



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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Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We are here! Rebecca, John-Paul, James, and I arrived at our new apartment in North Buffalo on June 25 and, praise the Lord, all our things arrived the next day. All things considered, the move was mostly smooth. A big thank you to Fr. Molison and Barbara for orchestrating a welcome team to greet us and help move things into the house – and thank you to all of you who were part of the team. It was such a relief to have extra hands to help with John-Paul and moving various things into the house. I suspect you all saved Rebecca and me a great deal of stress. Bless you saints!

Lest, however, I give the impression that we are only grateful to these few saints, please allow me to express our deepest joy and gratitude to the rest of the Body of Christ here at St. Bartholomew's. We have been blown away by the generosity and welcome we have received from all of you! As an anecdote, my dad (Fr. Chuck Thebeau) has been an Anglican priest for 35 years. In that time, he has been called to serve at four parishes and led a congregation out of the Episcopal Church to plant an ACNA church; he and my mom (Sandy) have never received the kind of gift basket and welcome that we received from this congregation. In fact, when Rebecca and I shared with my parents how you had blessed us, they both started to cry in amazement and gratitude for the love of Christ expressed to us by you. As my dad is fond of saying – and as you will hear me say – *Go saints, go!* Let the love of Christ which dwells in your hearts shine forth into the world as a blessing and witness to Christ our Lord. And thank you! You have blessed us perhaps more than we can adequately express.

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Dn. Thebeau's message, continued from Page 1

Continuing to think about the notion of *generosity*, I'd like to share a few thoughts with you related to Jesus' generosity toward us. I ask that you bear with me in patience, as I am going to fly high and fast covering several texts and themes centered on the doctrine of Creation, especially as it relates to Christology (that is, the study or doctrine of the second person of the Trinity who became incarnate in Jesus Christ).

I would like to start at the beginning: Genesis 1:1. In our English translations, this verse is generally translated: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (NASB) This is a fair translation that gets at the text's meaning, to be sure. Nevertheless, there is a second, compelling translation open to us as well, a translation that makes St. Paul's words at Mars Hill in the book of Acts all the more clear: "For in Him [Christ Jesus] we live and move and exist." (Acts 17:28 NASB) In the Hebrew of Genesis 1:1 the word *bereshit* is used, it is this word that we commonly see translated as, "in the beginning." However, in the Hebrew the article ("the") is missing, thus a more verbatim translation would be, "in beginning." In and of itself, this is not overly noteworthy as it is common for the article to be assumed. Nevertheless, it is also a common device to remove the article in order to signify a title; in our case, this would render *bereshit* not as "in the beginning," but rather as, "in Beginning." The question, then, is who is the title for? In the Greek of the New Testament, the word for beginning is *arche*, which is significant for us here because *arche* is a common title for the second person of the Trinity who became incarnate in Jesus Christ. In fact, St. John uses the word *arche* in chapter 1 verse 1 of his Gospel: "In the beginning [*arche*] was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (NASB) These two texts, read in conjunction with other passages throughout Scripture, suggest that the title "Beginning" is for the second person of the Trinity, the Word become flesh, Jesus Christ. As such, we can say with St. Paul that all things are summed up in Christ (Eph 1:10) who is not only the Creator, but also the source in and through whom *all things* have their being. As St. Paul tells us in Colossians 1:17: "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (NASB)

But what does this have to do with *generosity*? In the first place, our very existence is an outpouring of the generosity of the Triune God. That is to say, our lives and beings are themselves demonstrations of the grace of God. As one of my favorite theologians, Hans Boersma, has put it: "Christ is not just the climax of the covenant – though he certainly is that – but he is also the eternal anchor for all created existence." In other words, the scope of God's grace toward us in Christ Jesus (i.e., his generosity) goes beyond the Cross, which remains its central figure, but includes also our Creation and Preservation. The fact that we have existence – believers and nonbelievers alike – is a witness to the generosity of the Triune God in Christ Jesus.

In light of this conversation, I exhort you to read Philippians 2:1-18 and meditate on Christ's generosity toward you.

Shalom shalom,

The Rev. Dcn. Andrew Thebeau

VESTRY

Vestry does not meet in July or August.



BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Please put any suggestions for activities that we could have in the Dash 's receipts bag on the Gift Shop door, or, call Lori Abramo at 838-1752. The BSG board will be meeting in the fall to plan for the year. Thank You!



