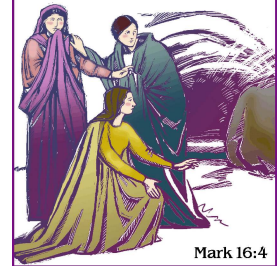


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Mark 16:4

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++++++SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK++++++

Mon, Tues & Thurs -Stations of the Cross 7:00PM
Mon, Tues, & Thurs - Holy Eucharist 7:30 PM
Wed - Holy Eucharist 6:45, 9:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Tenebrae Rehearsal - 7:30 PM
Thurs April 13 - Stations of the Cross 7:00PM
Holy Eucharist 7:30 PM
Friday April 14 - Liturgical "3 Hours" - Noon
Solemn Tenebrae - 8:00 PM

THANK YOU FROM THE KIBLERS

Paul and I wish to express our sincere gratitude to our dear clergy, staff and family of St. Bart's.

God bless all of you for your prayerful support, the many get well cards, as well as the delicious meals prepared for us during my six week course of treatment for chemo and raditation. All of which was an outpouring of Christian love and concern that helped to strengthen and comfort us most humbly.

My prognosis looks good - Thanks be to God! The doctors feel I did better than expected, all due to God's love and mercy, and your many loving acts of kindness. Thank You!

Your friends in Christ,
Paul and Carol

GOOD FRIDAY SACRED RECITAL

Please join us for a Good Friday Sacred Recital to be held one half hour before the Annual Tenebrae Service on Friday, April 14. The recital will feature music appropriate to this most holy of seasons. The program will begin at 7:30 PM and conclude before the 8:00 PM service.

T. Gamble
Organist and Choir Director

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Parents, please mark your calendars for the week of June 26 through June 30, five evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

All children, ages 3 - 11 are welcome. David Curtis and Jim Kibby are co-organizers. Look for more information and sign up sheets in the coming weeks.

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

COMING EVENTS:

May 19 & 20 - Annual Plant Sale

Our *Lenten Soup Luncheon*, March 11, was a huge success. There was over 70 people attending the delicious soups prepared by our *Soup Chef*, Jim Glownia. Father Commins' program about their trip to the Holy Land was very inspiring. We hope to have him repeat it soon.

Our next event will be the *Spring Fling* on Tuesday evening, April 25, at the Kaufmann's Store at the Galleria Mall. There will be entertainment, product demonstrations, refreshments, an opportunity to win fabulous prizes, including a \$1,000 Kaufmann's Shopping Spree. You will receive a 20% Savings Pass on apparel for the family, including name brands and more. It sounds like a fun evening and hope you will join us. The tickets are \$10 and the Guild keeps all proceeds. The order form for the tickets and a brochure about the event are on the table in the main entrance. Please fill out your order, deposit in the box and you may pay and pick up your tickets the following Sunday.

Please check the display case for gift items. Call Marilyn Alliger (877-8335), or Bonnie Fleischman (875-6402) to order.

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that makes up bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. Baby items may be left in the basket by the Guild's display case. Diapers are especially needed. These items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities office on Delaware where the bundles are made up. We must give thanks for the generous contribution from the anonymous giver who enabled us to deliver 20 bundles of diapers to them this month! Thank you!

MARCH VESTRY MEETING

As of March 7, 237 pledges for \$320,005 have been received as opposed to 242 pledges for \$317,769 on February 16, 2005 and 309 pledges for \$522,573 on March 2, 2004.

The Lenten and Easter offerings will be allocated to the *Buffalo City Mission, Family and Children's Services of Niagara County, Freedom Village and Saving Grace Ministries*. The Vestry members signed the certificate for the Diocese of WNY affirming that we believe John Reitz is fit for admission as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:

If you are ill, homebound, or know someone in the parish who is and hasn't notified the Clergy, please call the Church Office at 836-5454. We certainly don't want anyone in our Parish Family to feel alone or forgotten.

THE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION OCCURS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!

