



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: *Transforming lives 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

APRIL 2017

APRIL 2017: AN EXCITING MONTH AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S!

After a stellar winter (unless you like lots of snow), we now approach Spring! And with Spring, comes the high point of the Church Year - the Day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Easter Season! And yet before we can celebrate Easter, we must recognize the events of Holy Week.

During the next couple weeks please note the schedule of additional services and events. We wrap up our **final Friday Night Lenten Bible Study on Revelation, April 7.** During **Holy Week** the **Stations of the Cross** will be remembered at **7 PM on Monday and Tuesday**, followed by a service of Holy Eucharist. On **Wednesday** there will be two services of Holy Eucharist (9:30 AM & 6:30 PM). On **Maundy Thursday**, we will celebrate the Passover with our **annual Seder Meal at 5:30 PM** followed by a service of Holy Eucharist at 7 PM. Please join us on **Good Friday** for our three hour service (**Noon - 3 PM** - you can arrive and leave at any point during the three hours) and our traditional **Tenebrae service at 8 PM.** On **Holy Saturday**, there will be an opportunity to experience the **Great Easter Vigil** at Symphony Circle in Buffalo led by Father Bryan Wandel, who is planting an Anglican Church in Buffalo.

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St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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Of course, don't forget about the three Easter Services on **Easter Sunday, April 16 at 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, & 11:15 AM** - note time changes!

Then on **Saturday, April 22, from 10 AM - 2 PM**, Pastor David Siriano will join us for a teaching on **End-time Bible Prophecy** looking how the USA fits in God's end time plans. This will be the third consecutive year that Pastor Dave and his wife have joined us. He will have with him his own outlines and books he has written on Bible Prophecy, including his latest which is a novel that incorporates the events revealed in the Book of Revelation. Later that evening the Righteous Riders Motorcycle Club will be holding their annual banquet in the Fr. Amend Hall at 6 PM. All are welcome, but please purchase tickets ahead of time.

While April is an exciting month, it will only be so if you are present. So be engaged and come join us as we worship and serve the Lord! If you are traveling we hope you have a blessed time away. Otherwise, I hope to see you in April!

In Christ's Service,

Fr. Ward



HOLY WEEK



Be sure to take advantage of the many opportunities to be engaged in the life of the Church during Holy Week.



Palm Sunday (April 9): 8, 9:15 & **11:15am** Holy Eucharist

With the addition of the Blessing of the Palms

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday & Tuesday: Stations of the Cross at 7pm, followed by Holy Eucharist at 7:30pm

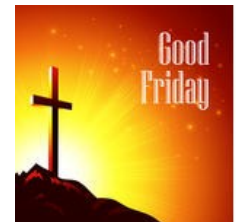
Wednesday: 9:30am & 6:30pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday: 5:30 PM Seder Dinner, 7 PM Holy Eucharist
7:30pm Tenebrae Rehearsal

Good Friday: Liturgical 3 Hours, noon 'til 3pm

Solemn Music Recital at 7:30pm

Solemn Tenebrae Service at 8:00pm



Easter Sunday (April 16): Holy Eucharist at **7:30**, 9:15 & **11:15am**

(Note the time changes!)

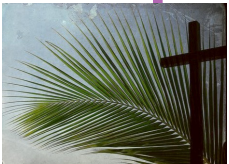


PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS SUNDAY, April 2.

Personal care items such as bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes etc.; also spaghetti sauce, pasta, tuna fish, cereals, fruit, peanut butter and 'boxed dinners' are appreciated. Thanks to all who have donated in the past. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the North Tonawanda Food Pantry.



FASTING - Jesus expected *all* of His followers to fast (Mark 2:18-20), and left general directions on our attitude while fasting (Matthew 6:16-18). Our Prayer Book gives the Church's discipline & days of fasting on pg.7. ***Ash Wednesday & Good Friday*** are days when all are expected to fast - a minimum for any in good health is to omit at least one meal. Some omit food the entire day, drinking only water. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide, and follow Jesus' direction as given in Matthew's Gospel quoted above.



CARE OF THE PALMS - Blessed Palms are never to be carelessly discarded, but always reverently burned. They can be placed near any religious picture or memento in the home, and burned on the day before Ash Wednesday next year.

LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPES can be found in the envelope packet you receive in the mail. Extra envelopes will be in the pews if needed. Funds will be given to those in need.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT - There is a Bible Study with Fr. Ward on Friday evenings from 7-8:30pm preceded by a meatless covered dish dinner at 6pm. The topic is: "***Rev. chs. 4-8: Worship, Wrath, and Witness***". Bring a Bible and bring a friend! Last Bible Study will be April 7.

HOLY CONFIRMATION will be **June 4** at the **11:15am service**.

VESTRY



Not all of the pledge cards for 2017 have been received.
Please send yours in if you have not already!

The CORE team is in the process of developing seven Strategy Teams to work on implementing the Vision and Mission of St. Bartholomew's. Do you know that they are?



The "puddles" in the parking lot will be corrected when the weather allows.

BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

The soup sale cooperated with the cold weather! Our profit was \$1084.80. Thanks to all that bought the delicious soup and thanks to the "Soup Cooks," Jim and Dawn Glownia and Lori Abramo.



The weather didn't cooperate for our Lenten Brunch. We had a smaller group than we usually have, but plenty of delicious food (each one of the Sunday Coffee Groups had a large tray on Sunday). Our speaker from the Historical Society had an interesting program about the Pan American Expo.

June 1: Spring Banquet Classic V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd.

BUNDLES FOR BABIES: Please bring new or gently used items to the Gift Shop and label for Cornerstone Manor. There is always a need for these items. 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.



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

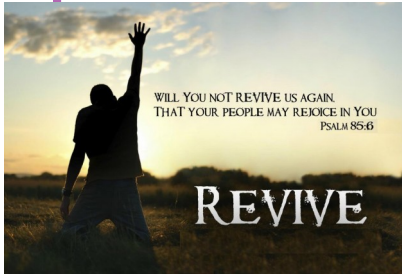
Andrew Welkley– US Air Force



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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prayer for Revival: Our next meeting will be Monday, April 17, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we pray for the concerns facing our nation, our state, and our community.



AND



Join us for an evening of pizza, salad, and a movie Monday, April 3, beginning at 6:00pm.

Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study

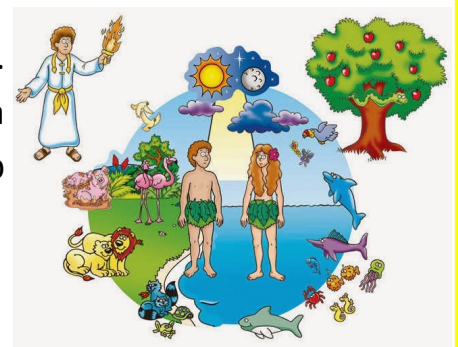
Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm (April 4 & 25, May 9 & 23)

Our mission: To grow ever closer to the Lord through a greater understanding of His Word, with study, prayer and praise, and through fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

We are currently studying the Book of **Genesis**.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!! Study materials are provided. Bring your own Bible (a study Bible, if you have one) and a friend. All are welcomed for a time of study, prayer, fellowship and sharing. Questions? Call Louise Jones

(716) 874-0526



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

COMMUNITY COFFEEHOUSE

Friday, May 12, 2017 at 7p.m.



Come and enjoy coffee from Imprint Coffee Roasting Co. along with live music from

Arthur Ward III & *Sense the Call*.

Doors open at 6:30p.m.



FOOD PANTRY: 62 bags of food and personal products were donated in March. There is always a need, especially this time of year. Please continue to be as generous as you can.

Thank You.



Articles for the MAY Chatter are due by April 18th.

Thank you.

Our Youth Group (and chaperones) spent a day packaging over 3200 bags of food for “let them LOL.”

They had a great time, while helping others. Thanks to all who participated. More about this event will be shared Youth Sunday.



POST MEAL PACKAGING FORM

Meal Packing Date: 3/11/17

Group Name: St. Bartholomew's youth group

Group Contact Name: Brielle Clantz

Email: brieclantz@gmail.com

Phone Number: (716) 207-2841

Number of Volunteers Packing: 14

Number of Hours Packing: 2 hrs.

