

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

JULY 2018

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER!

You can't beat the summer in WNY! It's one of the blessings that makes living here worthwhile. Many of us take vacations and do things we otherwise can't do during the rest of the year. While we may scale back a bit at St. Bart's with one less service on Sundays and not as many regular activities, there are some major events to be involved in during the summer months. These include our *Vacation Bible School* program (July 15-19), the *Church Picnic* (July 22 after 10 AM service), *Kingdom Bound* for our youth (July 29-August 2), and *Community Fun Day* on Saturday August 18 (Noon - 4 PM; Healing Service - 4:30 PM). We have also added a new church service at 12:30 PM on Sundays for the South Sudanese community of Buffalo. All are welcome to join us for this service which includes African worship songs and prayers for the people of the South Sudan. We will be inviting the South Sudanese community to join us for our church picnic on July 22 following a combined worship service at 10 AM. ***If you can help out with the Church Picnic or Community Fun Day please signup after one of our services. Please also keep these events in your daily prayers for safety, great attendance, and spiritual blessing.

Jesus said in Mt. 5:16, "Let you light shine before others in such a way that they may SEE your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

So I ask: How will you let your light shine before others this summer? How will you make a difference for Christ?

In His Service, Fr. Ward

St. Bart's Web Information www.stbartston.org
Also see our <u>Facebook</u> page for more!



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VESTRY

<u>Core Team</u> will be meeting with Town & School officials to discuss the needs of the community.

Community Fund Day (formerly Family Fun Day) ~ Scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 12:00 noon — 4:00 pm. Bring your family and friends to this fun-filled event that will include food trucks, a balloon guy, bounce houses, lawn games, entertainment and much more. The first 150 new visitors will receive a \$5 voucher for use at the food trucks!

Gift Shop ~ Please remember to visit the gift shop. New items arrive on a regular basis.

New Concrete ~ You may have noticed concrete work was done during the week of June 17th on the front steps, pillars and on the south entrance as well as the replacement of some cracked and damaged slabs. This was done in an effort to keep our "church home" a safe and welcoming place of worship.

<u>Fr. Ward's Vacation</u> Father Ward will be on vacation from June 25 – July 17 and August 3 – 15, 2018.

<u>Church Picnic</u> ~ Sunday, July 22, 2018 immediately following the 10 AM service.

NOTE: Our very long winter is at an end and summer is *finally* here. With that, the vestry does not meeting again until September. In the meantime, all the vestry members wish you a happy, safe and blessed summer season!

BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

The annual Spring Banquet on June 2 was attended by over 50 ladies.











A ring was found the night of the banquet at Classic V. Call or come in to the office if you lost one that evening.

Thanks to all those who have been bringing items to the Gift Shop.

The 2018 Budget is posted on the Gift Shop door.

Don't forget to drop off your Dash's receipts in the bag on the Gift Shop door!!

BUNDLES FOR BABIES:

Please mark "CORNERSTONE MANOR" on you bag of new or gently used baby items and leave them at the Gift Shop.



THREADS OF HOPE:



Please leave linens, kitchen items, etc. at the Gift Shop and mark them "THREADS OF HOPE".

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

Virginia Boy- US Navy

Jason Driscoll- US Army

James Kerins- US Army

A.J. Matteliano- US Army

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

All material for the **AUGUST** Chatter should be submitted no later than **July 17.** Thank you.



Prayer for Revival:

No meeting in July, but that doesn't mean you stop praying!! We'll see you in August!



Thank you to the members of St. Bart's for all of your support for the Fred Garrasi III Memorial Race in June. Thank you for the donations, the baskets, sponsoring Fr. Ward, etc. The event was a huge success!

God bless you all from the Garrasi Family

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our Annual Church Picnic is Sunday, July 22, after the 10am service.





Kingdom Bound 2018 runs from July 29 through August1.

Please remember to be in prayer for all of the youth and adults that will be attending.

FOOD PANTRY 37 bags of food and personal products were donated in JUNE. As always, we thank you for your generosity.