87 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in March. Needless to say - the people at the Food Panty were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love displayed by the people of St. Bartholomew's. They send their many thanks.

Foods that especially needed are cereals, boxed meals (like Hamburger Helper) and fruit. Canned fruit, peanut butter, pancake mix and jelly are always needed as well as paper products and toiletries. Please bring your items on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** so that our "*Food Pantry Delivery Angels*" only have to make one trip

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR WEBSITE?

Between Feb 15, 2006 and March 15, 2006 we have had 1,652 total visits to Our web site, www.stbartston.org. Of these visits 247 are Unique Visitors. If you have stop by and visited thank-you And please keep coming if you back, If you haven't been there Please come and check us out. Comments can be sent to the webmaster@stbartston.org



GENERATION NEXT - YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

April 3 - FUN Night

April 7 - Friday night preparation for *Journey to the Cross*

April 8 - *Journey to the Cross*

April 10 & 19 - Youth building will be open, but no lessons will be taught (Easter Break)

April 23 - YOUTH SUNDAY/Contemporary Service

April 24 - Regular meeting

LENTEN GIVING PROJECT

The Youth Groups is sponsoring a ***Lenten Giving Project*** for the entire St. Bartholomew's Family. Craig Kozikowski has supplied us with requests from fellow soldiers serving in the Baghdad, Iraq area. We are also collecting items to donate to Iraqi orphans in need. Collection bins can be found throughout the church.

Prayer and these small daily-use items are ways that we can support those serving our country.

CROWN CORNER

"What would happen if you were laid off or became unable to work for a period of time? A survey by USA Today/CNN/Gallup determined that 15 percent of workers only had enough reserves to last a week if they lost their jobs." The Crown plan focuses on savings. "In the third quarter of 2005 the American personal savings rate was minus 1.1%"

An introduction to potential students will take place on Thursday March 30, 2006, 7 to 9pm. New Student Orientation will be one evening during the week of April 10, 2006 with weekly classes to begin on or about the week of April 24.

If you are interested in participating in the next small group or want more information please contact: Mark DiMaria – 832-8505, Gary Wisniewski – 694-9154 Or online at www.crown.org and click on Small Group Studies.

"Everything you should know about handling money can be found in God's Word."

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S BOOK STUDY GROUP

Please join us as we begin reading our next CS Lewis book, "Surprised by Joy." We will meet at 7 PM on Thursday evenings beginning April 27 through May 18. If you are interested please contact Susan Tobin or David Curtis.

ST. BART'S SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Are you doing Spring Cleaning? We need Your Stuff! Our Spring Rummage sale is Coming on May 6th And we will be starting to take donations as of April 1st in the Church Garage. You can drop off Items during the week and Sundays in the Church Garage. ***The Garage will be NOT be open on Good Friday or Easter Sunday***. We need clothing, china, dishes, electronics, Just about anything, but Please **NO** sets of encyclopedias or Large Furniture.

MISSIONETTES

_____Missionettes is a national Christian girls club designed to give girls a fun place to learn and fellowship. *The Prims*, grades K-3rd, have just completed their first unit on Creation and have received their first badge. They are now working towards their Prayer badge. The girls have a lot of fun learning, playing games, and working on projects together.

The Stars, grades 4-6, have received their Citizenship badge and are working towards their Cooking badge. This group is a great way to help your daughter develop positive peer influences and Christian character, too.

We meet at 6:45-7:00pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in having your daughter become involved in this ministry, please call Kathleen Ward at 623-0507 or Caroline Rudin at 875-6462.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Please join with the Women of St. Bart's, as we begin a new Bible Study entitled, "How Can I Share My Faith Without an Argument?" (RBC Ministries) This study will show us some ways that a believer can begin a discussion of spiritual matters with another person and to understand some of the reasons we may be hesitant to share or faith with others.

We meet every other Tuesday at 7 PM. We are looking forward to learning and growing in the Lord together! For more information, please call Elaine Henzler at 836-6725.

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE PASSAGE:

Luke 24:5 " Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."
