



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

MAY 2018

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE AND SO WILL BE MOTHER'S DAY!!!

This past April gave new meaning to "April Showers." They were literally showers of ice, sleet, and snow! The good news is that we probably will have to wait another 40-50 years before experiencing such a cold and snowy spring! Finally, the trees are budding and the grass is turning green. Before we know it, the long cold days of winter will have been forgotten and we will be basking in sunny skies! With the arrival of May not only comes flowers and the planting of our gardens but Mother's Day, the day we celebrate motherhood and our moms. But Mother's Day is not just a time to honor motherhood. It is also a time to recognize womanhood. God has blessed our world with women and the female perspective. Without our sisters in the Lord, this world would be a harsher and rougher place. Women bring beauty, thoughtfulness, and compassion to life. They nurture and care for our children. They are sensitive to the needs of others. They, like men, reflect the image of God—but certainly a more beautiful one! **Please join us 9 AM on Saturday May 12, for a "Mother's Day" breakfast** as the men of St. Bart's honor our moms and all the women of the church. Lou Anne Soto, from the Northtown Pregnancy Center will be our speaker. Then on Mother's Day, I will preach on "*Womanhood: From the Incarnation to the Ascension*," looking at the incredible role women played in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and what it means for us today. I look forward to seeing you soon!

In thanksgiving for our moms, Fr. Ward

St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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



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March 2018:

The Core Team continues to meet and work on how to spread God's word as well as how to encourage people to join St. Bartholomew's.

Erik Ticen has signed a monthly contract to be our communications consultant. He will be working closely with the clergy and the Core Team. He will also be redoing our brochure as well as work on updating our website.

Beginning in September, *the Town of Tonawanda Community Crime Watch* in conjunction with the Town's Police Department will begin meeting at St. Bart's the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

April 2018:

Please remember to send in your 2018 pledge card! While we understand the tax laws have changed regarding donations, it helps the St. Bart's Budget Committee if you send in your pledge card and let us know your planned giving for the year.

The Core Team did not meet during March due to Holy Week & Easter. They will resume meetings in April.

New Parish Brochure ~ A new parish brochure has been designed and printed for distribution. Please ask to see one as well as share it with anyone whom you feel might benefit from receiving one.

Visitor Sundays ~ As on Easter, we will be designating certain Sundays in the coming months as "Visitor Sunday". This is a perfect opportunity for you to invite your family and friends to attend one of our services as well as enjoy our Coffee Hour afterwards.

Northtown Pregnancy Annual Banquet ~ Each year St. Bart's sponsors a table at this event. This year it is being held on **May 8, 2018 at the Adam's Mark**. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Ward for further details.

Church Directory ~ Because the last one was completed in 2011, thought is being given to a new church directory. It is hoped work on this can begin later this year. Further information will follow as possible dates are determined.

BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD



Our annual Spring Banquet will be **Thursday, June 7 at 6:00pm at the Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd.** There will be a sign up sheet in the Fr. Amend Hall in May so you can choose your dinner entree. You will also be able to sign up if you need a ride.

BUNDLES FOR BABIES:

Please bring new or gently used baby items to the Gift Shop and mark them "Cornerstone Manor". There always a need for them.



THREADS OF HOPE: Small household items, linens, etc, are always needed for those in need. Please mark them "Threads of Hope".

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN DROPPING YOUR DASH'S RECEIPTS IN THE BAG ON THE GIFT SHOP DOOR -- A CHECK FOR \$250 WAS RECEIVED RECENTLY!

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

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 **JUNE** Chatter are due May 15.*

Thank you.

LADIES! Mark your calendars:

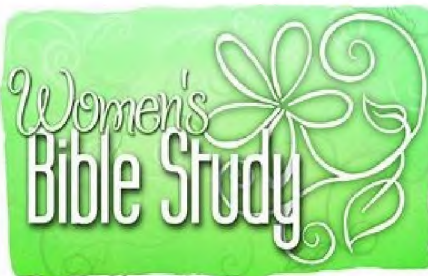


The **Men's Discipleship Group** is hosting a Breakfast for ALL of the ladies of the church on **Saturday, May 12**. Please sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall.

Prayer for Revival: Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 21** 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!***



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, prayer and praise -- bring your Bible, a study Bible if you have one.

Our next meetings will be May 15 & 22, 6:30-8:00pm in the small fellowship room.

FOOD PANTRY 47 bags of food and personal products were donated in April. As always, we thank you for your generosity.



