



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

MARCH 2017

LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 1ST & FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY ON MARCH 3RD!

Please join us for the many services and activities (*check the weekly Parish Life section in the bulletin*) that will be a part of our annual Lenten Devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Ash Wednesday services will be **6:45 AM, 9:30 AM, & 7 PM**, and there will be services of Holy Eucharist on subsequent Wednesdays at **9:30 AM & 6:30 PM**.

Friday Night Bible Study will be at **7 PM** every Friday until Good Friday. It will be preceded by the **meatless covered dish dinner at 6 PM**. The theme of our Study will be *Revelation chapters 4 through 8 - Worship, Wrath, and Witness*. ALL are welcome! There will also be a children's Lenten program during the study!!! So please invite family and friends and bring your Bible!

Finally, please check out our new website design - **www.stbartston.org**. I would like to thank Jennifer Waley for her outstanding work in updating and improving our website.

I hope to see you throughout the season of Lent!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ward

PS. We will be having a *Vigil of Prayer* in the Upper Prayer Room during Holy Week. Details will be forthcoming later in Lent.



St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

Also see our **[Facebook](#)** page for more!



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LENT

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

Ash Wednesday (March 1): Holy Eucharist at 6:45 & 9:30am, and 7:00pm.

Other Wednesdays in Lent: Holy Eucharist at 9:30am & **6:30pm**

Friday Night Bible Study (beginning March 3) at 7:00pm, preceded by a meatless covered-dish dinner at 6:00pm.

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

Holy Week: 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 Meal, 7 PM Holy Eucharist

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!)



VESTRY

The Thanksgiving, Advent & Christmas offerings of \$2036 each have been sent to *Saving Grace Ministries, Buffalo City Mission/Cornerstone Manor, Salvation Army* and *Hearts for the Homeless*.

As of 2/6/17, 154 pledges of \$458,816.60 have been received. Last year, as of 2/1/16, 158 pledges for \$470,734 were received. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY!

The recipients of the Lenten/Easter offerings will be:

Bishop Grant & Wendy LaMarquand,

CRU: David & Heather Nagy,

Life Saving Ministries, and

Jill Meacham (CRU).



BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD



We will have a total for the SOUP SALE in the April Chatter. Thanks to all those that purchased the delicious soup that Jim & Dawn Glowonia & Lori Abramo made.



Our **Lenten Brunch** will be **Saturday, March 11 at 10 am**. Everyone is welcome—yes, MEN! & women. There is no sign-up sheet. Please bring a covered dish or breakfast item (coffee cake, muffins, etc.). Our speaker will be from the Historical Society.

April 29: Exercise Class

June 1: Spring Banquet

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

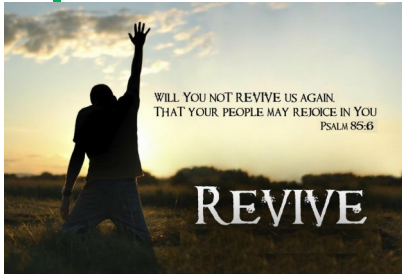


Please let the church office know if there is anyone that needs to be added to or deleted from this prayer list.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prayer for Revival: Our next meeting will be Monday, March 20, 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 another evening with “The Perfect Stranger.” Monday, March 6, beginning at 6:00pm.

Tuesday Night Women’s Bible Study

Every other Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm (March 7 & 21, April 4 & 25)

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.

Beginning in March we will study 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

Treat others the way I treat you. Jesus



Samaritan's Purse Movie/Documentary, "**Facing Darkness**" is about Dr. Kent Brantly's experience in Africa while taking care of Ebola patients, then coming down with Ebola himself. The movie chronicles the Ebola pandemic, Samaritan's Purse response, 2 team members becoming critically ill with Ebola and God's never failing promises to never leave us nor forsake us once we decide to follow Him. This powerful film features Dr. Kent Brantly, Franklin Graham, Nancy Writebol, and other Samaritan's Purse team members, who—with faith, determination, and prayer—witnessed God perform miracles!

The movie is showing **one night only, March 30th at 7:00 PM**, and only at the "Transit Center 18 Plus Imax Theatre" located at 6707 Transit Road in Williamsville.

FOOD PANTRY: 64 bags of food and personal products were donated in February. There is always a need, especially this time of year. Please continue to be as generous as you can.

Thank You.



Articles for the APRIL Chatter are due by March 21st.

Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Jonathon Welkley earned, for the first time, two gold medals in skiing the slalom and giant slalom events at the Special Olympics held Sunday, January 29 at the Swain Ski Resort. No poles used! Congratulations, Jon!

Let's find a cure for lung cancer!