Bundles for Babies: Cornerstone Manor can always use new and gently used baby items. Please mark them for Cornerston and leave them at the Gift Shop.

THREADS OF HOPE: Please leave items for Threads of Hope at the Gift Shop, marked for Carol Siock. Small Appliances, dishes, linens, etc.



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.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee is asking parishioners to submit examples of **Christian Faith in Action**: times when the Holy Spirit was at work in your everyday life.

We plan to publish these in various venues throughout the year, in hopes that others are encouraged, strengthened, and made more aware of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of believers. Examples include: a brief anecdote of the hand of God on a situation; a few lines of how the Fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, goodness, and self control) was evident in your response to a difficulty; a time when you sensed the gentle nudge or still soft voice of God.

Submissions may be published anonymously, if you wish, but please include your name and phone number for the committee's purposes only. You may send articles to the church office, attention to the Outreach Committee, or given to Caroline Rudin, or by email to crudin63@gmail.com. All submissions will be treated with utmost respect and privacy within the committee.

See the next page for our first submission.

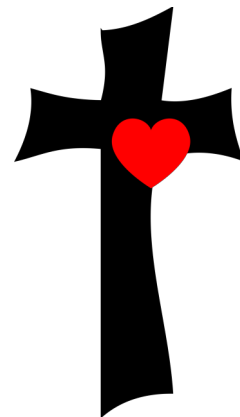
CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACTION

The story I would like to share is being the mouthpiece of the Holy Spirit in a time of great sorrow. On a stormy May night around midnight, a cell phone rang in the woods. Our extended family was camping and tragedy struck back home. It was my sister-in-law. She had passed away unexpectedly in my living room while house-sitting so we could camp. My brother-in-law was beside himself recounting the horrible events to his mother. We shared tears and hugged each other as the wind blew the rain sideways, thunder boomed, and lightning lit up the heavens. We all felt a horrible sorrow - but in the midst of it, the Spirit gave me the words to comfort and share God's love with us who were in pain. I had never experienced loss in such a personal way, nor have I ever felt the Hand of God like that before. I knew in an instant that I would see her again in heaven and that it would be OK.

I only hope this story inspires you and helps your faith walk because I AM is always there when we need Him the most! He will never leave us or forsake us! (Hebrews 13:5)

Respectfully,

Marley Smith



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MAKER FUN FACTORY

August 7-11 6:30-8:00pm

Grades K—5

Sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall to help or attend.

St. Bart's Travel Group— Upcoming Event



Friday morning, **October 27**, there will be a concert at Kleinhan's with the BPO plus performers from Cirque. These skilled individuals exhibit amazing feats of balance, flexibility, and strength as the BPO orchestra accompanies them. Mike and Brenda

Wisz have seen several Cirque events and say they are AWESOME!

Tickets are \$33, seating is on the main floor, and the 10:30am concert is preceded by free coffee and donuts at 9am. **Payment is due NO LATER THAN AUGUST 21.**



Sign up sheet is in the Fr. Amend Hall. See Brenda Wisz for more information.

FOOD PANTRY: 48 bags of food and personal products were donated in July. There is always a need. Please continue to be as generous as you can.

Thank You.



Articles for the **SEPTEMBER Chatter** are due by **August 22.**

Thank you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prayer for Revival: Our next meeting will be **Monday, August 21**, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we pray for the concerns facing our world, our nation, our community, and our church. Let us be a *CHURCH ON FIRE* for the Lord!



Hello and Greetings in the Name of the Lord:

We are your **Prayer Strategy Team**. We are here to help fulfill the Vision and Mission of St. Bartholomew's and to serve you.

Did you know there will be a Prayer Tent at Family Fun Day on **August 19**? Bring someone to this event and let's come together in prayer!



We will also be gathering **Monday, August 28** at 11am to pray for the Vision & Mission of St. Bart's, and to pray for the CORE Leadership Team. Please join us in praying in our Upper Room. You will be blessed.

Marie Crosby, Mary Gamble,

Sandra Koerber, and Deacon Gary Wisniewski

Attention all singers! Come try out our new **Contemporary Choir** at St. Bart's starting in the fall. We welcome all singers and all ages from 14 and up. If your child has "aged out" of junior choir, this is a great stepping stone into a more advanced choir with minimal time commitment. Rehearsals are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month from 6:00-6:45, beginning 9/13 and singing will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month **at 9:15 only**, beginning on 9/17. Come praise the Lord with us together with some great music! Contact Eileen Arnold with any questions.



FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall to help.

Invite your family and friends!

11th Annual Community Family Fun Day



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church
2368 Eggert Road • Tonawanda, NY 14150
Church Phone 831-1777

Saturday, August 19, 2017
12:00 pm to 4:30 pm

FREE
FAMILY FUN DAY !!!

**Face Painting *Bounce Houses *Free Food *Free Soft Drinks
*Free Desserts *Motorcycle Blessing* Christian Fellowship
*Testimonies with Gospel Message *Classic and Modified Cars *
Music, Clergy Dunk Tank and Much More*

Special Guest

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.

1:00pm-2:00pm Live Mammals and Reptiles

3:00pm-4:00pm Birds of Prey Demonstration

Join us for a great day of fun for the whole family!

Would You Like To Show Your Classic or Modified Car! See Below.

- * No entry fee or judging. Just relax and have fun showing your classic or modified car! **No Alcohol!**
- * Free gifts and Dash Plaques for the first 50 pre-registered classic and modified car participants. If you forget to register, show up and we will have space for you.
- * Drawings during the day and free "Thank you" gifts for drivers.
- * Cruise Cars should arrive at 1:00 pm.
- * Classic Cars to be 1985 and older.
- * Modified Cars 1986 and newer must be unique and approved by committee.

Pre-register your classic car by e-mail to rr@stbartston.org with your name, address, phone, car year, model, and make. A photo also would be appreciated. You will receive a confirmation e-mail stating you are registered. If you have any questions, please e-mail rr@stbartston.org or call 716-831-1777 ex15. To view pictures of past years' events visit our website: www.stbartston.org.

Welcome to Dn. Andrew Thebeau, Rebecca, John-Paul, and James



August Birthdays

August 1 Richard Decker, Nicholas Weber,
Mike Wisz

August 2 Anthony Driskill

August 3 Carolyn Flynn

August 4 David Merrick, Carol Siock,
David Uptegrove,
Elaine Wisniewski

August 5 Carie-Jo Cleary

August 6 Tochukwa Ezeagwuna, Tim Fildes,
Kelsey Garrasi, Gust Servis

August 7 Cynthia Carter, Abigail Stiokas

August 8 Ashley Garrasi, Carrie Hillary,
Rudy Kristich, David Prohaska

August 9 Michele Rocker

August 10 James Arnold, Kathleen Noye,
Leslie Percival

August 11 Albert Caruso, Florence Purchase,
Parker Waddington

August 12 Justine Derrett, Timothy Meacham

August 13 Karon Cavalleri, Juhn Okiec

August 14 Charles Graber, Delores Jackman,
Dorothy Johnson, Matt McHenry

August 15 Suzanne Slayton, Fr. Arthur Ward Jr.

August 16 Thomas Carter, Daniel Tobin

August 17 Laurie-Anne Hammond

August 19 Lois Doran, Adam Gray

August 20 Tracy Derrett, Albert Matuch

August 22 James Thompson

August 23 Sophie Poeller

August 24 Mikayla Boyle, Willard Crosby

August 25 Hannah LaDuca

August 26 Stephanie Baker, Brandon Ganci,
Rhoda Mason

August 27 Larry Bainbridge, Laura Klenk,
Laura Zuefle

August 28 Alica Hennebrger, Katherine Oliveri

August 29 Robert Johnson, Cianna Morgante,
Kathleen Schwab

August 30 George Decker, David McGuire,
Abby Wojnowski



AUGUST CALENDAR

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:30am HE 10:30am Bible Study	3	4	5 4:30pm HE
6 8 & 10AM HE 9:15am Bible Study 10AM SS K-5	7 6:30-8pm VBS begins!!!	8 6:30-8pm VBS	9 9:30am HE 10:30am Bible Study 6:30-8pm VBS	10 6:30-8pm VBS	11 6:30-8pm VBS ends	12 4:30pm HE
13 8 & 10AM HE 9:15am Bible Study 10AM SS K-5	14 6pm Pizza and Movie Night	15	16 9:30am HE 10:30am Bible Study	17	18	19 FAMILY FUN DAY Noon - 4:30pm 4:30pm HE (outside)
20 8 & 10AM HE 9:15am Bible Study 10AM SS K-5	21 7pm Prayer for Revival	22	23 9:30am HE 10:30am Bible Study	24	25	26 4:30pm HE
27 8 & 10AM HE 9:15am Bible Study 10AM SS K-5	28 11am Prayer for St. Bart's Vision & Mission	29	30 9:30am HE 10:30am Bible Study	31		