Total Meals Packed: 3240



April Birthdays

April 1 Carolyn Everett, Pamela Morrison

April 2 Kyle MacLeay, Aidyn McAndrews,

April 3 Jennifer Gradzewicz,
Jacquelyn Luckoski

April 4 KatieGrace Hillestad, Braison Ivancic,
Grayson Santora, Edward Woepfel

April 5 Joan Bella, Gloria Cross,
Makayla Johnson

April 7 Debra Birchenough

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 Darinda Hoffman

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, Kyle Matesic,
Janelle Westerman

April 22 Bettie Batterson, Arielle Derrett

April 23 James McNamara,
Thomas Prohaska

April 24 Thomas Delo

April 25 Amanda Merrick, Zachary Passino

April 26 Edith Manning, Diane Moyer,
Carol Swist

April 27 Hannah Okiec, Tammy Osmon,
Joseph Scilia, Andrew Stiokas

April 29 Alan Heacock, Carl Waley

April 30 David Gray, Gordon Heron,
Deborah Zanghi



APRIL CALENDAR

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS 9:15am Bible Study	3 6pm Pizza & Movie	4 6:30pm Men's Disc. 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Vestry	5 9:30am & 6:30pm HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:45pm Missionettes 6pm Junior Choir 7pm Senior Choir	6	7 6pm Dinner 7pm Bible Study	8 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
9 8, 9:15, & 11:15AM HE 9:15 & 11:15AM SS 9:15am Bible Study PALM SUNDAY	10 7pm Stations 7:30pm HE	11 7pm Stations 7:30pm HE 6:30pm Men's Disc.	12 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm HE 7pm Senior Choir	13 5:30pm Seder 7pm HE 7:30 Tenebrae rehearsal	14 Noon-3pm - The Liturgical "3 Hours" 7:30pm Sacred Music Recital 8pm Solemn Tenebrae	15 Altar Guild Brunch, cleaning & Easter Day decorating
16 EASTER DAY 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15AM HE	17 6pm BARRA 7pm Prayer for Nation and Revival	18	19 6:45pm Missionettes 6pm Jr. Choir NO Senior choir	20	21	22 9:30am Conf. Class 10am-2pm Rev..D. Siriano - USA in Prophecy 4:30pm HE 6:00pm Righteous Riders Banquet
23 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS	24	25 6:30pm Men's Disc. 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	26 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Senior Choir	27	28 Riverdell Celebration of Learning	29 10:30am Conf. class 4:30pm HE
30 8, 9:15 & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11am SS						

Christ is Risen!



APRIL

VOM provides Bibles for children in hostile and restricted nations to help prepare them for the persecution they will likely face.

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

						1 BHUTAN Pray that Buddhism's stronghold will be broken in Bhutan.
2 TUNISIA Pray that the government will stand strong against ISIS ideology, which spreads easily among youth.	3 INDONESIA Pray that money-laundering laws will not prevent Christian foundations from receiving ministry funds from abroad.	4 JORDAN Pray that Christian leaders will have a strategic plan to disciple new believers from Muslim backgrounds.	5 NIGERIA Pray for the encouragement and strength of front-line workers.	6 TUNISIA Pray for President Beji Caid Essebsi.	7 LEBANON Pray that Lebanese Christians will continue to love Syrian refugees and share Jesus with them.	8 NIGERIA Pray for Christians in the north who boldly stand for the gospel as Boko Haram seeks to destroy the church.
9 TURKEY Pray that many Turks will abandon their pride in "Turkishness" to follow Christ.	10 IRAQ Pray that non-Christians will see Christ's love in believers and want to know Him themselves.	11 SENEGAL Pray that Christianly will not be viewed as the religion of Westerners, as it is frequently understood.	12 LAOS Pray that God's Word will reach many people in remote villages through radio and recorded media.	13 LIBERIA Pray for the health, courage and effectiveness of those ministering in Christ's name to people affected by Ebola.	14 GUINEA Pray for missionaries working with unreached peoples in the north.	15 CHINA Pray for minority believers who face persecution in the remote provinces of Xinjiang and Tibet.
16 PAKISTAN Pray that Action Packs and Outreach Packs will continue to bless and encourage our persecuted family.	17 COMOROS Pray for young men who are denied societal benefits because of their faith in Christ.	18 ISRAEL Pray for outreach efforts to the various communities in Israel.	19 SOMALIA Pray that the Lord Jesus will be exalted among Somalis and that they will reject Isis.	20 SYRIA Pray that every false accusation and mistreatment of the church will collapse and disappear.	21 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that God will provide food, both physical and spiritual, for many people in this ravaged land.	22 CUBA Pray for the release of believers who have been jailed under false pretenses or for disappearing with the government.
23 BHUTAN Pray for unity and collaboration among Nepali and Bhutanese Christians.	24 MALDIVES Pray that the few Maldivians who have accepted Christ will be bold and courageous.	25 IRAN Pray for Iranians who have received digital Bibles and discipleship resources.	25 BHUTAN Pray for "Brother Ram" who was imprisoned and lost his government job because of his faith.	27 TANZANIA Pray that churches in Zanzibar will distance themselves from the ruling party there to avoid compromising their witness.	28 INDIA Pray for Prime Minister Modi and his Hindu nationalist government, which encourages anti-Christian violence.	29 ERITREA Pray that President Aiswerk will allow evangelical Christian workers to return.
30 LIBERIA Pray that the policies of President Ellen Sirleaf will encourage growth and rebuilding in the country.						



