



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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REVELATION - THE PERFECT STUDY IN LENT!

Note what Rev. 1:3 says!: "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near."

Please join me for our final installment of the study of the Book of Revelation during Fridays in Lent! We will be looking in detail at chapters 15 - 22 tackling such subjects as the Battle of Armageddon, the rise of Mystery Babylon, the Seven Bowls of God's Wrath, the Millennium, the New Heaven and New Earth, and the Great White Throne Judgement. If you were with us this past weekend you may remember the five reasons I gave for why Revelation is vitally important for every believer. They include (as noted above) 1) There is a blessing when we read, study, and put Revelation into practice 2) It is the culmination and completion of God's plan of salvation for humanity 3) It reveals Who Jesus Christ is, what He has done, is doing, and will do in our future 4) It confronts and judges spiritual and worldly evil once and for all and 5) It calls the Church to worship and repentance. It is this last point that we need to delve deeper. For if we are to heed the words of Revelation it will mean that we will understand the importance both Christ-centered worship and repentance play in our daily lives. I will speak more about this on Ash Wednesday and on Friday Nights from 7 - 8:30 PM. Don't forget we also have a meatless coverdish dinner at 6 PM. All are invited to bring a meatless dish to pass in observance of the Anglican tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent to remember Christ's death on Good Friday. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ward

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VESTRY

Please remember to send in your 2018 pledges.

Erik Ticen presented his assessment on how to better promote St. Bart's. A final decision will be made in the near future on what will be done, how to accomplish our goals, when to start working on the recommendations as presented by Erik and set a time frame for results.

Some repair work will be done on the boiler system to be sure it is running properly.

The 2018 Lenten offering will be given to Campus Crusade for Christ, Northtown Pregnancy Center, Buffalo Dream Center and Bishop Atwood's Well Fund.





BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Be sure to stop by and check the Gift Shop after you have your coffee and some of the delicious goodies after the Sunday services. We're always receiving new items!

Our **Lenten Brunch** will be **Saturday, March 11 at 10 AM**. Everyone is welcome—MEN & women. There is NO sign up sheet. Please bring a covered dish or breakfast item (coffecake, muffins, etc.). Our speaker will be from the Buffalo History Museum and the topic will be "Delaware Mansions."

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

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

*Articles for the **APRIL Chatter** are due **March 13**.
Please note this is one week earlier than usual.
Thank you.*



Prayer for Revival: Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 19** 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!*



FOOD PANTRY: **36** bags of food and personal products were donated in February. **Giving is down** but the need is always there.

Please continue to be as generous as you can. Thank You.

A big thank you to all those who helped with the Thanksgiving dinner. 72 people were served, and everyone took home "seconds." Also, over 50 cans of soup were collected for the Food Pantry. A special thanks to Bev, Brenda, John K., Elijah, Gino, Miner, Jim K., Karon K., Judy and Deacon John for his expert culinary skills.



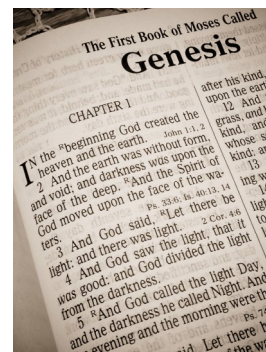
REMINDER: The Outreach Committee is looking for Faith in Action articles. Submit your articles to Caroline Rudin.

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.

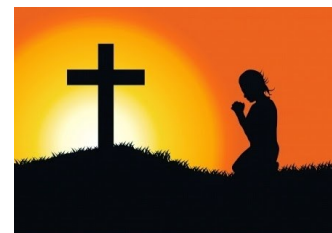
Our next meetings will be March 6 and 20, 6:30-8:00pm. We meet in the small fellowship room.



Your PRAYER STRATEGY TEAM invites you to:

INTERCESSORY PRAYER in the Upper Room at 11 am March 30 and April 27.

ADORATION in the Upper Room at 6pm March 28 and in the Sanctuary April 25.

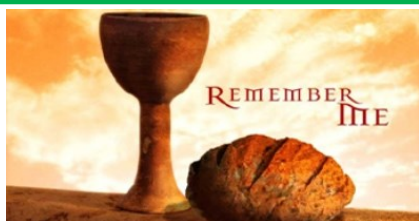


LADIES! Mark your calendars:



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. Watch for a sign up sheet closer to the date.



INFORMATION ABOUT HOLY WEEK WILL BE IN THE APRIL CHATTER.

