



# 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

May 2016

### ***WHY DO YOU BELIEVE?***

On Easter Sunday I began a sermon series on "Why I Believe." There are many reasons to believe in God and put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. However, when I look at life and God's Word, I find seven main reasons. Do you know what they are? So far, we have addressed three: Creation, Truth, and the Bible. During the month of May we will continue to look at more reasons to believe. Copies of the sermons will be available in both printed and audio versions on our website which includes a huge archive of all sermons preached over the last fifteen years and even audio of Fr. Amend's Bible Studies from decades ago. Printed copies are also available in the sermon rack in the hallway to the left of the main entrance. Of course, the best way to hear what the Holy Spirit wants to say to you is to come and join us for worship *in person* and indeed keep the Sabbath holy.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Fr. Ward

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



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# VESTRY NEWS

There is a possibility of replacing the parking lot sooner (this summer) due to the decrease in the price of petroleum and serious signs of deterioration to the asphalt. Bids that will include new lights are being received.



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A 17' ladder has been purchased for changing bulbs in the Fr. Amend Hall and other high areas.

Fr. Ward reported that the Diocesan meeting he attended in Dallas, TX, March 30-31, went well. Bishop Atwood plans on retiring in August of 2019.





# BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Our annual Spring Banquet is Thursday, June 2 at 6:00 PM at Banchetti by Rizzo, 550 N. French Rd., Amherst. Entertainment will be provided by the Ardan Rochez Academy of Irish Dance.

Fall date to be announced– Soup Sale



## SPRING CLEANING:

When you're doing your spring cleaning and throwing out those items that are in good condition and you don't really need anymore bring them to the Gift Shop at Church. Depending on what you bring we will sell them in the shop or send them to Cornerstone Manor or Threads of Hope. Please mark them where you would like them to go. Please NO clothes, except for babies/young children.

*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

*Carol, Samantha, & Sarah would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, support and helping with the reception for Raymond. It was heartwarming to feel the love and care you conveyed.*

*God bless-*

*The Siocks*



**Amazon Smile** is a new program where one half of one percent (.5%) of all your Amazon purchases will be given to Bishop Atwood's Ekklesia fund. To participate, log in to **smile.amazon.com** and select Ekklesia Society, (Frisco, TX)., as your designated charity. This program costs you nothing, but can benefit thousands. See Dn. Reitz if you have questions.



You are invited to an "old fashioned" hymn sing! On Sunday, June 19th, from 9:15—9:50am (after the 8:00am service and before the 10:00am service) you will have an opportunity to sing your favorite hymns. Maybe it's a hymn we don't sing that often, or one that we never sing! There will also be a booklet of some of the standards that aren't in our church hymnal that you can choose from. So, please stay after the 8:00am service, or come early for the 10:00am service on June 19th, and we will praise the Lord with singing! "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." Psalm 100:1-2

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



## Prayer for Revival in our Nation:



Please join us in the sanctuary Monday, May 16 at 7:00pm for an hour of prayer for our nation. We are a new group, planning to meet once a month to pray for the concerns of this nation: the election, abortion, homosexual marriage, etc. We want to be a *PRAYING CHURCH*, not just a church that prays!! 2Chronicles 7:14



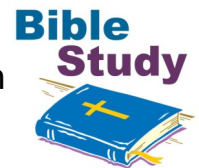
**FOOD PANTRY:** 45 boxes and bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in April. **THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY each and every month.**

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study meets every other Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Large Fellowship Hall. Next meetings are May 3 and 17.

Men's Discipleship Bible Study meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the Small Fellowship Hall.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 10:30am in the Large Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets every Sunday at 9:15am in the Small Fellowship Hall.



**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.



*Praise the Lord, all nations; Laud Him, all peoples! For His lovingkindness is great toward us, And the truth of the Lord is everlasting. Praise the Lord! Psalm 117*

Articles for the JUNE Chatter are due no later than **MAY 20.**



## ***St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church Event Form***

What is your Event - \_\_\_\_\_

When is your Event - \_\_\_\_\_

Where will it be held - \_\_\_\_\_

Times of your Event - \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Event open to the public - \_\_\_\_\_

Event Chairperson/Contact - Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Check all that are needed:

- Chatter – I'll supply info for my event
- Parish life – I'll supply the info for my event
- Outdoor sign – I'll supply the info for the sign
- Service Announcement – What needs to be announced?
- Volunteers needed – Signup sheet required

What is the Cutoff Date of your Event - \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you St. Bartholomew's Parish

If you need to write more information please use the back side.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

The adjacent "Events Form" is a new form to be used for any upcoming events involving the church. It will be placed in an "Event Book" and kept on the counter in the church office. This will offer all information needed for questions on future events. *It is NOT to be completed for regular weekly or monthly meetings.*

# ST. BART'S TRAVELERS

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

May 27– **The Star Spangled Pops** at Kleinhans. Cost is \$31, and includes coffee & donuts before the concert. See Brenda Wisz for more information.

