



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: *To see lives transformed through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

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The Chatter

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FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!!!

For the first time, Fr. Ward will be leading an in-depth Bible Study on the Book of *Revelation*. It begins **Friday, October 7** at 7:00pm, and will continue through **Friday, November 18**. He will analyze this vitally important book verse by verse. After a break during the holidays, the study will continue in January. Do you want to understand the book of *Revelation* in its entirety? Do you wish to know why its wisdom is important for *every day* life? If *Revelation* has ever confused or terrified you, don't fret or fear anymore! This study will put everything into perspective— God's perspective— and you will be one of the few who knows what's really going on. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors and come join us as we study and learn the wisdom and meaning behind the visions found in *Revelation*.

In Christ,

Fr. Ward

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for more!



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Revelation Made Relevant



“Finding God’s Wisdom for Today and Tomorrow”

A study led by the Very Rev. Fr. Arthur Ward, Dean & Rector

Rev 7:15 “For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship Him day and night within His temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.”

Friday nights, beginning October 7 at 7:00pm.

Bring your Bible, your family and friends.

You won’t want to miss this study!

VESTRY

The bill for the parking lot has not been received yet. New handicapped parking signs have been installed, and the electrical work is finished. The next projects will be:

Repairs to the foundation

New concrete steps

New sign on Sheridan Drive.



The clergy and their spouses will be away at a Diocesan retreat in Denver, CO, October 17-20.

Dn. Bush will be available for emergencies.

There will be no service on Wednesday, October 19th.

Mark your calendars now!



Why did we pave the Parking Lot?

I know there have been many questions as to why we had to repave the church's parking lot. I hope to answer most of them here.

When we purchased this church building we did so with the understanding that there would be repairs that would have to be made within the first few years of ownership. One of those repairs would be to replace the church parking lot. We patched a number of spots the first summer we were here, to buy us some time, but we knew that was a temporary fix. We had the parking lot sealed after the repairs were made, again, to buy more time before we would have to replace it. A few years later, when we called to have the lot resealed (it should be done every 2 to 3 years) the company said we would be wasting our money because the parking lot was deteriorating. Sealing would no longer help. The lot's surface needed attention. We needed to remove the old blacktop and replace it. We were told to save the money it would cost to reseal it, and put it toward resurfacing. We continued to have pot holes that grew in size and number. They were patched as best as possible, but kept coming back. There were cracks in the blacktop that allowed water to get under it, which caused more holes and more cracks. This was also causing problems with the foundation of the lot, which we were not aware of at that time. We had a lot of uneven spots that someone could easily trip over and get hurt. We obviously did not want this to happen. In addition, our sewer drains were not working properly, causing even more problems with standing water. A church member volunteered to repair the sewers for us. During the repairs, it was confirmed that our parking lot was in very bad shape, and it would have to be replaced. We called several companies to get estimates, but due to the high cost of oil at that time, we could not afford to do the job.

This past summer, the cost of oil being the lowest in years, we decided to re-look at repaving the lot. The timing was great! We had the money in our Arise & Pave Fund, and the cost was indeed significantly cheaper than in 2013. We contracted with a highly recommended company to have the lot resurfaced. They stripped off the top layer of blacktop, in preparation for the resurfacing, only to reveal that what was underneath was completely shot. This was not anticipated, nor could it have been foreseen by the contractors. Our lot was filled with a material called SLAG. This material was used in parking lots in the 1960's because it was cheap. Unfortunately, it hid a lot of problems that were only revealed after the blacktop was removed. The slag had to be excavated, and replaced with 2700 tons of stone before they could resurface the lot. Even with all of that extra work it was still cheaper to do it this past summer than it would have been in 2013!

The decision to do all this work in the parking lot was done after much prayer, with consideration for our parishioners safety, as well as making sure to be good stewards of the money given to St. Bart's by the congregation. If you still have questions please feel free to talk with me.

Thank you & God Bless— Dn. Reitz, Building & Grounds

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

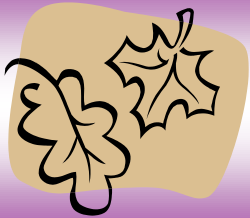
Matthew Prohaska– US Air Force

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.



BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

We will be having a baked goods sale during the Kenmore Quilt Show, September 30th & October 1. Forms for donations will be available in the Gift Shop & Fr. Amend Hall. We will have dates for our programs in the next Chatter.

BUNDLES FOR BABIES: Please leave new or gently used items may be brought to the Gift Shop and labeled for Cornerstone Manor. We will deliver them.



THREADS OF HOPE: Please bring any small household items, linens, etc., to the Gift Shop and mark them for Carol Siock.

Please continue to drop your DASH'S tapes in the bag on the Gift Shop door.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



October 3: Last Ounce of Courage

A story of faith, family and freedom

November 7: God's Not Dead 2

December 5: Silent Night The true story behind the most popular Christmas Carol of all time.



