



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

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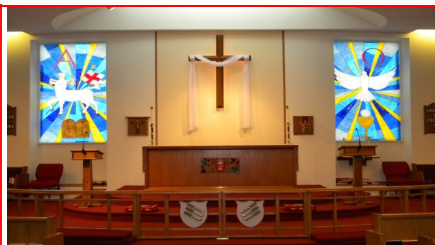
What does God's Word have to say about the war in Syria and the crisis in the Middle East? Come to this year's Lenten Friday Night Bible Study with Fr. Ward to find out!

This year's study will focus on the prophecies of Isaiah! While the emphasis of the study will be on the Messianic Prophecies of Isaiah, the conflagration in the Middle East will also be addressed. The truth is what is going on in the Middle East is preparing our world for Christ's Return. The Old Testament Book of Isaiah includes more passages on Christ's first and second coming than any other Old Testament book. It is also the most quoted book by the writers of the New Testament!

Every Christian should be familiar with Isaiah! So join us every Friday in Lent, beginning February 12, from 7-8:30 PM to learn from God's Word. A meatless cover-dish dinner will precede every study at 6 PM. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

See page 2 for a message about the Children's Lenten series.

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



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VESTRY NEWS

As of January 11, 2016, 150 pledges for \$443,106 have been received, compared to 148 for \$423,921 on January 15, 2015.

The Vestry approved funds to have a new water main from Eggert Road to the Church installed. The original water main from Sheridan Drive that had to be repaired last year could have another break at any time. Total cost for the new line will be \$65,000! Did you send in your pledge cards? :)



The "Visitor's Center" has been renamed the "Information Center," reduced in height, and moved for greater visibility.

Salting of the parking lot when it is slippery will be checked out with the snow plow company.



CHILDREN'S LENTEN SERIES

You must sign up, in advance, any children that will be attending the Children's Lenten series. It will take place at the same time as the Adult's Friday Night Bible Study, 7—8:30pm.

NOTE: This series will only happen if we have children signed up for it.



BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Thanks to all who have been bringing in items for the Gift Shop. Thank you, also, to all who have been bringing in their Dash's receipts. We will be receiving a check soon for \$250.00

COMING EVENTS: February 21– Soup Sale

March 5– Lenten Brunch

June 5– Spring Banquet at Banchetti by Rizzo.



BUNDLES FOR BABIES: Thank you to all who have been bringing in items for the babies at Cornerstone Manor. 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.





FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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

FOOD PANTRY: *Only 30 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in January. Many of us were wrapped up in the holidays and forgot. Please do your best to remember next month. Please bring your donations the **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** so that our "Food Pantry Delivery Angels" only have to make one trip. Thank you.*



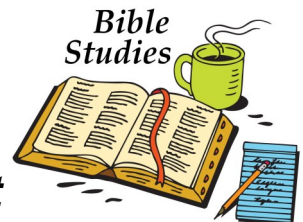
Don't forget to take advantage of **all** of our Bible Studies:

Sunday Mornings at 9:15am

Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30pm,
February 2 & 16, March 1 & 15.

Men's Discipleship meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Women's Wednesday Morning Study meets at
10:30am, after the morning service.



Ash Wednesday is February 10th. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 6:45 and 9:30am, and 7:00pm. Begin the season of Lent by attending one of these services.



Articles for the MARCH Chatter are due no later than **FEBRUARY 20.**

FREE
Personalized

Pet Blessing



Sunday, March 20
1:00-3:00
at Niagara Active Hose
6010 Lockport Rd., Town of Niagara 14305

All dogs must be on leash and cats in carriers.

as part of SPCA Niagara's

EGGS-TRAVAGANZA



**EGG HUNT
& More**

No pets permitted during brunch due to Health Dept. regulations.

For more details visit niagaraspca.org

See page 6 for more information.

PET BLESSING

Fathers' Ward, Molison and White will be performing a Pet Blessing in conjunction with the Niagara County SPCA on *Palm Sunday, March 20th from 1:00 PM-3:30 PM*. The Blessing will occur at *Town of Niagara Fire Hall: 6010 Lockport Rd, Niagara Falls, NY*. Father Ward will give a Gospel Message prior to the actual blessing. Our music ministry teams, *Immanuel and Psalm 98*, will be providing Contemporary Christian Music for the event. Once again, we are looking for volunteers to be ambassadors for Christ and St. Bart's at the event. Father Ward is challenging all parishioners to bring at least one unchurched friend that has a pet to this event. This will be a unique way to show the love of Christ. As Jesus said in Matthew 9:36-38 *"Seeing the people, He had compassion for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd."* Then He said to His disciples, ***"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."*** *Please pray for the clergy and the harvest!*

Once again, we will be distributing a plastic bag with the following to each animal owner that brings a pet to be blessed...



1. Letter from Father Ward commemorating the Pet Blessing
2. St. Bartholomew Business Card
3. Christian Tract from Bender's
4. Billy Graham Evangelical Association Card directing them to their website for a full Gospel Message
5. Pet tag that says "I AM BLESSED" on one side and the other "NCSPCA and St. Bart's"



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.

Something to Think About

OBITUARY

Our church family was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, **Someone Else**.

