



# 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

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### Thanking God for Godly Mothers

In **Exodus 20:12**, God gave us the command to ***"Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you."*** It is the only one of the Ten Commandments that includes a promise!

Some years ago, a famous pastor had the privilege of speaking with the 41st President of the United States, George H. W. Bush, about his salvation and personal relationship with Christ. After they prayed, President Bush looked the pastor in the eyes and said, "I want to tell you, my mother was the most godly person I have ever known." He then went on to tell him about her influence in his life. Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother."

There is nothing closer to the unconditional love of God than the love of our moms. So make sure you thank the Lord for motherhood this month as we celebrate Mother's Day.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ward



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# VESTRY



The CORE team has been meeting and putting together the purpose and scope of the Seven Strategy Teams.

The Rev. Andrew Thebeau will be our new Curate. He and his family will be moving to Tonawanda in early July.



The Northtown Pregnancy Center Banquet will be May 11 at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

# BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD



A reminder that our **Spring Banquet** will be **Thursday, June 1 at 6:00pm** at the Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd. Our entertainment will be Tom Bender. There will be a sign up sheet in the Fr. Amend Hall in May so you can choose your dinner entrée. You will also be able to sign up if you need a ride.

**BUNDLES FOR BABIES:** THANKS FOR ALL THE DONATIONS THAT WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING. THEY ARE TAKEN TO CORNERSTONE MANOR. NEW AND GENTLY USED BABY ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.



**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.**

Dearest members of St Barts,

Jim, Bob and I would like to thank everyone who supported us on our medical mission trip to the DR in March. Many of you supported our mission with donations of school supplies, clothing, money towards medicine and most importantly prayer. I was able to purchase vitamins and tylenol type meds to bring down as well as foot wear for the kids. We also gave money toward the food purchased and handed out in one of the villages near Emanuel House. For too many, these bags contained the only food in their homes that day.

I have touching stories of the people I treated in the clinics but none as special as the ones Jim and Bob experienced witnessing to them afterwards. They would love to share their stories with you!

Thank you all and please prayerfully consider going on a mission trip either here in our own neighborhoods or abroad. You will be blessed for it!

Krista Clontz



## **A PERSONAL TESTIMONY: MY "GOD MOMENT" - by Brenda Wisz**

May brings Mother's Day, and you are truly blessed if you have a good relationship with the woman you call "Mom." For some of us, however, the day can be challenging if we are dealing with issues from a less-than-perfect relationship with our mother; I was in that latter group for many years.

I butted heads with Mom from day one. We have very different personalities, and although I'm sure she loved me, she never told me. We definitely didn't "like" each other and had numerous hurtful verbal exchanges over time.

Even when I left home at 18, things didn't improve. Our visits often ended with strained goodbyes, with the implication she was glad I was leaving. I dutifully called her once a week (she NEVER called me) but our dialogue was guarded & superficial. When I came to Christ, I prayed she would also. My motive was selfish because I hoped she would then change & be easier to deal with; her salvation was secondary.

Twenty four years ago we had a major confrontation, leaving me in tears. My father was very ill, and I told Mike that when he died I was DONE with Mom, that I wasn't going to put up with her for another 20 years. But God had other plans, and through His grace gave me inner strength to stay in the relationship, and to keep our conflicts to a minimum.

Three years ago Mom fell & broke her wrist while we were visiting. My sister & I waited with her in the hospital exam room and Mom was terrified. Suddenly the room became very white, and still, as if time had stopped. In that instant God showed me Mom as HE saw her – an insecure, frightened, elderly woman who felt vulnerable and alone – AND that He loved her with great compassion. Neither Mom nor Sue spoke of seeing anything unusual, but I knew I had been given a special gift, a "God moment," and my heart was changed. Mike & I stayed an extra week to help Mom, & on the way home Mike said, "Bren, I've NEVER seen you so sacrificial with your Mom." And I told him what I had seen.

For the last three years, Mom & I have come to actually enjoy each other – to play cards, paint bird-houses, bake cookies together. She's no longer on guard or defensive when we talk; SHE even calls ME and our phone conversations can run 2 - 2 1/2 hours several times a week. She looks forward to our visits, and cries when we leave, hugs the breath out of me, and tells me she loves me! PRAISE GOD!

I still pray for our relationship every day, but now it is because I treasure it and want to guard it against Satan who desires to destroy what God has created. I still pray for her to know Jesus, but now it is so I can have her with me for eternity!

Scripture tells us that God sent Jesus "at just the right time" (Romans 5:5); I believe God graced me with this heavenly vision at "just the right time," too, when my heart was open and my faith mature enough to see this event for what it was: a miracle designed just for Mom & I, straight from God's heart!