(Note the change to MONDAY nights!)

Our **Annual THANKSGIVING DINNER** will be held Thursday, November 24th, from 3 'til 8pm, for small families and those

who would be alone on Thanksgiving Day.

Dinner is served 3:30-5:30pm; dessert until 8:00pm, or until we run out. Please sign up

in the Fr. Amend Hall. For more information, please see David Curtis.



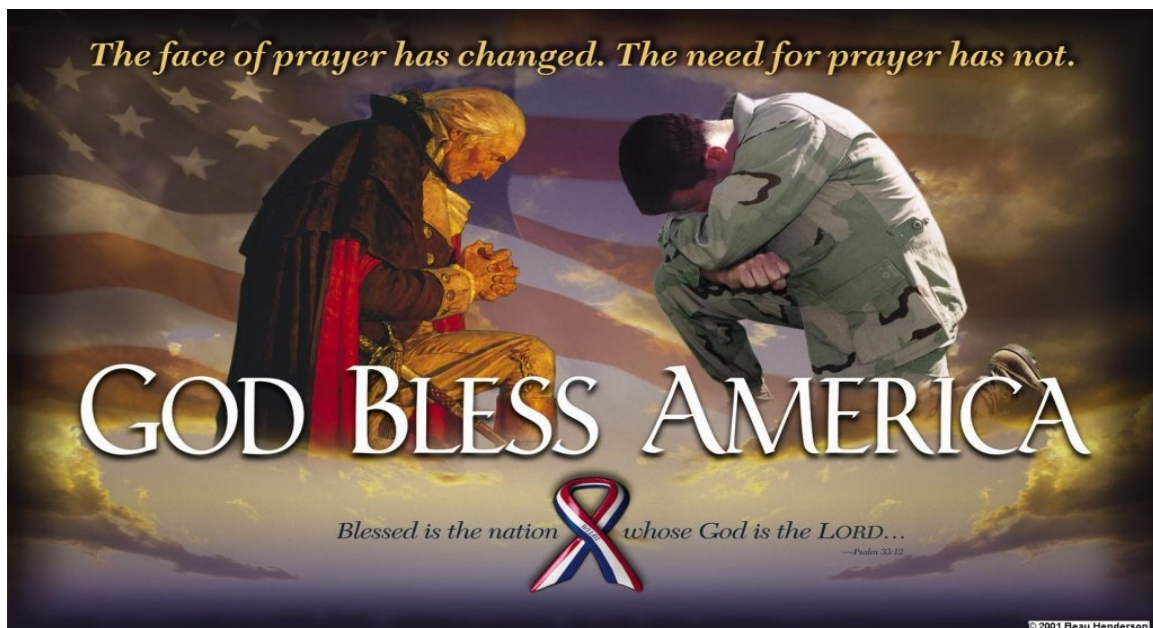
REQUEST: Please save **Baskets** that are appropriate for Fundraising Basket Auctions. **Muriel Forte** would appreciate any baskets you may not need or plan to discard.

Thank you & God Bless.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prayer for our Nation: *If you have concerns about our nation and would like to do something about it, join us the 3rd Monday of every month as we pray. Our next prayer meeting will be **Monday, October 17 at 7:00pm** in the sanctuary. Pray that God would give us the courage to trust in Him even when we do not fully understand what He is doing in our country.*



FOOD PANTRY: 58 bags of food and personal products were donated in September. There is always a need. Please continue to be as generous as you can. Thank You.



Articles for the NOVEMBER Chatter are due by October 20th.

Thank you.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Ephraim Bush, Melanie Prybilski,
Nicholas Swiantek, Richard Volkert

October 2 Victoria Smith

October 3 Dona Fenzel, Elaine Kyser

October 4 Alessia Craig, Pamela Fish,
Sarah Hillery, Joanna Jones,
Fr. Albert Montanari

October 6 Andrew Kyser,
Gregory VanNorman,
Benjamin Wojnowski

October 7 Karen Wheaton

October 8 Abigail Weber, Mark Wojnowski

October 10 Jessica Johnson, Eric Small,
Timothy VanLente

October 11 Robert Derrett Jr., Micah Gray,
Art Ward Sr., Betty Williams,
Alena Zanni

October 12 Rebecca Crane, Carla McNamara,
Richard Nelson, Mary Nowak

October 13 Rocco Brindisi, Dana Weber,
Jacob Woitas

October 14 Kendall Davis, Steven Gradzewicz

October 15 Andrea Bainbridge

October 17 Aaron Farley, Charles Ward

October 18 Suzannah Hoos-Lang,
John McGee, Susan Osberg

October 19 Terry Storey

October 20 Charlotte Burlou, Tamara Krull,
Dorothy Ruhland, Jerry Styn

October 21 Ruth Brinkerhoff, Gwendolyn Hill,
Fr. Edward Kusmierczyk

October 22 Kimberly Hill, Denise Simon

October 23 Laurie Socha

October 24 Stephen Delisanti

October 25 Kenneth Johnson

October 26 Adam Kowalyk

October 27 Nicholas Matteliano

October 28 Clare Hillary, Brianna Spence

October 29 Elaine Henzler,
Cheryl MacDonald, Linda Matuch,
Edward Milewski

October 30 Gary Bainbridge, George Bushey,
Paul Marcinelli

Happy Birthday!



