



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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HE IS RISEN!!!

Those three words are the most powerful in all of Holy Scripture. No where else will you find the hope that those words convey. No where else will you find the power that those words reveal. And no where else will you find the purpose for which they speak. The truth is the reality of Jesus Christ's resurrection is essential not only to our faith but to life itself. It confirms who Jesus said He is: the Son of God and Lord of heaven and earth. It validates His death on the cross as the payment for our sin. It demonstrates His power over death itself. It judges and rebukes the deception and accusations of Satan. It is an assurance that there is more to this life than the natural world. It points us to the reality of eternal life. Finally, it sets Jesus apart from every religious leader and person who has ever lived. In short, the fact that Christ is risen means that He is alive and that every thing He said and did is true!

There are many counterfeits in our world, but only ONE Jesus Christ.

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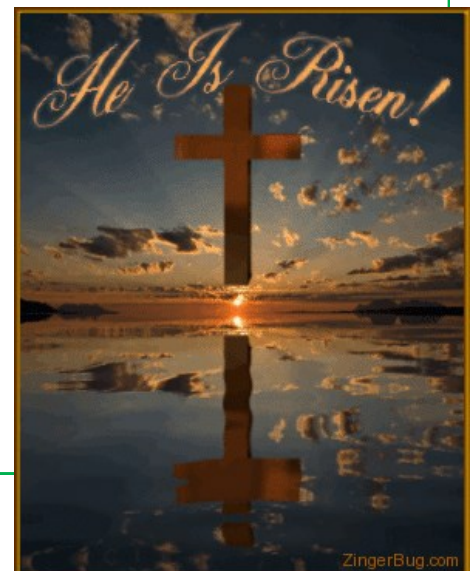
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My prayer is that as we celebrate Easter Season together we will find a renewed sense of vision and purpose for our daily lives and for our involvement in His Body, the Church. Quarterback Tom Brady recently finished his six part series on his life entitled, "Tom vs. Time." At the end of his documentary he reflected on how it is important to always consider three questions before embarking on anything in life. They are ***"What are we doing this for?" "Who are we doing this for?" and "Why are we doing this?"*** He went on to say, ***"You've got to have answers for those questions." "And they have to be with a lot of conviction. When you lose your conviction, you probably should be doing something else."***

The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us the answers to all those questions. And to the degree we are convinced that His resurrection is true, will be the degree to which we are able to answer those questions with conviction. What are we doing this for? To build His kingdom on earth both personally, relationally, and corporately (the family of God). Who are we doing this for? The Lord Jesus Christ who died for us and rose again. And why are we doing this? Because His love compels us to do so! When we know we are loved by the Father through the Son and the Holy Spirit, there is no greater affirmation. Such knowledge will motivate us to love others as He loves us and to grow in His love. That is the power behind the words, **"He is risen!"**

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Ward



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S TOWN OF TONAWANDA, NY

The Very Rev. Fr. Arthur W. Ward Jr. Dean & Rector
The Rev. Andrew J. Thebeau Curate
Dn. Jacob Bush, Dn. John Reitz, Dn. Gary Wisniewski

PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 11:15am

With the addition of the Blessing of the Palms

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

(March 26 - 31, 2018)

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Holy Eucharist 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist 9:30am, 6:30pm

THURSDAY

Seder Dinner 5:30pm
Holy Eucharist 7:00pm
Tenebrae Rehearsal 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Liturgical 3 hours Noon to 3:00pm
SOLEMN TENEBRAE 8:00pm
Sacred Music Recital at 7:30pm

SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

April 1, 2018

7:30am, 9:15am, 11:15am

Note the earlier and later times.

****EASTER VIGIL, Saturday, March 31, 7pm at Church of the Atonement, 1 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, with Fr. Bryan Wandel**

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS SUNDAY, APRIL 1. 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.

HOLY CONFIRMATION will be June 3 at the 11:15am service.

VESTRY

Minutes for the March meeting will be in the next Chatter.





BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

The Lenten Brunch on March 10 was very interesting. We heard about all the residents that have lived in the beautiful mansions that we pass by on Delaware Avenue and the current status of the buildings. Of course we had a lot of delicious food! Thanks to all who brought hot breakfast casseroles, fruit, sweet pastries and the breakfast pizza.



*Our annual June Banquet will be in the May Chatter.
Our annual SOUP SALE is being postponed until the fall.*



BUNDLES FOR BABIES: Baby items, new or in good condition may be brought to the Gift Shop. Please mark them for "Cornerstone".

THREADS OF HOPE: Kitchen items, linens and small appliances in good condition may be brought to the Gift Shop. Please mark them "Carol Siock".



DON'T FORGET TO DROP YOUR DASH'S RECEIPTS 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:

Katherine Boy-US Marines

Jason Driscoll- 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

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

*Articles for the **MAY** Chatter are due April 17.*

Thank you.

One More 'Thank You' to:

Jim and Holly Thompson for the awesome scrapbook presented to Barbara and me. This scrapbook truly is a gift for a life-time of enjoyment. In it are given-from-the heart personal contributions by members of St. Bart's. Also included are contributions given by the children in the Sunday School program. Their artistry and warm notes are much appreciated. And to Jim and Holly, thank you, for to produce such a work demands much time and commitment. A "Thank You" seems so inadequate, but is given from the depths of our hearts.

God Bless you both!

Fr. Richard Molison +



FOOD PANTRY REMINDER: The next Food Pantry collection day will be ***Easter Sunday, April 1.*** Mark your calendars now so you won't forget!!



FEED THE
HUNGRY

40 bags of food and personal products were donated in March. A Thank you note was received from the North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry, acknowledging the generosity and continual support of St. Bart's. They are truly grateful for all you do.

Prayer for Revival: Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 16** at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we *fast and pray* for the concerns facing our world, our nation, our community, and our church. ***Let's make EVERY MONDAY a day of Fasting and Prayer!***



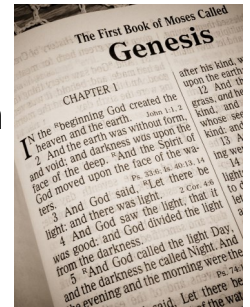
REMINDER: The **Outreach Committee** is looking for **Faith in Action** articles. Submit your articles to Caroline Rudin.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study

Our study of Genesis will continue. But going verse by verse we are acquiring an admiration of the Patriarchs and the times during which they lived. Come join us for a time of learning, fellowship, pray and praise -- bring your Bible, a study Bible if you have one.

Our next meetings will be April 10 and April 24, 6:30-8:00pm in the small fellowship room.



The Lord Jesus Christ requests the honor of your presence for **INTERCESSORY PRAYER** in the Upper Room at 11 am April 27 and/or **ADORATION** in the Sanctuary at 6pm April 25.



LADIES! Mark your calendars:



The **Men's Discipleship Group** is hosting a Breakfast for all of the ladies of the church on **Saturday, May 12**. Family and friends are invited, too. Sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall.

COMING SOON: PRAYER AT THE RAIL

APRIL 8 10:40AM IN THE SANCTUARY

JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR CLERGY,

OUR DIOCESE...



THIS WILL CONTINUE THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LIGHTS

To have Memorials and/or Thanks for Blessings included in the weekly bulletin:

1. Call the office and speak with one of our wonderful, friendly secretaries
2. You and the secretary will choose a date **on or closest to** your preferred date for the notice you would like to include in the bulletin. (Most desirable is one that has not already been chosen by someone else.)
3. Give the secretary the wording of the notice (“In memory of...” or “Thanks for God’s continued blessings...” or other wording similar to these suggestions)
4. Send or bring in a check made out to **St. Bartholomew’s Altar Guild**, or cash in an envelope clearly marked for Sanctuary Light or Sunday Flower Memorials

Suggested offering to help defray costs of flowers and candles:

\$20 for Flowers

\$5 for Sanctuary Light perpetual candles

Please note:

Flowers are placed in foil wrapped cartons after the 11 am service on Sunday.