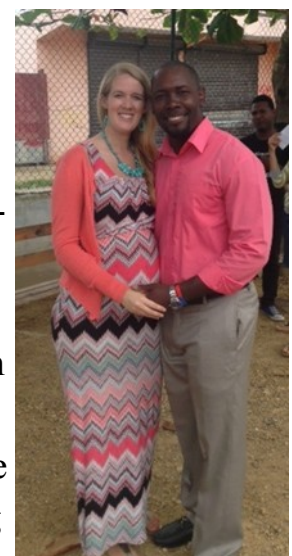
For updated prayers visit icommittopray.com

Hello friends and family, I hope this letter finds you well! I would just like to take some time to keep you updated about us and what the Lord been doing in us and through us lately. We so appreciate all your prayers and support for us!

Since we got married, we have been able to balance our time for ministry and family. My wife is still working and serving at the Palms Christian school, while I have been busy serving with Score International. Our ministry has been producing more believers in the faith as we are being more intentional with the gospel of Jesus Christ, sharing the words of God everywhere.

In January, we started the year working with a group from Relevant Church from Tampa, Florida, building bunk beds for the poorest kids in the community of Quisqueya. We were able to build 60 bunk beds for 30 families! This was a huge blessing to the families in the community and God's love was shown through the community. The group had the opportunity to reach the physical needs of these people and got to personally deliver the beds to the families in need and we set aside time to pray with each family that received a bed and shared the gospel with them. During this same month, a medical group from Buffalo area and the Chapel led by Jeff Hackett, a close friend and missionary partner, came down to serve and provide much needed medical care to different communities in the area. I also got the opportunity to work alongside a group called Odesa, that came to the Dominican and were a huge blessing to serve alongside us communicating the gospel.

Three years ago I started one ministry with the local firefighters in the area, meeting with them, sharing Christ with them. Today, I'm working with 6 different fire stations! The Lord has definitely grown this ministry! It is called Brothers without Borders or Hermano sin Fronteras. In the month of February, alongside of Brothers without Borders, we heavily focused on bringing all these fire stations together, training them, sharing our testimonies with them, and learning from the Word of God. As firefighters, we were sharpened mutually for 7 days, not only in our firefighter skills, but in our faith. We have been effectively working together as family and as brothers in Christ, working with other firefighters from Buffalo and Georgia area that came down to serve with the local firefighters in the DR. Thank you so much for praying us and supporting us financially. We pray that God continues blessing you greatly and abundantly in every way possible. We are also expecting a baby girl, Kingsley Marie, who is due on May 14th! We ask for your prayers for protection and a safe delivery. Thank you so much for thinking of us, caring for us, and praying us! **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT FELIX PLEASE SEE FR. WARD.**



Laughter is the best medicine!



The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard, when suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.



After several hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the '**Choose Life**' license plate, the '**What Would Jesus Do?**' bumper sticker, the '**Follow Me to Sunday-School**' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated **Christian fish emblem** on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!"

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"



"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."