PRAYER CORNER

The **LORD JESUS CHRIST**
and
your **PRAYER STRATEGY TEAM**

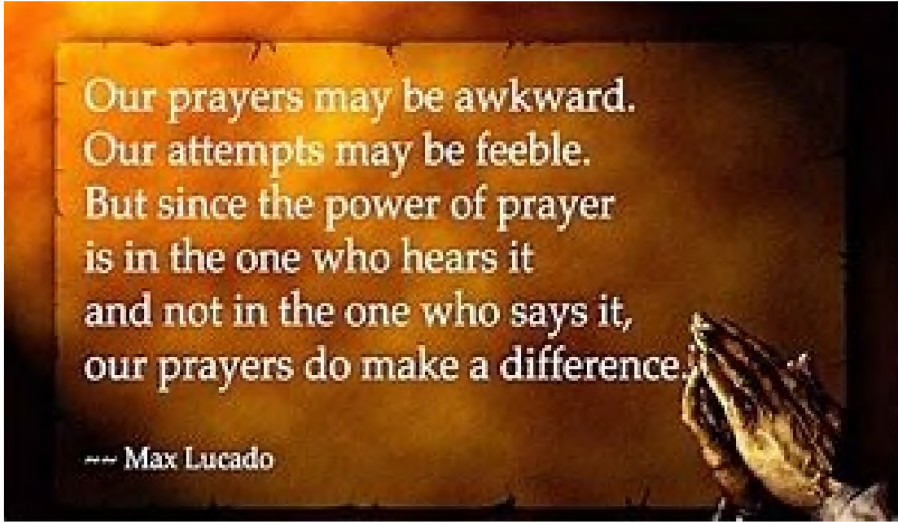
invite you to:

PARENTS IN PRAYER in the Upper Room at 6:45PM Wednesday,
May 2 and May 16

PRAYER AT THE RAIL in the sanctuary at 10:40am Sunday, May 13

INTERCESSORY PRAYER in the Upper Room at 11 am Friday, May 25

ADORATION in the Sanctuary at 6pm Thursday, May 30



Our prayers may be awkward.
Our attempts may be feeble.
But since the power of prayer
is in the one who hears it
and not in the one who says it,
our prayers do make a difference.

-- Max Lucado

RUN WITH FR. WARD!!! Will you be able to keep up with him? Join us on **June 10, 2018** for the 6th Annual **Frederick Garrasi III Memorial 5K** run/walk located at Lake Erie Beach Fire Hall. All money raised from the event will be placed into an annual Scholarship Fund and two separate awards will be granted each year to graduating seniors at Lake Shore Central in honor of Freddy. These two awards include “The Patrolman Award” and “The Compassionate Mentor Award”, along with various other organizations.

This is a family and kid friendly event. There will be balloon making and airbrush tattoos for kids!

Registration includes: Race tank top or tee shirt, race bag filled with donations from local sponsors and entrance into the post race beer tent for those runners 21+. **Register at FGIII5K.com**

May Birthdays

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

May 6 Daniel Borzilleri, Monte Dolce

May 7 Alicia Matesic

May 8 Isabella Kepner

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 Donald Gwizdowski,
Alexander MacPhee, Julie VanLente,
Jeffrey Westerman

May 17 Michael Giambanco, Evelyn Luckoski
Anna Okiec, Vanessa VanNorman

May 20 Marion Blake, Victoria VanNorman

May 21 Donald Beyer, Harriet Black

May 23 Bradley Smith, Victoria Martino

May 24 Michelle McCarthy

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

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

May 27 Edward Doran, Norm Green,
Barbara Weiser

May 28 Sharon Scott, Jessica Sawicki,
Joyce Wahl

May 29 Patricia Buckley, Siana Parks,
Nicole Wydro

May 30 Richard Brock, Maria Prout

May 31 Christine Cross-Tedesco

June 1 Candace Kane, Mary Krause,
Linda McGee

June 2 Abby Hoy, William Ruhland,
Craig Schwab, Kris Wydro

June 3 Emily Bush, Robert Krieger,
Chailyn Seymour, Chase Seymour,
Chyler Seymour, Jennifer Stacks

June 4 Christain Burr, Pamela Machelor,
Michael Spence, Jr.,

June 5 Gloria Caruso



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

SEDER DINNER



MAY CALENDAR

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry	2 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir 7pm Parents in Prayer	3 7pm National Day of Prayer: Kenmore Alliance	4	5 10:15am Conf. Class 10:30am Altar Guild mtg/brunch 4:30 pm HE
6 8, 9:15 & 11:15am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:30am Adult Bible Study	7	8 6:30pm Men's Disc.	9 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Cont. Choir 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	10 6:30pm NPC Banquet Adam's Mark Buffalo	11 Rivendell Science Fair	12 9am Mother's Day Breakfast 10:15am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
13 MOTHER'S DAY 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS	14 7pm Persecuted Church Prayer	15 6:30pm Women's Bible Study & Men's Disc.	16 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes & Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir 7pm Parents in Prayer	17	18	19 8am Men's Breakfast 10:15am Conf. Class 4:30 pm HE
20 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS	21 7pm Prayers for Revival	22 6:30pm Women's Bible Study & Men's Disc.	23 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	24	25 11am Intercessory Prayer	26 10:15am Conf. Class 2pm Wedding rehearsal 4:30pm HE
27 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11 am SS 2pm Holy Marriage	28 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	29 6:30pm Men's Disc.	30 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Adoration 6:45pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	31		