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 Daniele, Rosemary Taber
March 6 Louise Lipps
March 7 Patsy Winkler
March 10 Elaine DiMaria, Isabelle Hillestad,
Kenneth Sander
March 11 Karen Decker, Joseph Flatley
March 13 Robin Prohaska, Kelley Wojnowski
March 14 Thomas Brzeczowski
March 15 Thomas Crane, Christine Oliveri,
Steven Toth
March 18 Ashley Decker, Alexandra Lakeman,
Albert Schreier, Jeanette Smalter
March 19 William Cosentino, Kristen Fish,
Kate Hillestad, Sharon Hughes,
Brooke Vitaris, Freya Wilson
March 20 Richard Heer, Kim Condon,
James Hyzy
March 21 Pam Ruisi
March 24 Jon Prohaska
March 25 Jon Arnold, Lauren Lipinoga

March 26 Patrick Santore
March 28 Linda Johnson, Anna Wilson,
Raphael Winzig
March 29 Nancy Militello, Morgan Tobin
March 30 James Scott
March 31 Moriah Knowl, Thomas Tucker

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 Woeppel
April 5 Gloria Cross, Makayla Johnson



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

MARCH CALENDAR

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Member's Class	5	6 6:30pm Men's Disc. & Women's BS 7pm Vestry	7 6:45 & 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's BS 6pm Jr. Choir 6:30pm HE 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group	8	9 6pm Dinner 7pm Bible Study	10 10am Bishop Scaife Guild Lenten Brunch. All invited! 10:15am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
11 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Member's Class	12 7pm Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting	13 6:30pm Men's Disc.	14 6:45 & 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's BS 6pm Cont. Choir 6:30pm HE 6:45pm Youth Group	15	16 6pm Dinner 7pm Bible Study	17 8am Men's Breakfast 10:15am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
18 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Member's Class	19 7pm Prayer for Revival	20 6:30pm Men's Disc. & Women's BS	21 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's BS 6pm Jr. Choir 6:30pm HE 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group	22	23 6pm Dinner 7pm Bible Study	24 10:15am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
25 PALM SUNDAY 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS 9:15am Bible Study 1pm New Member's Class	26 7pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm HE	27 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Stations	28 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's BS 6pm Adoratin 6:30pm HE 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Stations	29 5:30pm Seder Dinner 7pm HE 7:30pm Tenebrae Rehearsal	30 11am Intercessory Prayer Noon-3pm Liturgical 3 Hours 7:30pm Sacred Music Recital 8pm Solemn Tenebrae	31 Altar Guild brunch & cleaning

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

Pray for new believers in Vietnam and Laos who are often targeted by communist authorities for the worst persecution.

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 SOMALIA Pray for the establishment of a vocational school to help believers gain job skills.	5 MYANMAR / BURMA Pray for persecuted Christians who take refuge in VOM safe houses.	6 EGYPT Pray that the government will give Christians the same rights as Muslims.	7 KUWAIT Pray that unregistered fellowships will remain open and continue growing.	8 PAKISTAN Pray for unity among believers as God uses them to advance His kingdom.	9 MAURITANIA Pray for an end to food insecurity caused by the lack of rainfall; many are leaving rural areas.	10 SUDAN Pray for Kallio and his team as they repair water wells, often under artillery shelling.
11 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that the growing church will mature and multiply.	12 LIBYA Pray for righteous leaders who will end the fighting and establish a just government.	13 MALDIVES Pray for South Asian Christians who are reaching out to Maldivians.	14 MAURITANIA Pray for the protection of Christian converts who meet secretly in the desert.	15 NORTH KOREA Pray for the release of the estimated 30,000 Christians in concentration camps.	16 SUDAN Pray for David, a medical officer at a clinic that has been bombed four times in eight months.	17 COLOMBIA Pray for the clear and accurate preaching of God's Word.
18 ERITREA Pray for the government and those in authority.	19 MINDANAO (PHILIPPINES) Pray that Christians will stand firm in faith despite Muslim attacks.	20 KUWAIT Pray that high-placed secret believers will be able to remain faithful to God.	21 AZERBAIJAN Pray that entire families will come to faith in Christ.	22 SRI LANKA Pray for Bible distributions across the island.	23 LAOS Pray that all Christian teaching will be anchored on pure biblical truth.	24 IRAN Pray for theological training initiatives and conferences supported by VOM.
25 KYRGYZSTAN With restrictions on Christians increasing, pray for more pastoral and discipleship training.	26 INDIA Pray for believers injured in attacks by radical Hindus.	27 KENYA Pray that converts from Islam will not give up when rejected by family and community.	28 UZBEKISTAN Pray for greater boldness among Uzbek Christians.	29 TAJIKISTAN Pray for creativity in reaching out to youth. Nearly half the population is under age 14.	30 NIGERIA Pray that secret Fulani believers will remain strong in faith.	31 QATAR Pray for Qatari believers as they endure persecution, threats and other pressures due to their faith.



The Voice of the Martyrs

For updated prayers visit icommittopray.com.

What is out on the lawn all summer and is Irish?

Paddy O'Furniture

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

Regular rocks are too heavy.

How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

He's Dublin over with laughter!

Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?

Because they're always wearing green.

What happens when a leprechaun falls into a river?

He gets wet!

Why did St. Patrick drive all the snakes out of Ireland?

He couldn't afford plane fare.

What do you get when you do the Irish jig at McDonalds?

A Shamrock Shake.

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Irish!

Irish Who?

Irish you a happy

St. Patrick's Day!