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST

VOM supports workers and evangelists who travel to the most remote areas to share the gospel with people hungry for the truth of Christ.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 TURKMENISTAN Pray for creative ways to share the gospel with youth.	2 AZERRAIJAN Pray for President Ilham Aliyev.	3 MAURITANIA Pray that the Lord will provide the church with discernment and unity in this hostile culture.	4 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that many children will come to know Christ through Christian summer camps.	5 IRAN Pray that young church leaders will be trained and equipped to shepherd believers in their nation.
6 CHINA Pray that imprisoned believers will remain strong in faith and be a light to those around them.	7 LEBANON Pray that Syrian refugees who come to faith in Christ will grow in faith.	8 MEXICO (SOUTHERN) Pray that new church-planting efforts in guerrilla territory will bear lasting fruit.	9 LAOS Pray that front-line workers will remain faithful in the face of Satan's attacks on inroads.	10 TAJIKISTAN Pray for a ministry among abused women.	11 MALDIVES Pray that Maldivians working abroad will receive the gospel and take it back to their homeland.	12 TURKMENISTAN Pray for President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov.
13 CUBA Pray for the wisdom of church leaders as they face government authorities.	14 SIERRA LEONE Pray for evangelists who travel and minister in remote areas where the gospel is rarely heard.	15 PAKISTAN Pray for front-line workers who share the gospel and make disciples despite persecution by radical Muslims.	16 MALI Pray for those affected by recent kidnappings, and that the <i>katéwagaga</i> will cease.	17 TURKEY Pray for a spirit of unity among the fledgling Turkish church of fewer than 5,000.	18 YEMEN Pray for the families of those killed because of their Christian faith and evangelistic work.	19 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that President Touadras will bring religious liberty to the country.
20 SAUDI ARABIA Pray for the thousands of secret believers in Saudi Arabia.	21 INDONESIA Pray that the Indonesian government will uphold the rights of Christians to build churches.	22 NEPAL Pray that Christians will have greater religious freedom under the newly adopted secular constitution.	23 BAHRAIN Pray that missionaries in Bahrain will have more opportunities to share the gospel.	24 PHILIPPINES (MINDANAO) Pray that pastors will have wisdom to avoid error and courage to teach the truth of God's Word.	25 YEMEN Pray for the wisdom of local church leaders as they share the gospel with Yemenis.	26 TURKEY Pray for outreach efforts among the millions of refugees now in Turkey.
27 TURKMENISTAN Pray for VOM's efforts to provide Christian materials in the Turkmen language.	28 GHANA Pray that the church in the south will reach out to northern villages with the gospel.	29 INDONESIA Pray for churches that have been forced to close because of protests by Islamic hard-liners.	30 EGYPT Pray that believers' daily lives will be less, many live in poverty.	31 MALAWI Pray for the spread of the gospel among the Yao people.		



For updated prayers visit icommittopray.com

Laugh a Little

My husband gave me a beautiful anniversary card that had lovely art and a heartfelt verse. Wiping away a tear, I said, "This is the sweetest card I've ever received." "Really?" he said, grinning broadly. "What does it say?"



At dinner, my 6-year old daughter said, "Dad, when I grow up, I'm gonna marry you." I laughed until her mom said, "Honey, don't make the same mistake I did."

I constantly tell my nine-year old twins how important it is to stay in school, and yet, every day, they come home.



Filling out a credit card application, my friend came upon this question: "What is your source of income?" She wrote: "ATM."

All her life, Victoria was told that the women in her family were able to walk on water on their 21st birthday. It didn't seem possible, but her mother assured her it was true. So, on her 21st birthday, Victoria takes a boat onto the lake, steps off, and sinks. Back on land, Victoria confronts her mother. "You told me that every woman in our family could walk on water on her 21st birthday!" "It's true," said her mother. "But when I just tried it, I nearly drowned!" "That's because your sisters and I were all born in January, and you were born in July!"