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To see SAMSON



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RIGHTEOUS RIDERS BANQUET





OCTOBER 2016 CALENDAR

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:30am Conf. Class 10am-4pm Quilt Show 4:30pm HE
2 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am CEM 9:15am Bible Study 1:30pm Life Chain Sunday	3 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Movie Night 7:00pm Bishop Scaife Guild Meeting	4 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	5 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Youth Group & Missionettes 7pm Sr. Choir	6 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	7 7pm Fr. Ward's Bible Study - "Revelation Made Relevant"	8 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
9 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am CEM 9:15am Bible Study 3:00pm "Voiceless" Regal Amherst	10 Columbus Day observed - office closed	11 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	12 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	13 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	14 4:30pm Holy Marriage 7pm Fr. Ward's Bible Study - "Revelation Made Relevant"	15 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
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30 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am CEM 9:15am Bible Study	31					



PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

A new believer being baptized in Iraq

OCTOBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
NEPAL Pray for pastors who are persecuted by radical Hindu groups.	3 MEXICO (SOUTHERN) Pray for displaced Christian families exiled because of their faith.	4 INDONESIA Pray that God will protect Christian families in Poso from kidnapping and murder by Muslim terrorists.	5 SYRIA Pray that the Lord will continue to help Syrian Christians minister to those in continual pain.	6 BAHRAIN Pray that high-profile evangelists will be used by God through their notoriety.	7 MYANMAR Pray for front-line workers who are provided motorbikes to help them in their work.	8 EGYPT Pray that the church in Egypt will always be ready for persecution.
9 SUDAN Pray for Pastor Morris as he provides food and clothing to Islamist POWs and shares the gospel with them.	10 AZERBAIJAN Pray that church leaders will not be affected by the country's widespread corruption.	11 KYRGYZSTAN Pray for more pastoral training and discipleship as restrictions on Christians increase.	12 UZBEKISTAN Pray for the continued growth and multiplication of house churches.	13 COLOMBIA Pray for VOM's safe house and the families who use it.	14 UZBEKISTAN Pray for VOM's work in assisting pastors with training opportunities and ministry tools.	15 COLOMBIA Pray for evangelists who share the gospel in "red zones" controlled by guerrilla groups.
16 BAHRAIN Pray that the royal family will come to faith in Christ.	17 JORDAN Pray that Jordanian Christians will continue to find ways to share Christ with Muslim refugees.	18 COMOROS Pray for the encouragement of believers.	19 PHILIPPINES (MINDANAO) Pray for widows, orphans and others whose relatives have been martyred.	20 KUWAIT Pray that persecuted believers in Kuwait will be comforted by God and feel His presence.	21 BANGLADESH Pray for front-line workers receiving discipleship training.	22 CUBA Pray for Cuban pastors, who are under constant government scrutiny.
23 BANGLADESH Pray that believers will be encouraged by a daily Christian radio broadcast.	24 VENEZUELA Pray that VOM partners will be given permission to visit churches and hospitals and to evangelize publicly.	25 IRAN Pray for Iranians who are engaged in evangelism and discipleship efforts.	26 INDIA Pray for the training of 1,000 church planters serving in hostile areas.	27 LIBERIA Pray that indigenous pastors, evangelists and missionaries will have more training opportunities.	28 INDONESIA Pray for successful Bible distributions in Indonesia.	29 INDONESIA Pray that God will provide a place for believers to meet when their churches are closed by the government.
30 SRI LANKA Pray for pastors facing harassment and discrimination by the government.	31 KUWAIT Pray that more of the royal family will embrace Jesus as Savior.					

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ... - Philipians 3:8

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A United States Marine was taking some college classes between assignments. He had completed 20 missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. One of the courses had a professor who was an avowed atheist.

One day the professor shocked the class when he came in. He looked to the ceiling and flatly stated, "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you exactly 15 minutes."

The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am God. I'm still waiting."

It got down to the last couple of minutes when the Marine got out of his chair, went up to the professor, and cold-cocked him, knocking him off the platform. The professor was out cold.

The Marine went back to his seat and sat there, silently.

The other students were shocked and stunned, and sat there looking on in silence.

The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the Marine and asked, "What in the world is the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The Marine calmly replied, "*God was busy today*, protecting America's soldiers who are protecting your right to say dumb things and act like an idiot. So He sent me."

The classroom erupted in cheers!