On March 11, 2017, the Callari, Scully and Wydro families will be climbing to the top of the **Main Place Tower for the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb**. We are climbing to represent all those who suffer from lung disease, especially Carol Callari. As you know, Carol has recently passed away from recurrent lung cancer that had spread to her bones. You can support us in our efforts just by donating. Your generosity would mean a lot to the Callari, Scully and Wydro families and all those who benefit from the work of the American Lung Association. **Nine of us have joined "Team Buffalo Medical Group" and our goal is to raise \$20,000 so every little bit helps!**

Lung disease is on the rise and your donation would help fund research, provide education and advocacy efforts. One stair at a time, you can help us climb for a better tomorrow. Pictured above is Carol Callari and Deacon Reitz feeding the poor in the Dominican Republic and spreading the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please help us defeat lung cancer, one step at a time. Grandma will be cheering us on from Heaven! **You can donate on line at following link**

[http://action.lung.org/site/TR/Climb/ALANE_Northeast?
px=6546000&pg=personal&fr_id=15091](http://action.lung.org/site/TR/Climb/ALANE_Northeast?px=6546000&pg=personal&fr_id=15091)

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support! May God bless you!

Callari, Scully and Wydro Families

March Birthdays

March 1 Tina Gwizdowski

March 2 Evan Dake, Albert Prout,
Morgan Simon

March 3 Lynn Farley, Michael Hoy,
Mary Montanari

March 4 Janet McPherson, Richard Storey

March 5 Donna Danieli, Rosemary Taber

March 6 Louise Lipps

March 7 Patsy Winkler

March 10 Elaine DiMaria, Isabelle Hillestad,
Robert Rusch, Kenneth Sander

March 11 Karen Decker, Joseph Flatley

March 13 Robin Prohaska,
Kelley Wojnowski

March 14 Thomas Brzeczowski,
Matthew Welch

March 15 Thomas Crane, Christine Oliveri,
Steven Toth

March 17 Gerald Bella

March 18 Ashley Decker,
Alexandra Lakeman, Albert Schreier,
Jeanette Smalter

March 19 William Cosentino, Kristin Fish,
Sharon Hughes, Brooke Vitaris

March 20 Kim Condon, Richard Heer,
James Hyzy

March 21 Pam Ruisi

March 24 Jon Prohaska

March 25 Jon Arnold, Lauren Lipinoga

March 26 Patrick Santora

March 28 Linda Johnson, Raphael Winzig

March 29 Nancy Militello, Morgan Tobin

March 31 Moriah Knowl, Vera Osberg,
Thomas Tucker





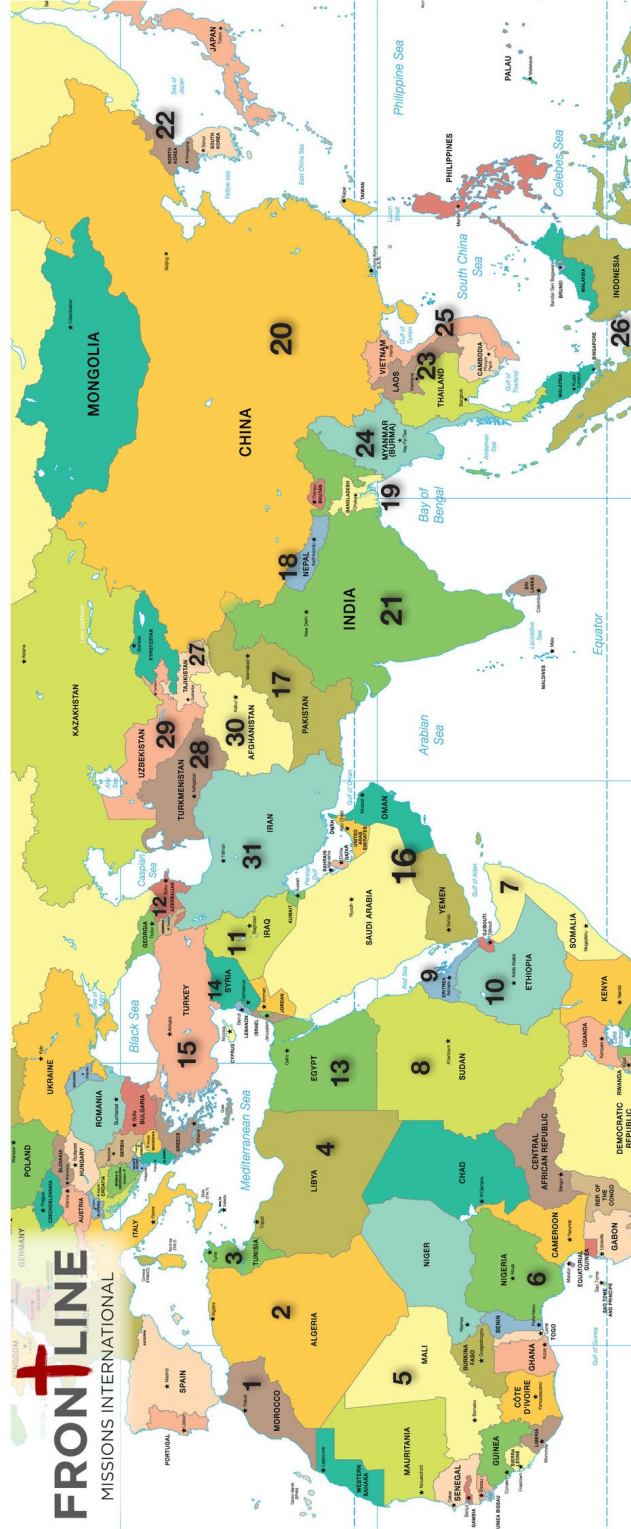
MARCH CALENDAR

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:45 & 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm HE	2	3 6pm Dinner 7pm Bible Study	4 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
5 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Members Class	6 Movie Night "The Perfect Stranger" 6pm Pizza & salad 7pm Movie	7 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Vespy	8 9:30am & 8:30pm HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Sr. Choir	9	10 6pm Dinner 7pm Bible Study	11 10:30am Conf. Class Bishop Scalle Guild Lenten Brunch 4:30pm HE
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PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

1. **Morocco** | 32.3 million people
99% Muslim, 1% Christian
2. **Algeria** | 35.4 million people
99% Muslim, 1% Christian & other
3. **Tunisia** | 10.7 million people
98% Muslim, 2% Christian & other
4. **Libya** | 6.7 million people
97% Muslim, 3% other
5. **Mali** | 14.5 million people