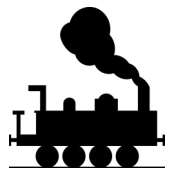


June 4– **The Hellenic Greek Festival** held at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on West Utica St. There will be a private tour of the church given to us. The cost is \$2.00.

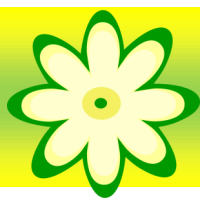
July 16– **The Mail Boat Cruise** on Skaneateles Lake (3 hours) followed by a luncheon at The Sherwood Inn. The cost is \$75.00 per person. After lunch there will be time to explore the quaint shops before boarding the bus at 4:30pm. The bus would leave the church parking lot at 7:00am and return at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



August 13– **The Arcade & Attica Railroad** ride with a Civil War reenactment beginning at 11:00am. Cost is \$15 PLUS the cost of a chicken Bar-B-Que at the 1/2 way point.



**Please see or call Sharon Hughes for additional information. Phone: 692-4275**







Our Missionettes Girls Club wrapped up another successful year!

The “Stars” earned three badges this past year along with making crafts, playing games and building friendships. The badges the girls earned were in First Aid, Sports, and The Life of Christ.

Congratulations to Emily Bush, Maggie McCarthy and Abby Wojnowski for completing 5 years in the Prims and Stars Missionettes program. They will be moving up to the Youth Group program next year. Autumn Bush, Arielle Derrett and Cianna Morgante have one more year as a Missionette.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the ministry next year. The Missionettes meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from September to May. Please contact Michelle McCarthy at 836-2790.



REGISTRATION AND PACKET  
PICKUP BEGINS AT 7:30 AM

RACE STARTS AT 9 AM

WIN MEDALS, TROPHIES, AND  
AUTOGRAPHED FOOTBALLS

FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, AND  
FAMILY FUN TO FOLLOW

MAY 14, 2016

12K Run & 1.2K Fun Run/Walk

Jim Kelly Boulevard

Orchard Park, NY



HUNTER KELLY 2/14/97 - 8/5/05

Hunter had Krabbe (crab-ay)  
Leukodystrophy (luke-o-dis-tro-pee).

**One in 7,000 are affected by  
Leukodystrophy and fight to live.**  
Please help us "make a difference  
today for someone who is fighting  
for their tomorrow." ~Jim Kelly

**RUN WALK DONATE VOLUNTEER SPONSOR**

**HUNTERSHOPE.ORG**

On Saturday, May 14, runners and walkers from around Western New York will join Jim Kelly and Hunter's Hope for the 2nd annual **Kelly Tough** 12K run and 1.2K fun run/walk. It begins on Jim Kelly Blvd., near Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park. For more information, or to register as a volunteer, walker, or runner visit [www.huntershope.org](http://www.huntershope.org) and click on Kelly Tough, or call Bryanna at 716-667-1200, ext.207, Monday thru Friday, 9am to 3pm.

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Susan Horvath, Sydney Lakeman

May 2 Jeffrey Calandra, Charlene Hodgson,  
Brian Wallace

May 3 Charles Abramo, Jack Gradzewicz,  
Diane Meacham, Mary Ann Smith

May 4 Andrew McHenry, Susan Uptegrove

May 5 Joan Calamita, Rosemary Davis,  
Valerie Ulrich

May 6 Daniel Borzilleri, Monte Dolce

May 7 Alicia Matesic

May 8 Mark Bush, Jessica Candy, Jared Hill,  
Isabella Kepner, Jennifer Lukacz

May 9 Brandon Heacock, Robert Siegel

May 11 Kathleen MacPhee, Caroline Rudin,  
Scott Ulrich

May 12 Amy Giambanco

May 13 Anthony Oliveri, Danielle Wydro

May 14 Gretchen Beyer

May 15 Bryan Lukacz, James Winkler

May 16 Ariel Bella, Donald Gwizdowski,  
Alexander MacPhee,  
Julie VanLente, Jeffrey Westerman

May 17 Wayne Bush, Michael Giambanco,  
Anna Okiec, Vanessa VanNorman

May 18 Nicole Veiders

May 19 Shaun Ryan

May 20 Marion Blake, Victoria VanNorman

May 21 Donald Beyer, Harriet Black,  
Adrian Lilleck, Caiden Lilleck

May 22 Robert Brown

May 23 Bradley Smith

May 24 Michelle McCarthy, Beth Taylor

May 25 Betty Herrmann, Angel Hoy, Cyndi Roy,  
Nicole Santora, Benjamin Sawicki

May 26 Denise Callari-Scully, Gerald Ciccarelli,  
Jenny Dedis, Daniel McCarthy,  
Matthew Rudin

