



# 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

JANUARY 2016

### **A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM FR. WARD**

**1 John 2:17:** *"The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."*

**Romans 12:2:** *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*

Happy New Year! As we enter a New Year, the first things that usually pop up are New Year's resolutions. But do you know what New Year's resolutions really are? Those things that go in one year and out the other! May I suggest a very important resolution for this New Year from God's Word? To know the will of God, to do the will of God, and to love the will of God. That's it. To know, do and love the will of God! There is nothing we can do that is better than God's will. Will you do that this year? Will you take your stand on the will of God? When God shows you something, will you plant both feet firmly on it and say, "Here I stand! And I shall not, I shall not be moved!"

Here is a prayer to do exactly that: *"Heavenly Father, I pray today that You would help me this coming year to have faith for the future, that I might listen to You and hear You speak. And since You have spoken to us in Your Son Jesus, let me see Your perfect will in Him. Each day may I recognize that you have an overriding plan for not only history but for my life. So by Your Spirit, let me realize Your will, rely upon Your will and do Your will no matter what. For my future is in Your hands and I have nothing to fear."*  
*In Jesus' name, AMEN!*

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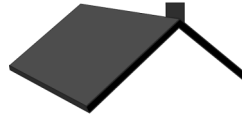


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# VESTRY NEWS

The 2016 budget was passed with no increase.

The new garage roof is finished.



Bids for a new water main coming from Eggert Rd. instead of Sheridan Dr. are being received.

The outgoing Vestry members were thanked for their faithful service:  
Rocco Brindisi, Richard Heer, Diane Moyer, and Jeff Westerman.

Congratulations to the newly elected Vestry members:  
Lori Abramo, Robert Derrett, James Hyzy, and Jim Thompson.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

# BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

A big THANK YOU to all who donated gently used Christmas items and wonderful baked goods to our Christmas sale this year. The response was overwhelming, and all to benefit our mission outreach. Another THANK YOU to all who came to help. It became a time of fellowship for all who were involved.

Our proceeds from the Christmas/Baked Goods Sale was a total of \$860.12 (Baked Goods- \$382.51; Christmas items- \$477.61) The Guild budget is on the Gift Shop door.

Stop by the Gift Shop and see the poster with pictures of one of the organizations our funds support. The youth of Fr. White's church, St. Peter's, and other churches in Forestville, support a Christian youth group from the school.

All of the Christmas items not sold have been donated to The Cuba Cultural Center and Cuba First Baptist Church. The Cultural Center distributes emergency items (food, linens, kitchenware) to victims of fires, the needy, etc. The Cuba First Baptist Church has a "Rummage" room which is open on Friday and Saturday, where \$1.00 fills a bag. There is a great need for essentials, but also for those items that will bring a little joy. Thank you, Elaine Henzler, for being the delivery person.

On Sunday, December 13, 30 boxes of cookies were made for our shut-ins. Thanks to all who brought cookies and delivered them.



COMING EVENTS: February 21– Soup Sale  
March 5– Lenten Brunch  
June 5– Spring Brunch



**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:** Small appliances, linens, dishes, etc., 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 and changing your address temporarily or stopping mail. Thank you , from the church secretaries.



**FOOD PANTRY: WOW!!!!** *63 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.**

## Tuesday Night Women’s Bible Study

will meet January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 1 & 15. We will continue our study of Proverbs. Please mark your calendars, and all are welcome to join us.



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



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## UPCOMING CONCERT



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23, 7:00pm, for a FREE night of music by Chris Wilson. (A LOVE offering will be taken.) 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!!

# **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.**

# Thanksgiving Dinner



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Sixty-seven people enjoyed a scrumptious dinner followed by delicious desserts. Seven turkeys were roasted. Gino Forte took one to the Niagara Falls Mission, along with a tray of stuffing. Our warmest thanks to all who helped: Karen, Brenda, Bev, Earl (Bud), Sam, Gino, Elijah, Judy and Jim K.