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY

Pray that front-line workers in Nepal will be able to share the gospel even with those who persecute Christians.

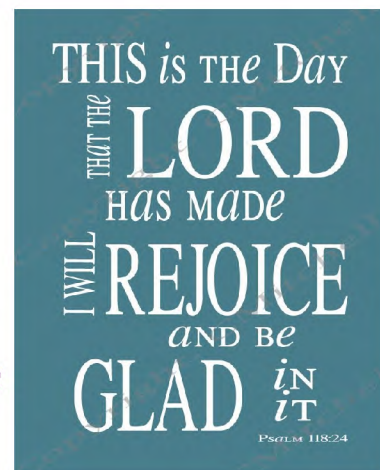
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 MINDANAO (PHILIPPINES) Pray for the safety of pastors going into Muslim areas to teach God's Word.	7 BAHRAIN Pray that the royal family will become Christians.	8 DJIBOUTI Pray for converts from Islam who face pressure and persecution from their families.	9 ISRAEL Pray for Christians who respond to Muslims' questions about Jesus through email and social media.	10 CHINA Pray for imprisoned Christians: Zhao Weisong, Cheng Honggang, Yang Hui, Licheng Han and Almsijung Yind.	11 PAKISTAN Pray that the Lord will raise up and equip the younger generation of believers for faithful service.	12 TUNISIA Pray for the protection of Tunisian believers, especially from ISIS.
13 PAKISTAN Pray that God will provide for Christians forced from their jobs and homes because of their faith.	14 NEPAL Pray for front-line workers who receive training in church planting.	15 TURKMENISTAN Pray for the protection of Christian summer camps for children.	16 NORTH KOREA Pray for Christian parents who try to communicate the gospel to their children at great risk.	17 SOUTHERN MEXICO Pray that a closed radio station in Oaxaca will be able to obtain its license.	18 SRI LANKA Pray for Christians who are being persecuted by radical Buddhists.	19 COLOMBIA Pray for displaced Christian families.
20 VIETNAM Pray for the wisdom of pastors and evangelists, who are frequently questioned by authorities.	21 BANGLADESH Pray for the widow and two children of a pastor martyred in southern Bangladesh.	22 BHUTAN Pray for Christians who are receiving a Bible for the first time.	23 EGYPT Pray that kidnapped Christian girls will find ways to escape and that their families will accept them.	24 INDONESIA Pray that successful Bible distributors will quench Indonesian believers' thirst for God's Word.	25 COLOMBIA Pray for VOM's solo house and the families it serves.	26 OMAN Pray that those forced into hiding because of their faith will sense God's comfort.
27 MOROCCO Pray for Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, the government, and the next elections.	28 CAMEROON Pray for Christians in the predominantly Muslim northeast.	29 ISRAEL Pray that the Lord will strengthen the local body through VOM-supported conferences and training.	30 MINDANAO (PHILIPPINES) Pray that government officials will justly govern both Christians and Muslims.	31 KYRGYZSTAN Pray for revival among ethnic Kyrgyz and for an increase in church planning and growth.		

For updated prayers visit committoprayer.com.



Our next meeting will be Monday, May 14 at 7pm.

I'll never have this day again, and when today is through, I may not have another chance for things I ought to do. The friendship I should offer, the kindness someone needs, the thoughtfulness I can express in loving little deeds, the helpful words that someone might wait to hear me say. Lord, help me to remember that there's only one today!



Faith in action:

I was holding the door for an elderly man when he made an unkind remark about another person. I said we were all God's children, red and yellow, black and white. He muttered something about God not helping his now deceased wife, even though she gave so much time to the church. I realized this man was hurting, and he needed the love of Jesus. As we shuffled to his car, I listened to him and heard his anger at God. As the conversation was winding down I shared that God wants him to turn to Him, to give God the anger and the grief. I encouraged the man to talk to God, and to listen for God's reply. And I said I would be praying for him. I drove off knowing the Holy Spirit had used me in the life of a stranger. And I was blessed for it.

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