May 27 Edward Doran, Barbara Weiser

May 28 Jessica Sawicki, Joyce Wahl

May 29 Patricia Buckley, Siana Parks,  
Nicole Wydro

May 30 Richard Brock, Marie Prout,  
Annette Sciortino, Patricia Suchy

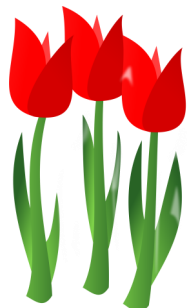
May 31 Christine Cross-Tedesco



# MAY 2016 CALENDAR

## May 2016

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 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 7pm Veetry	<b>4</b> 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 8pm Jr. Choir (LAST) 7pm Sr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group	<b>5</b> Northtown Pregnancy Center Banquet	<b>6</b>	<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>	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	<b>11</b> 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir (LAST)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Movie Night 6pm Light Supper 8:30pm Movie	<b>14</b> 4:30pm HE
<b>15</b> 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study (LAST)	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Prayer for our Nation	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	<b>18</b> 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:45pm Youth Group	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 4:30pm HE
<b>22</b> 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	<b>25</b> 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:45pm Youth Group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 4:30pm HE
<b>29</b> 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS	<b>30</b> Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	<b>31</b> 6:30pm Men's Discipleship				



# PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

Nepali Christians learning the craft of tailoring

## MAY

2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>AZERBAIJAN</b> Pray for pastors who cannot find employment because they were imprisoned for their faith.	<b>2</b> <b>LEBANON</b> Pray that Lebanon will continue to provide refuge to its suffering neighbors.	<b>3</b> <b>KENYA</b> Pray that Christian converts from Islam will grow deeper in Christ.	<b>4</b> <b>TURKEY</b> Pray for the effectiveness of Christian Turkish media (satellite and radio).	<b>5</b> <b>KYRGYZSTAN</b> Pray for Christians, who regularly face property destruction, intimidation and physical attack.	<b>6</b> <b>TAJIKISTAN</b> Pray for pastors who are tempted to leave the country because of constant harassment and threats.	<b>7</b> <b>KENYA</b> Pray that Christian converts from Islam will remain faithful when rejected by their family and community.
<b>8</b> <b>MALAYSIA</b> Pray that Christians will remain strong in faith and love as they face unjust treatment by Muslims.	<b>9</b> <b>OMAN</b> Pray that the heart of the Sultan of Oman will be softened toward the gospel.	<b>10</b> <b>MOROCCO</b> Pray for more freedom in Morocco.	<b>11</b> <b>JORDAN</b> Pray for Christian refugees who are displaced and unable to work or attend school.	<b>12</b> <b>NIGERIA</b> Pray that Nigeria's new president, Muhammadu Buhari, will govern wisely.	<b>13</b> <b>MAURITANIA</b> Pray that God will soften the hearts of those persecuting family members who have converted to Christianity.	<b>14</b> <b>PHILIPPINES (MINDANAO)</b> Pray that pastors will avoid error and have the courage to teach the truth of God's Word.
<b>15</b> <b>NIGERIA</b> Pray that the gospel of Christ will spread freely in northern Nigeria.	<b>16</b> <b>TAJIKISTAN</b> Pray for evangelistic outreach projects in the Pamir region.	<b>17</b> <b>EGYPT</b> Pray for an end to the kidnapping of Christians for ransom.	<b>18</b> <b>LAOS</b> Pray for the physical health of believers who live and serve in unhealthy conditions.	<b>19</b> <b>LIBYA</b> Pray that Libyans who leave the country will have a chance to hear the gospel.	<b>20</b> <b>VENEZUELA</b> Pray for unity in the church, which is being divided by Marxist ideas.	<b>21</b> <b>CHINA</b> Pray for VOM's Bible distribution program, Christian literature printing and front-line workers ministry.
<b>22</b> <b>SIERRA LEONE</b> Pray that the hearts of Muslims will be softened.	<b>23</b> <b>KYRGYZSTAN</b> Pray for President Almazbek Atambaev.	<b>24</b> <b>GUINEA</b> Pray for the family of Moise, an evangelist who was murdered while helping villages affected by Ebola.	<b>25</b> <b>MALDIVES</b> Pray that God will open doors for the gospel throughout these islands.	<b>26</b> <b>JORDAN</b> Pray for God's provision of new Christian converts who must live in safe houses.	<b>27</b> <b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b> Pray that the UAE's royal families will come to know Jesus as Savior.	<b>28</b> <b>IRAQ</b> Pray for an end to war.
<b>29</b> <b>MALAYSIA</b> Pray for VOM's distribution of Christian training materials and other literature.	<b>30</b> <b>PHILIPPINES (MINDANAO)</b> Pray that Christians will stand firm in faith despite attacks from Muslim extremists.	<b>31</b> <b>DJIBOUTI</b> Pray that evangelists will have opportunities to share the gospel with Somalis.	1	2	3	4



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# LOL (Laugh out Loud)

Favorite Hymns for:

HD TV Watchers: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Golfers: “There is a Green Hill Far Away”

Dentists: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Storm Chasers: “All Hail the Power”

Optometrists: “Be Thou My Vision”

Police Detectives: “Were You There?”



Favorite Song of :

Methuselah: “Stayin’ Alive”

The 3 Wise Men: “When You Wish Upon a Star”

Esther: “I Feel Pretty”

Moses: “Be Not Afraid” or “The Wanderer”

Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednigo:

“Great Balls of Fire!”

The Apostles: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”