David Curtis



# Annual Christmas Pageant

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the youth and adults who worked so hard to make this year's Christmas Pageant such a success. From the musicians and singers, to the Holy Family and angels and sheep, to the wise men and the narrators, everyone helped to bring the message of Christmas to about 100 grateful people. A special thank you to Terry Gamble, Eileen Arnold, Kate Hillestad, and Lindsay Tobin. (Also, to Mike Wisz for capturing the afternoon in pictures.)



# Annual Christmas Pageant



# Buffalo Dream Center: Boxes of Love



A great big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help with the Buffalo Dream Center's "Boxes of Love" food, clothing and toy distribution.

Dn. Gary Wisniewski



# A Little Humor Goes a Long Way

## Favorite Hymns for...

The Gossip: “I Love to Tell the Story”

Formally Attired Men: “Blest be the Tie that Binds”

Lost Drivers: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Moms on the First Day of School: “Peace, Blessed Peace”

Hikers: “Go Tell it on the Mountains”

Golfers: “There is a Green Hill Far Away”

Vacationers: “I’ll Fly Away”



## Favorite Songs in Bible Times...

Adam & Eve: “Strangers in Paradise”

Samson: “Hair”

Daniel: “The Lion Sleeps Tonight”

Job: “I’ve Got a Right to Sing the Blues”

Noah: “Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head”

Elijah: “Up, Up and Away”

Can you come up with others? Email or send them in to the secretary’s office and they will be included in a future Chatter.



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1 Heather Craig, Robert Kyser,  
Pamela Robertson, Deborah Ryan

January 2 Joseph Calamita

January 3 Paul Etienne

January 4 Grace Delisante, David Morrison

January 5 Mary DeLuca, Michael Parks,  
Michael Polniak

January 6 George Brock, David Foster

January 7 Shirley Covella, Janet Dunn,  
Nicholas Horvath, Sean MacLeay,  
Margaret McCallum, Jennifer Stoikas,  
Eric Weber

January 8 Thomas Crane,  
Amanda Waddington

January 9 Kristin Burr, Shirley King,  
Joe Vaccaro

January 10 David Curtis, Diane Fildes,  
Barbara Molison

January 11 Nancy Gravelle, Marcia Hutt,  
Timothy Ivancic

January 12 Lori Abramo, Matthew Dibble,  
Toby Stoikas

January 13 Ruth Marcinelli, Lesley Rudin

January 14 John Etienne, Logan Moyer

January 15 Kevin Batchen,  
Raymond Milewski Jr., Nancy Ward

January 16 John Krull

January 17 Anthony Casteletti

January 18 Michael Parks

January 19 Amelia Hoy, Erica Weber

January 20 Kylie Derrett, Sandra Koerber,  
Carmello Pitruzella

January 21 Robert Hughes, Samara Parks

January 22 Donovan Heacock

January 24 Timothy Nolan, Margaret Stoltz

January 25 Robert Clontz, Patricia Dyviniak,  
Brenna Luckoski

January 26 Frederick Garrasi Jr.,

January 27 Melissa Calabrese,  
Donald Harvey, Matthew Prohaska,  
Paul Winkler

January 28 Lori Decker, Fr. Richard Molison

January 31 James Kissel





# JANUARY 2016 CALENDAR



## January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8, 9:15 & 11am HE NO Sunday School 6pm Epiphany Concert at St. Francis Church, Ton. St. Bart's choir will sing	4	5 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Vestry	6 9:30am HE 8pm Jr. Choir 7pm Sr. Choir 6:45pm Youth Group 6:45pm Missionettes	7	8	9 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
10 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study	11 7pm PPC	12	13 9:30am HE NO Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm Youth Group	14	15	16 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
17 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study	18 Family Ski Day at Kissing Bridge	19 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	20 9:30am HE NO Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm Youth Group 6:45pm Missionettes	21	22	23 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE 7:00pm Chris Willson Concert
24 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am Sunday School (PreK-3 only) 1pm Adult New Member Class	25	26 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	27 9:30am HE 7pm Sr. Choir 6:45pm Youth Group	28	29	30 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
31 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am Sunday School 1pm Adult New Members Class 1:15pm SS Teacher Appreciation Lunch						




# PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR



Front-line workers in Vietnam

## JANUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>OMAN</b> Pray for the fellowship and encouragement of persecuted believers in Oman.	<b>2</b> <b>TANZANIA</b> Pray that the local church will raise up missionaries to share the gospel with the lost reached.
<b>3</b> <b>TURKEY</b> Pray that Turkey, the land of Paul's missionary efforts, would once again have thriving churches.	<b>4</b> <b>GUINEA</b> Pray for the perseverance and faith of Muslims who turn to Christ.	<b>5</b> <b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> Pray that persecutors will bend their knees to the King of the universe.	<b>6</b> <b>BRUNEI</b> Pray for Christian converts from Islam, who face opposition and violence.	<b>7</b> <b>SIERRA LEONE</b> Pray that new converts who have been unreachable because of Ebola restrictions will remain faithful.	<b>8</b> <b>SENEGAL</b> Pray that the Senegalese government will treat citizens equally, regardless of religious background.	<b>9</b> <b>NIGERIA</b> Pray that the church in Nigeria will view persecution as a gift from God.
<b>10</b> <b>VENEZUELA</b> Pray for the spread of the gospel in areas where there are no believers.	<b>11</b> <b>VIETNAM</b> Pray that house church leaders will supernaturally understand God's Word beyond their limited education.	<b>12</b> <b>TAJIKISTAN</b> Pray for President Emomali Rahmon.	<b>13</b> <b>TANZANIA</b> Pray for Tanzania, which held presidential elections in October 2015, and especially for Zanzibar.	<b>14</b> <b>SIERRA LEONE</b> Pray for the protection and provision of former Muslims who share the gospel in dangerous areas.	<b>15</b> <b>BHUTAN</b> Pray for Christians who are distributing tracts and New Testaments to unbelievers.	<b>16</b> <b>SYRIA</b> Pray for church leaders and their families, who often endure separation while ministering to others.
<b>17</b> <b>BRUNEI</b> Pray for wisdom as MCM monitors and provides for the needs of believers.	<b>18</b> <b>AZERBAIJAN</b> Pray for President Ilham Aliyev.	<b>19</b> <b>SOMALIA</b> Pray for Somalian believers, who face persecution from family, neighbors, terrorists and the government.	<b>20</b> <b>UGANDA</b> Pray for peaceful presidential and parliamentary elections.	<b>21</b> <b>NIGER</b> Pray that the church in Niger will be strong in the Lord Jesus and in the power of His might.	<b>22</b> <b>ERITREA</b> Pray that church leaders will stay strong under pressure.	<b>23</b> <b>SOMALIA</b> Pray that small businesses will be able to sustain believers.
<b>24</b> <b>MALI</b> Pray for an end to looting and attacks against civilians, especially Christians.	<b>25</b> <b>TURKEY</b> Pray for the protection of Turkish pastors who face threats of physical violence.	<b>26</b> <b>MEXICO (SOUTHERN)</b> Pray that a radio station that was closed in Ocoingo will be able to obtain its license.	<b>27</b> <b>SENEGAL</b> Pray for more Christian lawyers who will defend and support Christians in jail.	<b>28</b> <b>LIBERIA</b> Pray for free and fair elections and a peaceful transition in 2017.	<b>29</b> <b>BHUTAN</b> Pray for the growth of house churches in Bhutan.	<b>30</b> <b>QATAR</b> Pray that Qatari Christians will experience joy and grace as they grow in Christ.
<b>31</b> <b>PAKISTAN</b> Pray that the Lord will raise up and equip a new generation of believers for faithful service.	 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. — 1 Timothy 4:10					

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