I urge you not to give up on a difficult relationship, no matter how hopelessly & irrevocably broken it may appear. Seek Him with your whole heart, pray and allow Him to work in you in preparation for your own miracle. God still does miracles – at just the right time, His time!

## Spaghetti Dinner and Night of Worship: Friday, May 5th.

Come support **St. Bart's Youth Group** as they raise funds for *Kingdom Bound!!!* A Spaghetti Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30pm: cost - \$7.00.

Tickets can be purchased in advance but will also be available at the door.

See Brielle Clontz or Marie Crosby for your tickets.



At 7:00pm the youth will lead us in an evening of praise and worship. Please join us!



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Prayer for Revival:** Our next meeting will be Monday, **May 15** at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we pray for the concerns facing our nation, our state, our community, and our church.



Join us for an evening of pizza, salad, and a movie Monday, May 8, beginning at 6 PM. This month's movie is "Risen," about a non-believing Roman tribune who is ordered to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah. It is an OUTSTANDING movie that was in the theatres for many weeks back last spring.

## Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm (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

## Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

(10:30am, after morning services) is studying the book of Acts, based on a study by John MacArthur. Study Guides are \$8.00 and are available at the study. All women are invited to join them.





# 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*.**

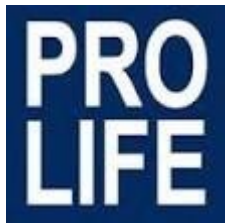
**Doors open at 6:30p.m.**



Request from Sunday Morning Offering Envelope Counters: **PLEASE put your envelope number in the MEMO line of your check. Thank you.**



Please join fellow pro-life supporters at the 3rd annual **Northtown Pregnancy Center Fundraising Dinner** on **Thursday, May 11** at the Adams Mark Hotel from 7:00 to 9:00pm. The guest speaker is nationally-renowned pro-life



apologist Scott Klusendorf. Sign-up in Fr. Amend Hall and you will be mailed an official invitation with all the details. Questions should be directed to Marley Smith, who can be reached at (716) 400-2664. Hope to see you there!

**FOOD PANTRY:** 62 bags of food and personal products were donated in April. There is always a need. Please continue to be as generous as you can.

Thank You.



Articles for the JUNE Chatter are due by May 23.

Thank you.

# May Birthdays

May 1 Susan Horvath, Sydney Lakeman

May 2 Charlene Hodgson, Bryan Wallace

May 3 Charles Abramo, Jack Gradzewicz,  
Diane Meacham

May 4 Andrew McHenry, Susan Uptegrove

May 5 Joan Calamita, Rosemary Davis,  
Valerie Ulrich

May 6 Daniel Borzilleri, Monte Dolce

May 7 Alicia Matesic

May 8 Isabella Kepner, Jenifer Lukacz

May 9 Brandon Heacock, Harry Sam,  
Robert Siegel

May 11 Kathleen MacPhee, Caroline Rudin,  
Scott Ulrich

May 12 Amy Giambanco

May 13 Anthony Oliveri, Danielle Wydro

May 14 Gretchen Beyer, Charlotte Isaacs

May 15 Bryan Lukacz, James Winkler

May 16 Ariel Bella, Donald Gwizdowski,  
Alexander MacPhee, Julie VanLente

May 17 Wayne Bush, Michael Giambanco,  
Anna Okiec, Vanessa VanNorman

May 20 Marion Blake, Victoria VanNorman

May 21 Donald Beyer, Harriet Black,  
Adrain Lilleck, Caiden Lilleck

May 23 Bradley Smith

May 24 Michelle McCarthy, Beth Taylor

May 25 Judy Green, Betty Herrmann,  
Angel Hoy, Cyndi Roy, Nicole Santora,  
Benjamin Sawicki

May 26 Denise Calleri-Scully,  
Gerald Ciccarelli, Daniel McCarthy,  
Matthew Rudin