VBS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 15—19 6—8 PM AGES 3 THROUGH GRADE 5

It's not too late to sign up to have your child attend or to be a Volunteer. Contact Liz Burkett at (716) 831-1777 ext. 17 or dce@stbartston.org

We will be decorating for VBS **Wednesday**, **July 11** at 6:30pm. Please join us: many hands make light work!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



PRAYER CORNER

Ephesians 6:18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

PRAYER AT THE RAIL

Join the Intercessory Prayer Team at the Communion Rail for a time of silent prayer as they pray for our Bishop, Dioceses, Clergy, Missionaries, Ministries and the Lost in Western New York.

Sunday – July 8– 10:40 – 10:55 a.m. at the Communion Rail in the Sanctuary

PRAYER WALKERS

Taking the Commission of Jesus to the Streets – Meeting as a Group Prayer Walkers will go out in twos to designated locations silently praying for the lost in the community. Sign up sheet in the Father Amend Hall or see Scott Stoltz.

Wednesday - July 18-7:00 p.m. - Meet at St. Barts

ADORATION / CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

A quite time to be with our Lord.

Wednesday – July 25– 6:00 p.m. – In the Sanctuary

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Reading from the Book of Acts, a time to pray for the Mission and Vision of St. Bartholomew's.

Friday – July 27– 11:00 a.m. – In the Upper Prayer Room

PARENTS IN PRAYER

See you in September!!



July Birthdays

- July 1 Carrie Dietz, Bryce Sortino
- July 2 Nicole Decker, Carl Hoffman
- July 3 Daniel MacLeay, Carolyn Oliveri, Rosemary Styn
- July 4 Brielle Butterworth, Denise Stacks,
 Brenda Wisz
- July 5 Mary Machelor, Anthony Prohaska
- July 6 Amy Dake, Ross J. Tobin
- **July 7 Timothy Hunter**
- July 8 Desiree Derschug, Terrance Gamble,
 Alaynah Hoy, Patti Prohaska,
 Nathaniel VanNorman
- July 9 Ted Luczak
- July 10 Donna Delo, Jaclynn Thom
- July 12 RZackery Boyle, oy Brinkerhoff,
 Norm Machelor, Adam Morgante
- July 13 Emily Decker, Raymond Hoock, Glen MacLeay, Dn. John Reitz, Janet Spence, Hugh Wilson
- July 14 Deborah Calabrese, Gianna Clontz, Gregory Tedesco Sr.
- July 15 Lisa Johnson, Georgia Kusmierczyk,
 Johanna Vaccaro
- July 16 Jackie Lukacz, Margaret McAndrews, Shannon Schaub, Sarah Small
- July 17 James Glownia
- July 19 Rita Kissel
- July 20 Richard Herrmann
- July 22 Betty Biddlecomb, Dottie LaDuca,
 Peter VanLente

- July 23 Joseph Covella, Gary Galbreath, Timothy Shotwell
- July 24 Darryl Derschug, Christopher Guggemos
- July 25 Mark Begovich, Steven Fildes, Andrew Hillary
- July 26 Michele Brindisi, Michael Brylinski
- July 27 Dominic Clementi, Chase Clontz,
 Emily Emmons, Karen Kopper, Sonny Scilia
- July 28 Laurie Hayes, Robert Poeller
- July 29 Eileen Arnold, Ashley Oberther, Ross M. Tobin
- July 30 Kathryn Sam, Michael Tarapata, Fiona Wilson
- July 31 Janice Casiano
- August 1 Richard Decker, Nicholas Weber,
 Mike Wisz
- August 4 David Merrick, David Uptegrove,
 Elaine Wisniewski

August 5 Carie-Jo Cleary



BISHOP ABRAHAM'S VISIT FROM SOUTH SUDAN











BISHOP ATWOOD TEACHING ON PRAYER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT







CONFIRMATION 2018







CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Emily Bush, Grace Delisanti, Tyler Delisanti, Jack Freeman, Jack Gradzewicz, Carter Heacock, Alaynah Hoy, Daniel MacLeay, Margaret McCarthy, Abby Wojnowski

> James Francis, Martha Francis, Doris Hurren, James Scott, Sharon Scott, Carol Loucks

Youth Group's Spaghetti Dinner









What an AMAZING turn out for The Generation Next Spaghetti Dinner!