They are typically taken to be given to shut-ins or others in need of cheer.

The flowers are also given to Baptismal parents and Godparents on the day of their service.

Sometimes they are left on the altar for services during the week, depending on the service or any other extenuating circumstances.

Those donating funds for flower memorials may also, of course, take the flowers after the 11am service.

We do NOT have flowers during Lent.



PRAYER CORNER

YOU MAY ASK -- WHY ADORATION? LET US EXPLAIN WITH THE FOLLOWING CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER .

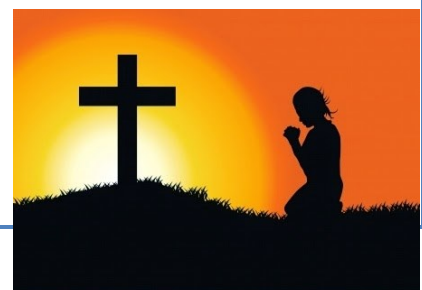
WAITING ON GOD IN SILENT PRAYER

Father, how very grateful I am that these times of waiting are not in vain, but are meant for Your good purposes. Thank you for being so intimately involved in my life and for teaching me how important it is to be silent before You.

Lord Jesus, I confess that when there are difficult circumstances, the pain can reach deep, the pressure can crush, and the anxiety can overwhelm me. At times I feel trapped without recourse, imprisoned, chained, and without hope.

But Father, I thank You that with You there is always Hope! And even right now I express my faith that You can and will help me in the situations that are heavy on my heart. Lord, please reveal to me how You are acting on my behalf and what You desire for me to learn through this trial. Shield me with Your Loving, powerful presence, peace, and assurance. Teach me what it means to sit expectantly before You in an attitude of directed, purposeful, active, courageous and silent prayer. And in all things, help me to seek Your face, obey Your commands, reflect Your character, act in faith, and have pure motives that honor You.

Thank you for this time of waiting, Father. In Your Presence I come before you in silence to hear from you and wait. It is difficult sometimes, but I know You are working all things for good and I will see the fulfillment of Your promises if I cling to You. To You be all the glory and praise. In Jesus' most holy name I pray... Amen



April Birthdays



April 1 Steven Callari, Carolyn Everett,
Pamela Morrison

April 2 Kyle MacLeay, Aidyn McAndrews

April 3 Jennifer Gradzewicz,
Jacquelyn Luckoski

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

April 5 Joan Bella, Gloria Cross,
Makayla Johnson

April 6 Kelsey Garrasi

April 7 Debra Birchenough

April 9 Danett Utz

April 11 Kenneth George, Diane Heer,
Daniel Scully

April 13 Renee Garrasi, Kathleen Houston,
Holly Thompson

April 14 Denise Brown, Paul Brylinski,
Paul Karelus, Aaron Machelor,
Richard Smalter

April 15 Jeremy Kyser

April 16 Darinda Hoffman

April 17 Scott Giaquinto

April 18 Craig Heer, Jessica Hoy,
Kristopher Styn

April 19 Cindy Brown, Michael Bussey,
Kevin Moyer, Alyssa Ward

April 20 Willian Austin, Lisa Derrett,
Lisa MacLeay, Kyle Matesic,
Janelle Westerman

April 22 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 Stokas

April 29 Alan Heacock

April 30 David Gray, Gordon Heron,
Deborah Zanghi

May 1 Susan Horvath, Sydney Lakeman

May 2 Charlene Hodgson, Brian Wallace

May 3 Charles Abramo, Jack Gradzewicz,
Diane Meacham

May 4 Andrew McHenry, Elizabeth Merrick,
Cynthia Symons, Susan Uptegrove

May 5 Joan Calamita, Valerie Ulrich



If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (831-1777) or email the secretaries: secretaries@stbartston.org

Fr. Ward concludes his Friday night Bible Study on the book of Revelation.