May 27 Edward Doran, Norm Green,  
Barbara Weiser

May 28 Jessica Sawicki, Joyce Wahl

May 29 Patricia Buckley, Siana Parks,  
Nicloe Wydro

May 30 Richard Brock, Marie Prout,  
Patricia Suchy

May 31 Christine Cross-Tedesco



# MAY CALENDAR

## May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 8:30pm Men's Discipleship 7pm Vestry	3 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir (last) 7pm Sr. Choir 8:45pm Missionettes (last)	4 7pm National Day of Prayer: Joint service with 'Christ Together' churches	5 5pm Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner 7pm Youth-led Worship	6 4:30pm HE
7 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study 1:00pm Last Now Member Class	8 6pm Pizza & Movie	9 6:30pm Men's Discipleship and Women's Bible Study	10 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	11 7pm Northtown Pregnancy Center Banquet at Adam's Mark, Buffalo	12 7pm Community Coffee House with Arthur Ward & Sense the Call	13 4:30pm HE
14 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study MOTHER'S DAY	15 7:00pm Prayer for our Nation	16 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	17 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Last Sr. Choir	18	19	20 4:30pm HE
21 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study	22	23 6:30pm Men's Discipleship and Women's Bible Study	24 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:46pm Youth Group	25	26	27 4:30pm HE
28 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	30 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	31			

# PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

# MAY

A woman in Nepal is thankful for the Bible she received from VOM. It will help her grow in her faith.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	<b>SRI LANKA</b> Pray for church leaders who are receiving training at a VOM-sponsored event.	<b>COLOMBIA</b> Pray for the safety and boldness of pastors and families facing continual threats in Colombia's red zones.	<b>TURKEY</b> Pray that unrest in the southeast will subside and that civil war will be averted.	<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b> Pray for the continued growth of house churches.	<b>INDIA</b> Pray for the widow and three children of Yusuf, a front-line worker martyred in Jammu.	<b>EGYPT</b> Pray that the government will respect religious freedoms protected under law.
7	<b>UZBEKISTAN</b> Pray that believers will witness boldly despite continual raids and confiscation of Christian literature.	<b>COLOMBIA</b> Pray that those who receive audio Bibles in Colombia's red zones will be changed by God's Word.	<b>ALGERIA</b> Pray for President Abdelaziz Bouteflika and government officials.	<b>MOROCCO</b> Pray for the protection of house churches, especially those in hostile areas of Morocco.	<b>ETHIOPIA</b> Pray that the Ethiopian Orthodox Church will not persecute those who come to a personal faith in Jesus.	<b>ERITREA</b> Pray for evangelistic work among the many diverse and largely unreachd people groups.
14	<b>AZERBAIJAN</b> Pray that Christian leaders will strive for unity among the body of Christ in their country.	<b>MAURITANIA</b> Pray that Christian workers will trust in the power of the gospel and see lasting fruit.	<b>KYRGYZSTAN</b> Pray for the continued multiplication and growth of house churches.	<b>KENYA</b> Pray for missionaries and churches that are under increased attack in the northern and coastal regions.	<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> Pray that the hearts of the royal family will be touched by the gospel.	<b>AFGHANISTAN</b> Pray that Christian women, who could be killed by family members, have opportunities for fellowship.
21	<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> Pray that God will send more missionaries to Saudi Arabia.	<b>SOMALIA</b> Pray that God will grant wisdom and boldness to those called to minister to the Somali people.	<b>NORTH KOREA</b> Pray that nightly 90-minute radio broadcasts will encourage secret Christians in their faith.	<b>KUWAIT</b> Pray that Muslims from Saudi Arabia will continue to visit Kuwait so they can have access to Christian materials.	<b>JORDAN</b> Pray for the legal challenges (marriage, children, school, immigration, citizenship) faced by Christian converts.	<b>MALDIVES</b> Pray for the safety of evangelists, who can be imprisoned for proselytizing Muslims.
28	<b>TURKMENISTAN</b> Pray that more courageous leaders will be equipped for church planting.	<b>COMOROS</b> Pray that Christian workers will have opportunities to share their faith where they work.	<b>NEPAL</b> Pray for 10 new indigenous church planters who will be trained and deployed throughout Nepal this year.			



 **The Voice of the Martyrs**

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# SEDER DINNER 2017



# TENEBRAE



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# EASTER SUNDAY





# Laughter is the best medicine!

The church was badly in need of a coat of paint. So the pastor decided he'd do the job himself. But all he had was one bucket of paint. So he got a bunch of buckets and some water, and he thinned the paint enough to cover the entire church. Then he spent all day painting. That night it rained—very hard—and washed all the paint off. The pastor was quite discouraged and asked God, 'Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?'



To which God thundered his reply, 'Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!'

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside him and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."



"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask, "Which one, the 9:15 or 11:00 o'clock service?"

**Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine," said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."**



Q: Where is the first math problem mentioned in the bible?

**A: When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply.**

Q. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

**A. No, just an apple.**

Q: Why do they say 'Amen' at the end of a prayer instead of 'Awomen'?

**A: The same reason they sing Hymns instead of Hers!**