Thank you so much for coming out to support our youth!

A special thank you to Deacon Reitz and his wife Cathy for all the prep work in cooking the sauce and pasta; it was delicious.

Also, a big thank you to our youth and their parents for all their hard work in making this Fundraiser a success. Because of the hard work and support from this wonderful congregation we made over \$1,000 to help youth go to Kingdom Bound! God is good!

A PHOTO FINISH!





Fr. Ward makes his move and sprints to the finish line during the 6th Annual Fred Garrasi III Memorial 5 K Run in Angola, NY on June 10. He placed 39th out of 215 participants with a time of 26:26 or 8:31/mile. Thanks to all who donated & sponsored Fr. Ward. He really did finish the race!

JULY CALENDAR

July 2018

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

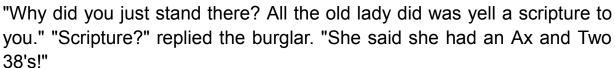
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TURKEY Pray for greater unity among Turkish churches.	MALAYSIA Pray for VOM's distribution of Christian training materials and other literature.	MALI Pray that Muslim parents of children who become Christians will treat them well.	CUBA Pray for Christians who have been beaten by government authorities.	NIGERIA Pray for quick healing of all who are injured in Boko Haram attacks.	MAURITANIA Pray for protection of the border with Mall, where terrorists and jihadists try to cross.	EGYPT Pray that converts from Islam will be able to worship the Lord normally in churches.
BRUNE! Pray that Sultan Hassana! Bolkiah will make Jesus the Lord of his life.	9 SUDAN Pray that the faith of Nuba Christians will remain strong amid daily attacks.	BANGLADESH Pray for Christians who are receiving a Bible for the first time.	JORDAN Pray for Christian refugees who are unable to work or attend school.	12 LIBYA Pray that Libyans who have left their country will have a chance to hear the gospel.	KENYA Pray that the church will embrace and support new converts from Islam.	KYRGYZSTAN Pray for all Christians, who regularly face property destruction, infimidation and physical harm.
15 LIBYA Pray for an end to human trafficking through Libya to Europe.	16 EGYPT Pray for unity in the church in Egypt.	17 ERITREA Pray that church leadership will stay strong under pressure.	18 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that entire families come to faith in Christ.	19 DJIBOUTI Pray for Eritrean refugees who have the opportunity to hear the gospel in Djibouti.	MINDANAO (PHILIPPINES) Pray for the protection of Bible schools and their students in Muslim areas.	MALDIVES Pray for open doors to the gospel in the islands.
BRUNEI Pray that restrictions on Bibles and Christian materials will be lifted.	NIGERIA Pray for Christian villages attacked by Muslim Fulani warriors.	SYRIA Pray for Syrian believers as they confinue to endure unimaginable trials.	KYRGYZSTAN Pray for VOM's production and distribution of evangelistic materials.	ERITREA Pray for the health, faith and eventual release of Christians imprisoned for their faith.	SAUDI ARABIA Pray that Saudi Arabians who experience dreams and visions of Christ will come to know Him.	TANZANIA Pray that believers in Zanzibar will coortinue to grow despite efforts to eliminate Christianity.
SAUDI ARABIA Pray for all the believers who have disappeared over the years in Saudi Arabia.	JORDAN Pray that VOM-supported refuge centers will be highly effective in advancing God's kingdom.	YEMEN Pray that Muslims will see the fallacies of Islam and embrace the one true God.	,			

A LITTLE HUMOR TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven...) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar,





A man was trying to understand the nature of God and asked him: "God, how long is a million years to you?" God answered: "A million years is like a minute." Then the man asked: "God, how much is a million dollars to you?" And God replied: "A million dollars is like a penny." Finally the man asked: "God, could you give me a penny?" And God said, "In a minute."