90% Muslim, 9% indigenous, 1% Christian
6. **Nigeria** | 170.1 million people
50% Muslim, 40% Christian, 10% indigenous
7. **Somalia** | 10.1 million people
100% Sunni Muslim
8. **Sudan** | 34.2 million people
70% Muslim, 25% indigenous, 5% Christian
9. **Eritrea** | 6.1 million people
48% Muslim, 47% Christian
10. **Ethiopia** | 93.8 million people
44% Orthodox, 34% Muslim, 19% Protestant
11. **Iraq** | 31.1 million people
97% Muslims, 3% Christian & other
12. **Azerbaijan** | 9.5 million people
94% Muslim, 6% Christian & other
13. **Egypt** | 83.7 million people
90% Muslim, 10% Christian
14. **Syria** | 22.5 million people
90% Muslim, 10% Christian
15. **Turkey** | 79.7 million people
99.8% Muslim, 0.2% Christian
16. **Arabian Peninsula** | 64.2 million people
98% Muslim, 2% Christian & other
17. **Pakistan** | 190.3 million people
95% Muslim, 5% other
18. **Nepal** | 29.9 million people
81% Hindu, 11% Buddhist, 8% other
19. **Bangladesh** | 161.1 million people
90% Muslim, 9% Hindu, 1% other
20. **China** | 1.34 billion people
Officially atheist, 3-4% Christian
21. **India** | 1.2 billion people
80% Hindu, 13% Muslim, 2% Christian
22. **North Korea** | 24.6 million people
Religious activity almost nonexistent
23. **Laos** | 6.6 million people
67% Buddhist, 1.5% Christian
24. **Burma** | 54.6 million people
89% Buddhist, 4% Christian, 4% Muslim



31 DAYS

This prayer calendar focuses on many countries known for having the worst persecution and the least Gospel light. It is designed to provide a means of specific intercession for grace and boldness for our brothers and sisters in the world's difficult places and a way to day-by-day take up the instruction of Hebrews 13:3, "Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them."

25. **Vietnam** | 91.5 million people
81% none, 9% Buddhist, 7% Christian
26. **Indonesia** | 248.2 million people
86% Muslim, 9% Christian
27. **Tajikistan** | 7.8 million people
90% Muslim, 10% other
28. **Turkmenistan** | 5.1 million people
89% Muslim, 9% Orthodox, 2% unknown
29. **Uzbekistan** | 28.4 million people
88% Muslim, 9% Orthodox, 3% other
30. **Afghanistan** | 30.4 million people
99% Muslim, 1% other
31. **Iran** | 78.9 million people
98% Muslim, 2% other

CIA World Factbook 2012

Laughter is the best medicine!

What do you get when you cross a 4-leaf clover with poison ivy?

A rash of good luck!



Why shouldn't you iron a 4-leaf clover? Because you don't want to press your luck.



A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

One Sunday morning, a pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed that one man got up and left the service before he was finished preaching. Then, shortly before the sermon ended, the man returned to his pew. At the end of the service, the pastor asked the man why he had left mid-sermon. "I needed to get a haircut," the man said. "Why didn't you do that before the service?" the pastor asked. "Because I didn't need one at that point!"



After students had turned in their essays, the teacher asked them to sign a paper stating that they had received no outside assistance. One student raised his hand and said, "I don't know if I can sign this, because I prayed for God's help with this assignment." The teacher picked up the student's essay and studied it for several minutes. Then she looked up and said, "You can go ahead and sign it with a clear conscience. I'm sure God heard your prayer, but it looks like He chose to let you do this one all by yourself."