Someone Else's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, **"Let Someone Else do it."** Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; **"Someone Else can work with that group."**

It was common knowledge that **Someone Else** was among the most liberal givers to our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of **Someone Else**. Now **Someone Else** is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else has left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things **Someone Else** did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember– we can't depend on **Someone Else** anymore. WE NEED YOU!!!

ChristiansUnite.com

**Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift from God.
That's why we call it The Present.**



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, John Scavone

February 6 Matthew Fahs, Eugenio Forte,
Derek Wiertel

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

February 8 David Saunders

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

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

February 11 Colleen Reichard,
Jason Simon, Evelyn Stacks

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

February 13 Colton Machelor

February 14 Anthony Horvath,
Richard Shotwell, Nicholas Slingerland

February 15 Emma Hillery

February 17 Anthony Matteliano,
Peter Militello Jr.

February 18 Jillian Meacham, Mark Rieman

February 19 Shirley Fell

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

February 21 Marie Crosby

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

February 23 Laina Morgante, Lorna Williams

February 24 Heather Kopp

February 25 Kristopher Attwood,
Robert Small

February 26 David Uptegrove,
Deborah Zurzuski

February 27 John Geis, Scott Socha

February 28 Sonia Delisanti, Jessica Passino

February 29 Fr. Patrick White



FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR



February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7pm Vestry	2 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	3 9:30am HE 6:45pm Youth Group 6:45pm Missionettes 7pm Sr. Choir	4	5	6 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
7 8, 9:15 & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1:00pm Adult New Members Class	8 7pm PPC	9 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	10 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:45 & 9:30am HE 6:15pm Sr. Choir NO Youth Group 7pm HE	11	12 6pm Covered Dish Dinner 7pm Lenten Bible Study & Kid's Lenten Series	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast at E. Hill's Wesleyan Church 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
14 8, 9:15 & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1:00pm Adult New Members Class	15 President's Day Office closed 7pm BARRA	16 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	17 9:30am HE 6:45pm Youth Group 6pm HE	18	19 6pm Covered Dish Dinner 7pm Lenten Bible Study & Kid's Lenten Series	20 10:30am Conf. Class 11:30am Holy Marriage 4:30pm HE
21 8, 9:15 & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1:00pm Adult New Members Class Guild Soup Sale	22	23 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	24 9:30am HE 6:00pm HE 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	25	26 6pm Covered Dish Dinner 7pm Lenten Bible Study & Kid's Lenten Series	27 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE 6:30pm Youth Group Pasta Dinner (fundraiser)
28 8, 9:15 & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1:00pm Adult New Members Class	29					



PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

A Ugandan woman reading the Bible to her

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 KUWAIT Pray that unregistered fellowships will remain open and continue to grow.	2 TANZANIA Pray that Christians in Tanzania will not retaliate with violence when facing persecution.	3 KUWAIT Pray for Kuwaiti believers who struggle with sin and trauma from their past.	4 MALAYSIA Pray that Bibles and Christian materials will be made available in the Malay language.	5 MALAYSIA Pray that the government will allow Christian converts from Islam to be married.	6 MAURITANIA Pray that terrorists and jihadists will not be able to cross into Mauritania from Mali.
7 NIGERIA Pray for the physical and emotional healing of all victims of Boko Haram.	8 BRUNEI Pray that restrictions on Bibles and Christian materials will be lifted.	9 ISRAEL Pray that the Lord will strengthen the local body through conferences and training supported by VOM.	10 BRUNEI Pray for the 20 legally registered churches and for their pastors, who are closely watched.	11 LAOS Pray for believers who are evicted from their villages because they refuse to renounce their faith.	12 NIGERIA Pray that God will use Nigeria's new government to fulfill His will and bring peace to Nigeria.	13 SUDAN Pray for the Nuba region whose schools have moved to caves because of frequent aerial bombings.
14 VIETNAM Pray that new believers will persevere in faith despite pressure from local authorities.	15 MEXICO (SOUTHERN) Pray that persecutors of Christians will come to know and believe the gospel.	16 QATAR Pray that the hearts of many Qataris will be softened, despite the influences of wealth and Islam.	17 TURKEY Pray that Turkish Christians will see the Lord Jesus as their ultimate and priceless treasure.	18 ALGERIA Pray that the church in North Africa will commit itself to the Great Commission.	19 MYANMAR Pray for persecuted Christians who take refuge in VOM safe houses.	20 SYRIA Pray that Syrians of all backgrounds will place their faith in Jesus Christ.
21 YEMEN Pray for Christian workers in Yemen.	22 SOMALIA Pray for the widow of Mohamed and for other widows of martyrs struggling to raise their children.	23 MALDIVES Pray that Maldivians will seek and find evangelistic websites.	24 MALAYSIA Pray that more Malays will be open to the gospel.	25 NIGERIA Pray that Christians who have lost loved ones and property will be comforted and restored by the Lord.	26 OMAN Pray that God will lead those in evangelism and missions to the right people.	27 IRAQ Pray that the more than 100,000 Iraqi Christians displaced by the Islamic State will be able to return home.
28 VENEZUELA Pray for a revival in the households, workplaces and neighborhoods of Christians.	29 NEPAL Pray for the growth of the church in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquakes.	1	2	3	4	5

Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. — Psalm 141:2

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