St. Bart's had an informational table set up at the annual

American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb,

held at One Seneca Tower. We handed out candy and information about the church and had the opportunity to pray with several people. Our own Dr. Denise Callari Scully and others in her family climbed **32 flights of stairs** to raise money and awareness for various lung diseases. Many different fire companies completed the climb in full gear. It is our hope to connect with some of these local fire companies to be able to cover them in prayer. Look for more information regarding this in the near future. Congratulations to all who took part!!





APRIL CALENDAR

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER DAY 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am HE	2	3	4 NO HE	5	6	7 10am Youth Sunday rehearsal 4:30pm HE
8 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am Youth Sunday 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Members' Class	9 7pm Persecuted Church	10 6:30pm Women's BS & Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry	11 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's BS 8pm Cont. Choir 6:45pm Youth Group	12	13	14 10:15am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
15 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Members' Class	16 6:30pm BARRA 7pm Prayers for Revival	17 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	18 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's BS 8pm Jr Choir 7pm Sr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group	19	20	21 8am Men's Breakfast 10:15am Conf. class 4:30pm HE
22 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Members' Class	23	24 6:30pm Women's BS & Men's Disc.	25 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's BS 6pm Adoration 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	26	27 11am Intercessory Prayer	28 10:15am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
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PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

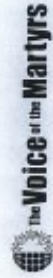


APRIL

Pray for workers who are distributing God's Word in the most difficult missions frontiers, such as remote areas of Vietnam.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 COMOROS Pray for the spread of the gospel to all four islands despite growing persecution.	2 VIETNAM Pray that God will provide for the financial needs of Christian workers and their families.	3 BAHRAIN Pray that persecuted expatriates will be used by God through their notoriety.	4 MALAYSIA Pray for the minister's salvation.	5 TURKEY Pray that Turkish believers who are being arrested attend church and to share the gospel.	6 INDONESIA Pray that God will provide for the needs of believers to meet when the government closes their churches.	7 ERITREA Pray that those who read Bibles will get them.
8 NIGERIA Pray for the comfort and restoration of Christians who have lost loved ones and property.	9 MOROCCO Pray for the economic situation in Morocco especially for believers.	10 SOUTHERN MEXICO Pray for the safety of Christian families.	11 SOMALIA Pray that believers will be encouraged and depend on God's Word.	12 AFGHANISTAN Pray that thousands of Muslims will be converted toward the gospel.	13 LEBANON Pray that thousands of Muslims will respond to the gospel.	14 INDIA Pray that village pastors will be able to minister to themselves and provide for their families.
15 TURKMENISTAN Pray for the safety of believers, whose activities are closely monitored by authorities.	16 JORDAN Pray that the local church in Jordan will continue to find ways to share Christ with Muslim refugees.	17 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that no further restrictive laws will be passed to further restrict Christian materials or activities.	18 IRAN Pray that the Word of God will proliferate quickly through Bible distributors.	19 MOROCCO Pray for freedom and for real democracy in Morocco.	20 OMAN Pray that the underground church will continue to grow in depth and numbers.	21 NEPAL Pray for continued safety from the 2015 earthquakes.
22 COMOROS Pray for the faith, strength and boldness of a small church group who worship the Lord.	23 TANZANIA Pray that Tanzanians will be raised up as missionaries and that the local church will support them.	24 SYRIA Pray that more Muslims will see the fallacies of Islam and turn to Jesus.	25 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that Christian leaders will have access to trading.	26 UZBEKISTAN Pray for the release of Christians who are tortured when they refuse to renounce their Christian faith.	27 ALGERIA Pray that the gospel will spread beyond the predominantly Christian Kabylie area.	28 TURKEY Pray that the gospel of Paul's missionary efforts will once again have thriving churches.
29 KAZAKHSTAN Pray for church leaders who would rather go to prison than pay fines for meeting in homes.	30 ERITREA Pray for the financial provision of Christian prisoners' families.					

For updated prayers visit committopray.com



Our next meeting will be Monday, April 9 at 7pm.