowledge and enjoyment of those who will be going to the Sight and Sound Theater's production of Samson in September. Come and join us!

Meeting dates: April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17

**LIVE YOUR LIFE IN SUCH A WAY
THAT PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU
BUT DON'T KNOW GOD WILL COME TO
KNOW GOD BECAUSE THEY KNOW YOU.**

Articles for the MAY Chatter are due no later than **APRIL 19.**

ST. BART'S TRAVELERS

The St. Bart's Travelers would like to invite everyone to join us for the upcoming activities we are planning.

April 23– America, The Hilarious : Dinner and show at Yorkshire Hall in Corfu. Cost is \$31.00 per person.



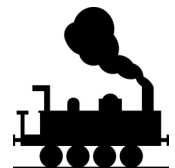
May 27– The Star Spangled Pops at Kleinhan's. See Brenda Wisz.

June 4– **The Hellenic Greek Festival** held at the Annunciation Church on West Utica St. There will be a private tour of the church given for us. The cost for admittance is \$2.00.

July 16– **The Mail Boat Cruise** on Skaneateles Lake (3 hours) followed by a luncheon at The Sherwood Inn. The cost is \$75.00 per person. After lunch there will be time to explore the quaint shops before boarding the bus at 4:30pm. The bus would leave the parking lot at 7:00am and return at approximately 7:00pm.



August 13– **The Arcade & Attica Railroad** ride with a Civil War reenactment. Price & time to be determined at a later date.



Please see or call Sharon Hughes for additional information.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 Carolyn Everett, Pamela Morrison

April 2 Kyle MacLeay, Aidyn McAndrews

April 3 Jennifer Gradzewicz,
Jacquelyn Luckoski

April 4 Kathryn Hillestad, Grayson Santora

April 5 Joan Bella, Gloria Cross,
Makayla Johnson

April 6 Mara Richardson

April 7 Debra Birchenough

April 8 Rebecca Abramo

April 9 Danett Utz, Sam Vizzini

April 11 Kenneth George, Diane Heer,
Daniel Scully

April 12 Jenny Davenport

April 13 Renee Garrasi, Kathleen Houston,
Holly Thompson

April 14 Denise Brown, Paul Brylinski,
Paul Karelus, Aaron Machelor,
Jerauld Mason, Richard Smalter,
Jennifer Waley

April 15 Jeremy Kyser, Sherrie Lilleck

April 16 Scott Brown, Darinda Hoffman,
Edward Sander

April 17 Scott Giaquinto

April 18 Craig Heer, Jessica Hoy,
Kristopher Styn

April 19 Cindy Brown, Kevin Moyer,
Alyssa Ward

April 20 William Austin, Lisa Derrett,
Lisa MacLeay, Janelle Westerman

April 21 Angelo Battino

April 22 Bettie Batterson, Richard Bly,
Arielle Derrett

April 23 James McNamara, Thomas Prohaska

April 24 Thomas Delo

April 25 Amanda Merrick, Zachary Passino

April 26 Isabella Hoos, Edith Manning,
Diane Moyer, Carol Swist

April 27 Hannah Okiec, Tammy Osmon,
Joseph Scilia, Andrew Stioкас,
Jonathan Tobin

April 29 Alan Heacock, Carl Waley

April 30 David Gray, Patricia Harvey,
Deborah Zanghi



APRIL 2016 CALENDAR

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30PM HE
3 8, 9:15 & 11AM HE YOUTH SUNDAY 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Member Class 12:45pm Holy Baptism	4	5 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 7pm Vestry	6 9:30am HE 6pm Jr. Choir 7pm Sr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group	7	8	9 9am Conf. Class 10am- 2pm Bible Prophecy Seminar 4:30PM HE
10 8, 9:15 & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Member Class	11 7pm PPC	12 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	13 9:30am HE 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	14	15 Movie Night 6pm Pizza 6:30pm Movie	16 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30PM HE
17 8, 9:15 & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Member Class	18	19 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	20 9:30am HE 6pm Jr. Choir 7pm Sr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group	21	22 7pm Persecuted Church Event	23 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30PM HE
24 8, 9:15 & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11am SS thru grade 3 only 1pm New Member Class	25	26 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	27 9:30am HE 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Senior Choir	28	29	30 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30PM HE

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

A young Iraqi

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 ALGERIA Pray for the ability to distribute Bibles throughout the country.	2 GUINEA Pray for the continue recovery and healing those affected by Ebo
3 ISRAEL Pray for more indigenous church planters who will start fellowships in their homes.	4 SENEGAL Pray that Christian worship services will not be disturbed by young Muslim boys throwing stones.	5 QATAR Pray that the local church will be blessed with discipleship opportunities.	6 MALAYSIA Pray for the safety of evangelists, who can be imprisoned for proselytizing Muslims.	7 NIGER Pray that the small number of Christians will have a big effect on society.	8 KENYA Pray for pastors and churches along the coast and in northern Kenya, where attacks are increasing.	9 SENEGAL Pray that churches and other structures used for Christian worship not be burned during political protests.
10 CUBA Pray that churches deemed "illegal" by the government will be allowed to construct new buildings.	11 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that the royal family will accept Jesus as their Savior.	12 COMOROS Pray for the spread of the gospel to all four islands despite growing persecution.	13 SIERRA LEONE Pray that Ebola will be eradicated.	14 LIBERIA Pray that Christians in Liberia will focus on sharing the gospel.	15 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray that persecutors of Christians will come to know Jesus as Savior.	16 PAKISTAN Pray that Christian converts will choose to love their enemies and pray for their persecutors.
17 MOROCCO Pray for more disciples and servants in Morocco.	18 KUWAIT Pray that evangelism efforts will produce more fruit.	19 LIBYA Pray that satellite TV programs and Internet outreaches will reach many Libyans.	20 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that no laws will be passed that further restrict Christian materials or activities.	21 AFGHANISTAN Pray for the success of evangelistic and discipleship efforts.	22 COLOMBIA Pray for displaced Christian families.	23 NORTH KOREA Pray that many North Korean workers in China will meet missionaries and come to know Christ.
24 ERITREA Pray for the health, faith and release of Christians imprisoned for their faith.	25 BAHRAIN Pray that believers will take every opportunity God gives them to share the gospel.	26 YEMEN Pray that God will protect believers in Yemen.	27 INDONESIA Pray for the Caleb House, a VOM-sponsored orphanage for the children of Christian martyrs.	28 COTE D'IVOIRE Pray that north-south ethnic tensions will decrease so outreach to Muslims can flourish.	29 LAOS Pray that evangelists will make wise decisions in how they preach the gospel in restricted areas.	30 INDIA Pray for front-line workers in Uttar Pradesh who are receiving bicycles and motorbikes.



Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations. — Isaiah 56:7

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PET BLESSING—MARCH 2016

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Pet Blessing on Palm Sunday, March 20th, in conjunction with the Niagara County SPCA. It was a big success with a few hundred people in attendance. We would like to thank Fr. Ward, Fr. Molison, and Fr. White for performing the blessings on each animal, including a ferret! A special thank you to Dn. Reitz who came to help set up the sound system and perform sound checks with the band before leaving on his mission trip with the Youth Group. Immanuel and Psalm 98 were fantastic and people once again stayed to listen to the music. One woman came in from Rochester for the Pet Blessing and to listen to the Praise and Worship music! This is a great community outreach event showing the love of Christ.

THANK YOU—Dan & Denise Scully



SEDER DINNER

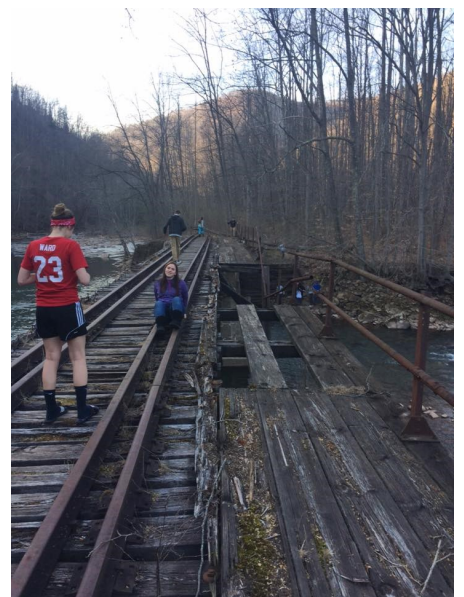


Approximately 125 people attended this year's Seder Dinner, and were blessed with great music, fun fellowship, a delicious dinner, and biblical teaching about the Passover meal. A big THANK YOU to all who helped in any way.

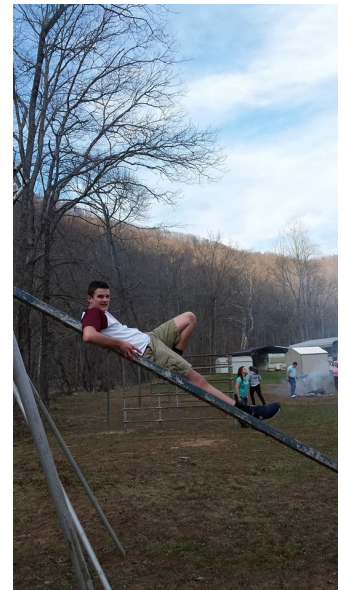
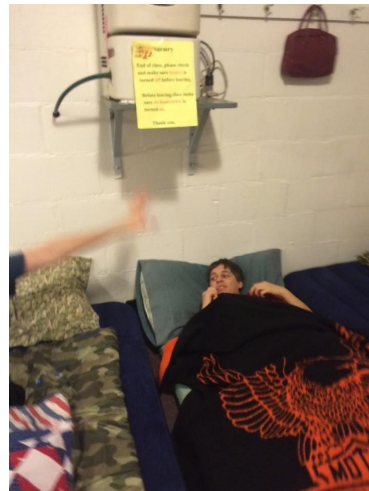
The concert before the Tenebrae service was enjoyed by all. The music helped to set the stage for the solemn service that followed. Thank you to Terry Gamble for organizing this event and playing for it, and to the men and women who blessed us with their talents.



Youth Group's Mission Trip to Webster Springs, West Virginia- March 2016



Mission Trip—page 2



Thirteen youth and adults travelled to Webster Springs, West Virginia the week before Easter. They worked hard in several homes, tearing out and replacing dry wall, fixing floors, including sanding and staining them, and assorted other tasks. They did have some time for fun, too, and made some new friends with a youth group up from Florida.

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(Laugh out Loud)

The previous Sunday, little Billy heard about how God created man out of the dust of the ground, and how He created Eve from one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, while playing outside, he developed a pain in his side. He turned to his friend with a serious look on his face and said, "My ribs hurt. I think I'm going to have a wife."

After Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, their eyes were opened, and they saw that they were naked. Adam quickly pulled a fig leaf from a tree and covered himself. Eve grabbed one, too, and covered herself. Then she tried on a maple leaf, then a sycamore leaf, then an oak leaf...



From: Hey! Christians Have a Sense of Humor, Too!
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